

GREENSLADE TAYLOR HUNT

SEDGEMOOR AUCTION CENTRE

MONDAY MARKET REPORT
6 Day Standstill in Operation
MONDAY 4TH MAY 2009
TOTAL STOCK: 2520 HEAD

For market reports and entry forms on the internet, www.gth.net.
 Click on "agriculture".
 Click on "Sedgemoor Auction Centre".

Smaller Bank Holiday entry of Prime cattle met an improved trade, up 3.0ppk on the week.
Record Monday sheep entry saw Lambs to £92.50 and Hogs to £96.50.
Big Bank Holiday crowd around the calf ring, bid bull calves to £375.

POLITE REMINDER TO ALL VENDORS

Please help us to actively market your stock by telephoning in advance to advise us of your intention to consign stock. Please call the relevant Auctioneer, the Market or Adam Hayes on 07771 908252.

137 PRIME CATTLE

Commencing at 1.15pm

Auctioneers:

Jeremy Bell:

Tel: Office 01278 782326, Mobile 07860 319379,

Home 01278 788024 (including Sunday's)

Robert Venner:

Tel: Office 01278 410278, Mobile 07889 006503

First 40 cattle penned are out of the draw.

PLEASE COMPLETE AN ENTRY FORM.

Lowest commission rate in the South of England.

Payment: Cheques available for collection on Thursday or posted First Class that day.

110 UTM & 27 OTM Prime Cattle

Auctioneer's Comments:

As expected a smaller bank holiday entry sold to a dearer trade (up 3p on the week) against falling deadweight prices. Wholesalers still having to compete with Irish imports for the time being, hopefully only temporary! Top price 172.0ppk for a 621kg Limousin steer from Mr MJ Plowright and £1237.09 for a 766kg Charolais steer from Messrs Day & Son. 15 cattle selling in excess of £1000 per head, with many over 30 months old. Quite a number of feeding sorts forward today, selling at a premium over the straight carcase value, proving selling through the primestock ring (without TB testing) is an all round marketing alternative.

STEERS (75) Top price 172.0p/kg	Average UTM 147.45p/kg OTM 132.8p/kg	Top price per head £1237.09
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Top 10 Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr MJ Plowright	LIM	621	172.0
Mr C Tripp	LIM	580	169.0
Messrs Day & Son	LIM	607	163.5
Messrs DJ & CM Mitchem	BLO	682	163.0
Messrs Day & Son	CHA	766	161.5
Mr RJ Smith	CHA	593	160.0
Messrs D & P Mead & Co	LIM	614	160.0
Messrs DJ & CM Mitchem	BLO	723	159.5
Messrs DJ & CM Mitchem	BLO	752	158.5
Mr SL King	BRB	600	157.5

Top 10 Vendors	Breed	Kg	£/Head
Messrs Day & Son	CHA	766	1237.09
Messrs DJ & CM Mitchem	BLO	780	1205.10
Messrs DJ & CM Mitchem	BLO	752	1191.92
Messrs AJV Welch & Sons	LIM	791	1174.64
Messrs DJ & CM Mitchem	BLO	723	1153.19
Messrs DJ & CM Mitchem	BLO	682	1111.66
Messrs Day & Son	CHA	714	1092.42
Messrs Day & Son	CHA	747	1083.15
Mr MJ Plowright	LIM	621	1068.12
Messrs J Coren & Sons	CHA	785	1055.83

HEIFERS (62) Top price 169.0p/kg	Average UTM 147.23p/kg OTM 118.15p/kg	Top price per head £1047.80
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Top 10 Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr RW Mitchell	BLO	620	169.0
Messrs J & DJ Cotterill	LIM	486	166.5
Messrs C Tripp & Son	LIM	581	165.0
Mr RW Mitchell	BLO	532	164.5
Messrs C Tripp & Son	LIM	594	163.0
Mr DE Abraham	CHA	534	162.5
Messrs C Tripp & Son	LIM	547	158.5
Messrs CJ Radford & Son	LIM	541	157.5
Mr SL King	LIM	553	157.0
Mr SL King	BRB	538	156.0

Top 10 Vendors	Breed	Kg	£/Head
Mr RW Mitchell	BLO	620	1047.80
Messrs C Tripp & Son	LIM	594	968.22
Messrs C Tripp & Son	LIM	581	958.65
Mr R Dennis	AA	613	947.09
Messrs TJ & MW Hill	SIM	608	945.44
Mr TJ Cullimore	CHA	577	900.12
Mr P Fewings	CHA	580	896.10
Mr P Fewings	CHA	590	890.90
Mr RW Mitchell	BLO	532	875.14
Mr P Fewings	CHA	588	873.18

BREED	STEERS			HEIFERS		
	NO	AVE	TOP	NO	AVE	TOP
Limousin	15	152.37	172.00	16	151.58	166.50
B/Blue	4	156.64	157.50	2	149.67	156.00
Charolais	10	151.17	161.50	12	150.02	162.50
Simmental	6	145.28	148.00	4	145.23	155.50
Blonde	4	158.73	163.00	2	166.92	169.00
A/Angus	5	139.55	143.00	6	139.53	154.50
Hereford	6	143.43	151.00	2	123.67	126.50
Devon	-	-	-	1	142.00	142.00
S/Devon	1	104.50	104.50	2	146.55	155.00
H/Friesian	3	131.32	133.00	1	109.00	109.00
B/Friesian	3	131.77	136.50	-	-	-
Other	3	144.50	148.50	1	139.00	139.00

EUROGRID LIVEWEIGHT COMPARISON						
UTM R4L Average @ 54% kop = 282.97ppkdw equivalent						
Grade	STEERS			HEIFERS		
	No	Ave	Max	No	Ave	Max
U-4L	1	161.50	161.50	2	155.25	156.00
U-3	1	172.00	172.00	3	166.80	169.00
U-2	1	169.00	169.00	-	-	-
R4L	20	153.38	163.00	14	151.99	165.00
R3	8	154.86	163.50	3	156.25	162.50
O+4L	14	142.22	148.00	12	146.75	157.00
O+3	2	141.50	141.50	5	143.85	155.50
O+2	2	148.73	150.00	-	-	-
O-4L	5	133.66	142.00	3	131.98	136.00
O-3	3	132.95	137.50	5	136.31	152.50
O-2	1	120.00	120.00	-	-	-
P+4L	1	104.50	104.50	-	-	-
P+2	1	122.00	122.00	-	-	-

2302 PRIME HOGGS & LAMBS Commencing at 10.30am
Auctioneer: Paul Ashton
 Tel: Office 01278 410278, Mobile 07866 673857

	(782) HOGGS	(1520) LAMBS
Top price p/head	£96.50	£92.50
Top price p/kg	190.0p/pk	233.0p/pk
SQQ Average	172.07p/pk	203.61p/pk

A huge entry of lambs inevitably resulted in a slightly easier trade for all on offer, however the overall average remained 200.0ppk plus, even though a higher proportion of open woolled, stale lambs were forward. The best quality FABBL lambs were a very firm trade selling to a max of 233.0ppk from Mr CT Francis. FABBL registered lambs up to £4 per head dealer for the right sort. 218.0ppk and 217.0ppk from Mr WS Stitch; 215.0ppk from Mr SCR Mead and Mr RA Willcox; 214.0ppk from Messrs NH Hasell & Son; 212.0ppk from Messrs RM & BJ Norman, Mr T Howden and Mr GW King; 211.0ppk from Messrs J & G Barrow, Messrs JF & DG Coles, Mr RL Potbury, Mr J Reason and Mr RA Willcox and 210.0ppk from Mr C Chilcott, Mr K Isgar and Messrs RJ & AJ Pedrick. Heavier lambs sold to £92.50 from Messrs RR & PJ Lowman and Mr JE Quick; £92.00 from Messrs NH Hasell & Son; £90.50 from Messrs FJ Webber & Son and £89.50 from Messrs W Johnson & Son and Messrs RR & PJ Lowman.

A good entry of hogs both in terms of number and quality, sold to a very firm trade for all on offer, to a max of 190.0ppk, 184.0ppk, 179.0ppk, 178.0ppk and 175.0ppk from Messrs MB & KN Crabb; 185.0ppk from Mr PD Godfrey and Messrs Habberfield & Priscott; 184.0ppk from Mr A Dagger; 183.0ppk, 180.0ppk and 177.0ppk from Mr AP Carter; 179.0ppk, 178.0ppk and 175.0ppk from Mr NR Harding; 177.0ppk from Mr RS Lovell and 175.0ppk from Mr MW Edwards. Heavier hogs sold to £96.50 from Messrs MP & DM Hine; £95.00, £89.00, £88.50 and £87.50 from Messrs MB & KN Crabb; £89.00 and £86.00 from Messrs NF Clothier & Son; £85.80 from Mr AP Carter and £85.00 from Mr RC Stock.

WEIGHT	No. Sold Lambs	Average	No. Sold Hogs	Average
Standard (32.1-39.0kg)	379	206.48	24	146.97
Medium (39.1-45.5kg)	1134	202.76	316	173.08
Heavy (45.6-52kg)	7	188.05	389	170.89
Others (over 52kg)	-	-	53	163.53

WEIGHT	£ PER HEAD	VENDOR
LAMBS		
36.0	76.00	Messrs J & G Barrow
36.0	76.00	Mr J Reason
37.0	77.00	Mr SE Lye
38.0	88.50	Mr CT Francis
38.0	80.50	Mr T Howden
38.0	80.50	Mr GW King
38.0	80.00	Messrs JF & DG Coles
38.0	80.00	Mr RA Willcox
39.0	84.00	Mr SCR Meade
39.0	82.20	Mr RL Potbury
39.0	81.00	Messrs DW & AE Enticott
40.0	87.00	Mr WS Stitch
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41.0	87.00	Messrs RM & BJ Norman
42.0	88.00	Mr C Chilcott
42.0	87.00	Mr RJ Wall
43.0	92.00	Messrs NH Hasell & Son
44.0	89.50	Messrs W Johnson & Son
44.0	87.20	Mr WWD Blanch
46.0	90.50	Messrs FJ Webber & Son
50.0	92.50	Messrs RR & PJ Lowman
50.0	92.50	Mr JE Quick
HOGGS		
40.0	74.00	Mr PD Godfrey
40.0	74.00	Messrs Habberfield & Priscott
40.0	73.50	Mr A Dagger
41.0	74.00	Mr AP Carter
42.0	73.50	Mr MW Edwards
43.0	76.00	Mr AP Carter
43.0	74.20	Messrs Habberfield & Priscott
44.0	78.00	Mr RS Lovell
44.0	76.50	Messrs Habberfield & Priscott
46.0	82.20	Mr NR Harding
47.0	85.80	Mr AP Carter
48.0	88.50	Messrs MB & KN Crabb
49.0	87.50	Messrs MB & KN Crabb
50.0	95.00	Messrs MB & KN Crabb
50.0	89.00	Messrs MB & KN Crabb
53.0	89.00	Messrs NF Clothier & Son
60.0	95.00	Messrs MP & DM Hine

81 CALVES Commencing at 10.30am
Auctioneer: Jeremy Bell:
 Tel: Office 01278 782326, Mobile 07860 319379
 Home 01278 788024

Overall average £178.09
 55 Bulls average £185.75
 26 Heifers average £161.88

A good bank holiday entry with a crowded ring of buyers as is usual on a bank holiday entry. Top price £375 for a British Blue bull from Messrs LH, JE & SJ Lyons, who have topped the market two weeks running. Well done!

Would vendors please make every effort to fully complete the new calf entry form RE: Veterinary Treatment.

Breed	Type	No.	Ave £	Top Price £	Vendor
BRB	Bulls	7	290.29	375.00	Messrs LH, JE & SJ Lyons
	Hfrs	3	242.67	270.00	Knapp Farms Ltd
Lim	Bulls	9	225.11	330.00	Messrs AE Allen & Sons
	Hfrs	1	170.00	170.00	Messrs ME, VM & PJ Tibbs
Sim	Bulls	13	229.77	324.00	Messrs MB & A Jordan
	Hfrs	11	197.73	260.00	Messrs FA, LG & JF Williams
Her	Bulls	3	225.33	241.00	Messrs PG & JE Baker
	Hfrs	4	127.00	186.00	Messrs PG & JE Baker
AA	Bulls	8	137.13	228.00	Messrts JR & RH Williams
	Hfrs	7	89.71	156.00	Mr NC Taylor
SH	Bulls	4	151.50	197.00	Messrs WJ Weeks & Son
B/Friesian	Bulls	3	123.33	148.00	Messrs CN & JW Pain
H/Friesian	Bulls	8	52.75	135.00	Messrs JH & ACL Williams

MAY

Saturday 9th – Special Monthly Sale of Suckler Cows
 Saturday 9th – Special Sale of Aberdeen Angus and Hereford Store Cattle
 Saturday 9th – Special Sale of Hogg Couples
 Thursday 28th – Collective Sale of Horses & Ponies at 3pm

JUNE

Saturday 6th – Monthly Sale of Organic Store Stock
 Saturday 13th – Special Monthly Sale of Suckler Cows
 Saturday 13th – Early Breeding Ewes Sale

JULY

Saturday 4th – Special Ram Sale
 Saturday 4th – Monthly Sale of Organic Store Stock
 Thursday 9th – Annual Breeding Ewe & Ram Sale
 Saturday 11th – Special Monthly Sale of Suckler Cows
 Saturday 18th – South West Show & Sale of Sheep of French Origin
 Thursday 23rd – Collective Sale of Horses & Ponies at the **new sale time of 3pm**

VACANCY

FULL TIME SECRETARY

**Copy typing, Audio typing, Customer service
 computer operator skills & Office administration.**

**Apply with CV to Mr RJ Venner,
 Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Sedgemoor Auction Centre,
 North Petherton, Bridgwater, TA6 6DF.**

TB RESTRICTED CATTLE COLLECTION CENTRE

Second Wednesday of each month. 4pm-5pm. Stock pre sold on deadweight basis to highest nationally tendered price. Stock weighed and graded at market to act as a check on killing out percentages and prices received.

Stock to be pre-booked with ear numbers and description by no later than the first Wednesday of each month. TB24B licence required from DEFRA SVS. **Next collection 13th May 2009.**

Contact Robert Venner on 07889 006503 or Adam Hayes 07771 908252. Office 01278 410278.

**Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Sedgemoor Auction Centre
 Livestock Pennage Security Policy**

To prevent the escape of livestock from the pennage area, please ensure:-

Outer loading bay gates are securely chained to vehicle tail board gates when unloading or loading stock. **It will be deemed negligence if this is not done.**

Second set of loading bay gates to be secured with chain (cattle) and sliding fastener (sheep) after unloading.

Gates are always to be left in closed position when vacating loading bays.

In the event of an escape raise alarm and ensure entrance and exit gates are closed. Once entrance and exit gates are closed, then proceed to recapture stock.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

All cattle born after 15th April 1998 require two tags.

Somerset Trading Standards require any such cattle presented at market with less than two tags to be returned home under licence. Please ensure all cattle have a tag in each ear before leaving home. If a tag is lost in transit, please present tag to STS Animal Health representative for onward licence and sale.

If you are unable to replace a missing tag due to ill health or health and safety issues and would like to use market facilities, please write to Somerset Trading Standards Service, Animal Health and Welfare, Chelston, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 9HP, fax: 01823 664199 or email: ahw@somerset.gov.uk to request permission.

Copy of written confirmation of STSS's permission to accompany stock to market with tags and taggers.

Loading Bay Protocol

Greenslade Taylor Hunt encourages the courteous use of the loading bays. After unloading, please pull your vehicle off before moving stock to pennage areas. If able, pen stock in inner half of loading bay to allow a further market user to unload behind. No loading of stock is allowed on any section until the sale starts, ie. 10am on the store cattle and calves and 11am elsewhere. If asked to remove your vehicle by a member of staff or fellow market user, please do so. Abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Any complaints with respect to the use of the loading bays are to be reported to the section Auctioneer.

Blue Tongue Update

Protection of cattle and sheep against blue tongue is crucial to the health of stock and the industry should not be complacent about the risks still posed by it. With over 25,000 cases in France last year alone, the risk of windborne incursion of infected midges remains a distinct possibility. Defra is continuing to promote voluntary vaccination and producers are being urged to vaccinate early in the year, before the onset of warmer weather when the risk of infection significantly rises.

Concern also remains over the circulation of blue tongue serotype 1 (BTV-1) in France. Producers are encouraged not to wait to vaccinate their animals against BTV-8 in anticipation of a bivalent vaccine against BTV-1 and BTV-8 becoming available. It is unlikely a bivalent vaccine will be available until after summer 2009, and indeed farmers will not be able to vaccinate for BTV-1 until a protection zone for it is declared