

GREENSLADE TAYLOR HUNT

SEDGEMOOR AUCTION CENTRE

TUESDAY MARKET REPORT

6 Day Standstill in Operation

TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2009

TOTAL STOCK: 2338 HEAD

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

Payment: Cheques available for collection on Thursday or posted first class that day.

Barren Cows sold to 119.0ppk, Mr R Barrow and £1090.40, Messrs BG & RM Coombes.

Lambs sold to 220.0ppk, Messrs RJ & AJ Pedrick and £93.50, Mrs C Webber.

Killing ewes sold to £90.00, Messrs LW & KA Hill, rams to £79.50, Mr C Padfield.

117 BARREN COWS, BULLS, OTM & UFM PRIME

Commencing at 12.30pm

Cattle born on or after 1st August 1996. 6 day standstill applies.

Exempt (No TB pre-movement test required) & Clean grazing or feeding sections (pre-movement tested or 3/4 yearly holdings)

Auctioneers:

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A short entry when many more cows could have been sold to advantage. Now is the time to be selling barreners. The averages were a shade back but the general trade was no less, as there were some very plain cows on offer. No best sucklers forward, which rose to 119.0ppk for a strong Charolais from Mr R Barrow and a lean Charolais with shape from Mr D Morse. Better sucklers generally up and down of 115.0ppk. Sucklers sold to £886.55 from Mr R Barrow. Black & whites sold to 118.0ppk from Messrs CE & BD Bailey, who sold another at 117.5ppk. Best meat black & whites, also 115.0ppk plus. Good meat 105.0ppk to 115.0ppk. Plain steakers 95.0ppk to 105.0ppk. Very plain cows 85.0ppk to 95.0ppk and only exceptionally plain cows below 85.0ppk.

Black & whites sold to £1090.40 for a tremendous 940kg Holstein from Messrs BG & RM Coombes. Messrs CE & BD Bailey also achieved around £1000 at £1004.63 and £999.46. Other cows over £900 from Mr R Page, (Sussex) £958.65; Mr DBT Vile £921.20 and Messrs J Coren & Sons £911.25.

As deadweight prices drop and buyers complain of cows being too dear, now is the time to be selling ahead of any easing of the live trade. "Sell live to stay alive".

Overage heifers peaked at 126.0ppk for an Aberdeen Angus from Mr R Barrow.

An exceptional Hereford bull from Mr RA Read sold well at 114.5ppk and £1217.14.

MORE COWS KINDLY REQUESTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT PREMIUM TRADE.

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| BARREN COWS (105) | | Top price per head |
| Top price | | Beef £886.55 |
| Beef 119.0p/kg | Beef Ave 108.1ppk | Dairy £1090.40 |
| Dairy 118.0p/pk | Dairy Ave 98.4ppk | |

| Top Suckler Vendors | Breed | Kg | Pence |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| Mr R Barrow | CH | 745 | 119.0 |
| Mr D Morse | CH | 625 | 119.0 |
| Mr MW Edwards | LIM | 574 | 116.5 |
| Messrs ME & L Riddle | AA | 710 | 115.5 |
| Messrs A & CMA Lampey | LIM | 576 | 114.5 |
| Mr D Morse | SD | 680 | 114.5 |
| Mr BW Paull | AA | 598 | 114.5 |
| Mr PD Godfrey | AA | 502 | 112.5 |
| Mr PD Godfrey | LIM | 572 | 111.5 |

| Top Dairy Vendors | Breed | Kg | Pence |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| Messrs CE & BD Bailey | HF | 847 | 118.0 |
| Messrs CE & BD Bailey | HF | 855 | 117.5 |
| Messrs J Coren & Sons | BF | 671 | 117.5 |
| Messrs PG, ME & SE Harvey | HF | 610 | 117.5 |
| Mr DBT Vile | HF | 784 | 117.5 |
| Mr D Pyle | HF | 716 | 116.5 |
| Messrs DF Plaister & Son | HF | 672 | 116.5 |
| Messrs BG & RM Coombes | HF | 940 | 116.0 |
| Mr R Page | HF | 830 | 115.5 |
| Messrs LE Simmons & Partners | BF | 723 | 115.5 |
| Messrs LE Simmons & Partners | MRI | 730 | 115.0 |

| Suckler Vendors (£/head) | Breed | Kg | Value (£) |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|-----------|
| Mr R Barrow | CH | 745 | 886.55 |
| Messrs ME & L Riddle | AA | 710 | 820.05 |
| Mr D Morse | SD | 680 | 778.60 |
| Messrs H & G Russell | SIM | 700 | 759.50 |

| Dairy Vendors (£/head) | Breed | Kg | Value (£) |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|-----------|
| Messrs BG & RM Coombes | HF | 940 | 1090.40 |
| Messrs CE & BD Bailey | HF | 855 | 1004.63 |
| Messrs CE & BD Bailey | HF | 847 | 999.46 |
| Mr R Page | HF | 830 | 958.65 |
| Mr DBT Vile | HF | 784 | 921.20 |
| Messrs J Coren & Sons | HF | 810 | 911.25 |
| Messrs CE & BD Bailey | HF | 783 | 884.79 |
| Messrs FJ & MJ Hodges | HF | 747 | 840.38 |
| Messrs LE Simmons & Partners | MRI | 730 | 839.50 |
| Messrs LE Simmons & Partners | BF | 723 | 835.07 |

| Cows Only | No. | Ave (ppk) | Top (ppk) | Ave (£) | Top (£) |
|----------------|-----|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Grade 1 | 13 | 116.6 | 114.5 | 851.47 | 1090.40 |
| Grade 2 | 22 | 110.9 | 117.5 | 749.48 | 921.20 |
| Grade 3 | 31 | 101.7 | 112.5 | 650.91 | 777.45 |
| Grade 4 | 39 | 82.0 | 109.0 | 472.64 | 814.03 |

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| BULLS (1) | Ave | Top price per head |
| Top price 115.0p/kg | 115.0p/kg | £1217.14 |

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| Vendor | Breed | Kg | Pence |
| Mr RA Reed | HER | 1063 | 114.5 |

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| OTM & O48M HFRS (11) | Ave | Top price per head |
| Top price 126.0p/kg | 105.33p/kg | £962.55 |

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| Vendor | Breed | Kg | Pence |
| Mr R Barrow | AA | 555 | 126.0 |
| Messrs J Coren & Sons | HF | 806 | 115.0 |
| Messrs J Coren & Sons | BF | 837 | 115.0 |
| Messrs AJ & RA Turner | HF | 650 | 113.5 |
| Messrs CE & BD Bailey | HF | 813 | 113.5 |

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| Vendors (£/head) | Breed | Kg | Value (£) |
| Messrs J Coren & Sons | BF | 837 | 962.55 |
| Messrs J Coren & Sons | HF | 806 | 926.90 |
| Messrs CE & BD Bailey | HF | 813 | 922.76 |

FINISHED SHEEP Commencing at 11.00am
Auctioneer:
Charles Clark
Tel: Office 01460 238383, Mobile 07850 691561
Paul Ashton
Tel: Office 01278 410278, Mobile 07866 673857

1672 PRIME HOGGS & LAMBS Commencing at 11.00am

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| | HOGGS (131) | LAMBS (1541) |
| Top price p/head | £80.00 | £93.50 |
| Top price p/kg | 167.0p/kg | 220.0p/kg |
| SQQ Average | 132.18p/kg | 194.90p/kg |

An excellent entry of lambs met a sharp trade with plenty of pens of quality lambs at 200-220ppk all day. Averages dragged down by second and third quality sorts, being open in the fleece or stale, which are always harder to place at this time of year. Top price per kg 220.0ppk for 38kg at £83.50 Messrs RJ & AJ Pedrick, with 40kg at 217.0ppk and £86.80 Mr ME Kidner. Others to 216.0ppk for 36kg at £77.80 Mr RC Burrough and 38kg £82.20 Mr CT Francis and some cracking 41kg for Messrs GG & D Gribble at £87.00. Good demand for all classes with standard weights generally £76-£82 and mediums strongly contested with heavier sorts £85-£93.50, including 45kg at £90.00 from both Messrs MB & KN Crabb and Mr A Harding and 44kg £88.20 Mr B Scriven. At the top end 48kg sold to £93.50 Mr NR Harding. Others to £91.80 Mr RC Pike and 47kg £91.00 Mrs L Webber and a lot of good well fed lambs over £85.00 today. Reject lambs also to £93.50!

Hoggs - A very mixed clearing up entry, plenty of plain or scaled up sorts. Top price £80.00 from Mr RH Hill. Others to £78.50 Messrs MB & KN Crabb.

| WEIGHT | NO. SOLD LAMBS | AVE | NO. SOLD HOGGS | AVE |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Standard (32.1-39.0kg) | 508 | 193.99 | 25 | 129.12 |
| Medium (39.1-45.5kg) | 949 | 195.34 | 24 | 135.02 |
| Heavy (45.6-52.0kg) | 69 | 181.72 | 41 | 131.11 |
| Others (Over 52kg) | - | - | 14 | 92.33 |

| WEIGHT | £ PER HEAD | VENDOR |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------|
| HOGGS | | |
| 38.0 | 55.00 | Miss EK Dyer |
| 40.0 | 61.00 | Mr PF Govier |
| 41.0 | 60.00 | Mr RH Hill |
| 46.0 | 77.00 | Messrs MB & KN Crabb |
| 50.0 | 78.50 | Mr CT Francis |
| 50.0 | 76.50 | Messrs HG Bishop & Sons |
| 53.0 | 80.00 | Mr RH Hill |

| LAMBS | | |
|-------|-------|------------------------------|
| 36.0 | 77.80 | Mr RC Burrough |
| 37.0 | 77.50 | Mr JE Quick |
| 38.0 | 83.50 | Messrs RJ & AJ Pedrick |
| 38.0 | 82.20 | Mr CT Francis |
| 39.0 | 80.00 | Messrs AC & DM Dyer |
| 40.0 | 86.80 | Mr ME Kidner |
| 41.0 | 87.00 | Messrs GG & D Gribble |
| 41.0 | 87.00 | Messrs RH & JA Heal |
| 42.0 | 84.00 | Messrs WJ & IJ Gard |
| 43.0 | 88.00 | Messrs AF & RD Tucker & Sons |
| 43.0 | 87.00 | Mr HJ Fisher |
| 44.0 | 88.20 | Mr B Scriven |
| 44.0 | 85.50 | Mr A O'Brien |
| 44.0 | 85.50 | Mr TS Duck |
| 45.0 | 90.00 | Messrs MB & KN Crabb |
| 45.0 | 90.00 | Mr NR Harding |
| 46.0 | 86.20 | Mr R Wall |
| 47.0 | 91.00 | Mrs L Webber |
| 48.0 | 93.50 | Mr NR Harding |
| 48.0 | 91.80 | Mr RC Pike |
| 50.0 | 90.00 | Messrs TE & J Middleton |
| 51.0 | 90.00 | Messrs M & R Vellacott |
| 53.0 | 93.50 | Mrs L Webber |

549 CULL EWES & RAMS Commencing at 9.30am

A reasonable number entry, sold to a similar trade for the best ewes but generally firmer for medium/plainer sorts. The best were £80.00 plus and topped at £90.00 from Messrs LW & KA Hill, £85.00 from Messrs AF & RD Tucker & Sons; £84.50 from Mr RJ Blackmore; £84.00 and £80.00 from Messrs RC Burrough & Sons; £81.00 from Mr A Dagger; £80.50 from Mr RC Pike and Messrs J Maynard & Son and £80.00 from Mr RJ Wall, Messrs DW & PA Retter and Messrs W Johnson & Son. Rams sold to £79.50 from Mr C Padfield and £78.50 from Mr RJ Wall. Overall average £58.86.

| | EWES | | RAMS | |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Ave | Top | Ave | Top |
| BEST | £84.00 | £90.00 | £70.00 | £79.50 |
| MEDIUM | £70.00 | £75.00 | £55.00 | £65.50 |
| SMALL | £48.00 | £60.00 | £45.00 | £50.00 |

| BREED | VENDOR | £/HEAD |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Suffolk | Messrs LW & KA Hill | 90.00 |
| Suffolk x | Messrs AF & RD Tucker & Sons | 85.00 |
| Texel x | Messrs RC Burrough & Sons | 84.00 |
| Scotch Half bred | Mr RH Hill | 78.00 |
| North Country Mule | Messrs RJ & JM Churchill | 61.00 |
| Dorset Down | Mr A Down | 60.00 |
| Polled Dorset | Mr GR Davis | 60.00 |
| Exmoor Horn | Mrs V Urch | 50.00 |
| Zwartbles | Messrs D & D Rayson | 50.00 |
| Charollais Ram | Mr C Padfield | 79.50 |

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TB RESTRICTED CATTLE COLLECTION CENTRE

Second Thursday 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 14th May 2009.**

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

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.

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 tailboard 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 co-operation 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.