

GREENSLADE TAYLOR HUNT

SEDGEMOOR AUCTION CENTRE

TUESDAY MARKET REPORT

6 Day Standstill in Operation

TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2009

TOTAL STOCK: 1883 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.

Shortage of Barren Cows saw average to 139.5ppk and £1032.30.

877 Suck Lambs, firmer trade to average 211.0ppk and top at 246.0ppk and £96.50.

500 Cull Ewes, firmer trade to average up £10 per head and top at £86.

128 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 smaller "turnout" entry of barreners met a cracking trade, with all purchasers very keen to secure supply or unable to keep up. The UK currently has the most expensive cow beef in Europe. The cow beef trade has been built on exports, however now exports to the Continent are at low levels as our cow beef is too expensive for them. When a commodity is at its zenith, it is always a good time to sell. No doubt Vendors will be holding cows which on turnout have had an uplift in milk production. Once that flush of milk has gone, we strongly recommend Vendors sell. Only very plain cows are selling under 100.0ppk. The same cows could easily be 50.0ppk. Based on the average weight of 650kg, this equates to a potential drop of £325. So at an average milk price of 25p, this corresponds to 1,300 litres of milk. If a cow is at all stale, now is the time to sell.

Again a shortage of well fleshed cows on offer, yet shapely lean Limousin sucklers from Mr R Coate topped at 125.0ppk, with others from the same farm 124.5ppk, 123.5ppk and 121.5ppk. A long, lean, clean, black Limousin from Messrs J & DJ Cotterill achieved 124.5ppk also. Better sucklers generally 120.0ppk plus. Good sucklers 110.0ppk to 120.0ppk.

Sucklers sold to £910.20 for a well fleshed Hereford from Mr RH Webb. Other better sucklers £800 plus.

Black & whites peaked at 123.5ppk for a well fleshed British Friesian from Messrs AJ Gay & Son. ¾ meat cows to 119.0ppk and 118.5ppk from Messrs K Milverton & Son and Messrs MGC & SM Carter. Generally a shortage of flesh on offer but the better ¾ meat cows were 110.0ppk to 118.0ppk. Steakers generally 100.0ppk to 110.0ppk. Very plain cows 90.0ppk to 100.0ppk. Only a handful of especially plain cows down to 75.0ppk.

Cows sold to £978.60 for the best of another strong run from Mr RJ Rowe, who sold another at £944. Fleshed cows from Messrs Chedzoy & Gothard achieved £956.25 and £947.72. Other fleshed cows at £946.20 from Messrs MM & EH Lucas; £942.35, Mr ES Triggol; £926.60, Mr DBT Vile and £919.80, Messrs DJ & SE Bristol.

A wise man sells before the drop. MORE COWS KINDLY REQUESTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS UNPRECEDENTED ALL TIME HIGH TRADE.

One old stock bull forward, being an Aberdeen Angus, which sold very well at 116.5ppk and £954.14, from Mr BJ Pike.

Overage heifers topped the day at 139.5ppk, for the best of a good run of Charolais from Messrs CJL Rogers & Co of Kingsbridge, who sold others at 129.0ppk, 128.0ppk and 127.5ppk. These heifers returned at £1032.30, £1007.36, £935.25 and £905.25. A Limousin heifer from Messrs E & IW Studley of Bridport rose to 131.5ppk.

When Vendors were present from as far a field as South Molton, Kingsbridge, Totnes, Honiton, Axminster, Bridport, Yeovil, Bruton and West Harptree, we thank them all for their continued support.

BARREN COWS (117)		Top price per head
Top price		
Beef 125.0p/kg	Beef Ave 113.6ppk	Beef £910.20
Dairy 123.5p/pk	Dairy Ave 104.4ppk	Dairy £978.60

Top Suckler Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr R Coate	LIM	645	125.0
Messrs J & DJ Cotterill	LIM	650	124.5
Mr R Coate	LIM	660	124.5
Mr R Coate	LIM	551	123.5
Messrs E & IW Studley	LIM	663	123.5
Mr RH Webb	HER	740	123.0
Mr R Coate	LIM	578	121.5
Messrs J Shinner & Sons	SD	683	120.5
Messrs E & IW Studley	LIM	752	119.0
Messrs E & IW Studley	LIM	634	118.5

Top Dairy Vendors	Breed	Kg	Pence
Messrs AJ Gay & Son Ltd	BF	543	123.5
Messrs K Milverton & Son	BF	754	119.0
Messrs MGC & SM Carter	HF	650	118.5
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	800	118.0
Mr ES Triggol	HF	802	117.5
Messrs GS Briggs & Sons	HF	740	116.5
Messrs Chedzoy & Gothard	HF	748	116.5
Messrs MGC & SM Carter	HF	630	116.5
Messrs NM Ekers & Son	HF	723	116.5
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	840	116.5

Suckler Vendors (£/head)	Breed	Kg	Value (£)
Mr RH Webb	HER	740	910.20
Messrs E & IW Studley	LIM	752	894.88
Messrs J Shinner & Sons	SD	733	824.63
Messrs J Shinner & Sons	SD	683	823.02
Mr R Coate	LIM	660	821.70
Messrs E & IW Studley	LIM	663	818.81
Messrs J & DJ Cotterill	LIM	650	809.25
Mr R Coate	LIM	645	806.25

Dairy Vendors (£/head)	Breed	Kg	Value (£)
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	840	978.60
Messrs Chedzoy & Gothard	HF	850	956.25
Messrs Chedzoy & Gothard	HF	817	947.72
Messrs MM & EH Lucas	HF	830	946.20
Mr RJ Rowe	HF	800	944.00
Mr ES Triggol	HF	802	942.35
Mr DBT Vile	BF	820	926.60
Messrs DJ & SE Bristol	HF	840	919.80
Messrs K Milverton & Son	BF	754	897.26
Messrs FH Chave & Son	HF	772	895.52

Cows Only	No.	Ave (ppk)	Top (ppk)	Ave (£)	Top (£)
Grade 1	26	117.60	125.00	832.81	978.60
Grade 2	45	110.76	121.50	758.21	919.80
Grade 3	20	102.64	114.00	653.30	751.30
Grade 4	26	85.60	97.50	465.47	624.98

U&OFEM BULLS (1)	Average	Top price per head
Top price 116.5p/kg	116.5p/kg	£954.14

Vendor	Breed	Kg	Pence
Mr BJ Pike	AA	819	116.5

OTM & O48M HEIFERS (10)	Hfr Ave	Top price per head
Top price 139.5p/kg	125.6p/kg	£1032.30

Vendor	Sex	Breed	Kg	Pence
Messrs CJL Rogers & Co	Hfr	CHA	740	139.5
Messrs E & IW Studley	Hfr	LIM	576	131.5
Messrs CJL Rogers & Co	Hfr	CHA	725	129.0
Messrs CJL Rogers & Co	Hfr	CHA	787	128.0

Vendors (£/head)	Sex	Breed	Kg	Value (£)
Messrs CJL Rogers & Co	Hfr	CHA	740	1032.30
Messrs CJL Rogers & Co	Hfr	CHA	787	1007.36
Messrs CJL Rogers & Co	Hfr	CHA	725	935.25
Messrs CJL Rogers & Co	Hfr	CHA	710	905.25

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

1255 PRIME HOGGS & LAMBS Commencing at 11.00am

Top price p/head	HOGGS (378)	LAMBS (877)
	£95.00	£96.50
Top price p/kg	196.0p/kg	246.0p/kg
SQQ Average	162.97p/kg	211.02p/kg

Fewer lambs forward after yesterday's huge entry, sold to a much firmer trade, particularly for the best quality FABBL types. The best quality were a flying trade selling to 246.0ppk and 232.0ppk from Mr L Williams; 245.0ppk from Mr GJ Cottrell; 241.0ppk, 237.0ppk and 234.0ppk from Mrs J Saunders; 237.0ppk from Messrs PJ & N Mills; 235.0ppk from Mr E Mills; 227.0ppk from Mr R Barton and 226.0ppk from Messrs M & R Vellacott. Heavier lambs sold to £96.50 from Mrs J Saunders and Mr E Mills; £95.00 and £94.50 from Mr ME Kidner; £94.50 from Mr IF White and Messrs PJ & N Mills and £93.50 from Mr WS Stitch and Mr L Williams.

Small end of season entry of hogs forward, sold to a trade equally fast as Monday's although the averages took a slight dip due to a

lack of overall quality on offer. The best sold to 196.0ppk, 174.0ppk, 172.0ppk and 171.0ppk from Messrs MB & KN Crabb; 180.0ppk from Mr LM Baker; 175.0ppk from Mr JR Stanbury; 174.0ppk from Messrs FH & PJ Bailey; 173.0ppk from Messrs RD & JC Persey and Messrs TR & SE Knox; 171.0ppk from Mr BW Hearn and Mr G Busk and 170.0ppk from Messrs CH Champion & Partners and Mr SJ Dallyn. The best quality heavier hogs sold to £95.00 from Mr NK Ritchie; £92.00 from Mr LM Baker; £91.80 from Messrs CH Champion & Partners; £90.80 and £90.00 from Messrs MB & KN Crabb and £90.00 from Messrs C & LE Norton and Messrs DM & SA Ham.

WEIGHT	NO. SOLD LAMBS	AVE	NO. SOLD HOGGS	AVE
Standard (32.1-39.0kg)	455	211.27	18	165.42
Medium (39.1-45.5kg)	417	210.78	133	162.68
Heavy (45.6-52.0kg)	5	198.91	167	167.16
Others (Over 52kg)	-	-	58	158.81

WEIGHT	£ PER HEAD	VENDOR
LAMBS		
35.0	82.00	Mrs J Saunders
37.0	83.00	Messrs MJG & DE Richards
38.0	93.50	Mr L Williams
38.0	93.00	Mr GJ Cottrell
38.0	88.00	Mr L Williams
39.0	92.50	Messrs PJ & N Mills
39.0	92.50	Mrs J Saunders
40.0	96.50	Mrs J Saunders
41.0	96.50	Mr E Mills
41.0	93.00	Mr R Barton
43.0	94.50	Mr ME Kidner
43.0	94.50	Mr FF White
60.0	95.00	Mr ME Kidner
HOGGS		
40.0	70.00	Mr JR Stanbury
42.0	72.50	Messrs RD & JC Persey
42.0	72.50	Messrs TR & SE Knox
44.0	74.80	Mr SJ Dallyn
46.0	90.00	Messrs MB & KN Crabb
47.0	82.00	Messrs FH & PJ Bailey
50.0	87.00	Messrs MB & KN Crabb
50.0	86.00	Messrs MB & KN Crabb
51.0	92.00	Mr LM Baker
53.0	90.80	Messrs MB & KN Crabb
54.0	91.80	Messrs CH Champion & Partners
75.0	95.00	Mr NK Ritchie

500 CULL EWES & RAMS Commencing at 9.30am

A few less forward but trade much improved, particularly for medium and plainer sorts. Suffolks again topped the day selling to £86.00 from Messrs AG Meredith & Partners; £82.00 from Messrs J Maynard & Son; £80.00 from Messrs Habberfield & Priscott and Messrs W Johnson & Son; £80.00 and £78.00 from Mr RH Hill; £79.50 from Mrs J Saunders and £76.50 from Messrs KM & FA Edwards and Messrs AF & AH Powell. Texel x sold to £75.50 from Mr JR Stanbury and £73.00 from Messrs CJ & JLM Hutchings. Mediums ranged £60-£70. Plain £45-£60. Boners in the main £30 plus. Overall average £58.37, up £10 on the week.

BREED	VENDOR	£/HEAD
Suffolk	Messrs AG Meredith & Partners	£86.00
Suffolk x	Messrs J Maynard & Son	£82.00
Texel x	Mr JR Stanbury	£75.50
Charollais x	Messrs SW Batten & Sons	£74.50
Polled Dorset	Messrs Habberfield & Priscott	£72.00
Dorset Horn	Messrs Adams Bros	£55.00
North Country Mule	Mr JP Stone	£51.00
Suffolk x Rams	Mr NK Ritchie	£77.00
Charollais Rams	Mr J Ryall	£75.00

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

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.