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# COLCHESTER PRIME STOCK SHOW AND SALE REPORT

## TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024

### CHAMPION BEAST

Gerald Ketley, William Ketley (Vendors) Allman Fowler (Buyer)  
Steven Ellis (Stanfords) Ben Ketley, Josh Ketley (Vendors)



### RESERVE CHAMPION BEAST

Richard Criddle (Vendor) Steven Ellis (Stanfords)



### CHAMPION SHEEP

John Coleman (Judge and Buyer), Benn Lugsden  
(Vendor) Graham Ellis (Stanfords)



### RESERVE CHAMPION SHEEP

Tim Pratt (Vendor), Graham Ellis  
(Stanfords) John Coleman (Judge)



74 CATTLE included an entry of 36 show cattle which came before Judge, Ted Neal of Kings Lynn who had a tremendous show of cattle in front of him from local Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk vendors.

After due deliberation, Mr Neal awarded the Olivers Perpetual Trophy for the overall champion to W A Ketley and Sons, Fingringhoe, Colchester for a 565pkg Limousin Heifer, also awarded of the Arthur Chalke Perpetual Trophy and selling to Allman Fowler of Fowler Brothers, Brook Farm at Burnham for their shop at Burnham at 435pkg (£2457.75).

Reserve Overall Championship awarded to Richard Criddle of Kenninghall, Suffolk for a home bred British Blue Cross Steer weighing 523pkg, also being awarded the Broad Oak Farm Perpetual Trophy for Best Butchers Beast under 550k and the Derek Abra Trophy for Best Butchers Steer under 550k and selling to H G Blake of Felthorp, Norwich at 405pkg (£2,11815). General trade for all show prize winners consistent from 342pkg to 386pkg, other than the above two.

The Roy Brazier Memorial Trophy for best steer over 551k awarded to W A Ketley & Sons and purchased by C Humphreys & Sons of Fairstead at 367pkg (£2341.46). Reserve in that class to David Alpe of Halvergate, sold at 374pkg (£2475.88) to John Coleman of Boxted for his shop.

The Eric Stanion Memorial Trophy for the best home bred beast in show awarded to Richard Criddle, selling to Allman Fowler of Fowler Brothers at 382pkg (£1810.68), this also being awarded the best homebred steer in the show.

The best homebred Heifer in the show to W A Ketley & Sons, Fingringhoe, again selling to Allman Fowler at 378pkg (£1935.36).

The Joe Papworth Memorial Trophy for Best Unhalted Beast in show, awarded to Tony Evans of Bures, trading as P A Evans who sold his homebred Limousin Heifer at 368pkg (£2156.48) to H G Blake of Felthorp, Norwich. The best Unhalted Steer shown by Josh Bates, trading as J B Farms, Leavenheath, selling to Romford Meats at 356pkg (£2278.40). A full schedule is to be found at the end of this report of all prize winners. All steers in show, including non prize winners, averaged 357.10pkg, all Heifers, again including non prize winners, averaged 370.56pkg, showing consistent, if not high flying top prizes.

Non show cattle short of requirements throughout with trade at previous weeks levels. David Black, Great Bentley, showing three Limousin Heifers at 347.5pkg (2) 335pkg (£2,085). Tony Evans, non show to 353pkg (2) (£1990.21). J B Farms, Non Show Cattle to 327.5pkg (2073.08). A Heath & Sons, usual run of Dairy Bred Continental Heifers to 317.5pkg, from 299.5pkg. No cattle below 269.5pkg and Non Show Steers, average 295.81pkg with Heifers 312.29pkg. Two young bulls to 291.5pkg from Turf in Essex at £1,597.42.

Top price per head this week in the Steers and Heifers, both from regulars supporter, Geoff Freeman and his family, showing their normal quality in the show and to £2,552.40 for Steers and Heifers to £2,552.54.

777 Sheep included 72 show sheep which came before the Judge, John Coleman of Boxted who again, commented on the quality forward. The overall Champion Pair of Lambs, awarded to Benn Lugsden of Thwaite for a pair of Texel Crossed Lambs weighing 43.5kg and selling to the Judge at £230 a head (529pkg) being awarded the William Gray Perpetual Trophy for Best Lambs in Show and the Wiston Trophy for best Texel Cross Bred Lambs in show. The overall reserve pen of lambs awarded to Tim Pratt, Woodbridge for a pair of Blue Texel Lambs weighing 40kg and selling to C Humphreys from Fairstead at £160 per head (400pkg). This pen also reserve in the Texel Class.

Geroge Debman Perpetual Trophy for Best Continental Sired Lambs, other than Texel, awarded to Scott Horton, trading as Chess Valley Livestock, Amersham and purchased by George Debman for his shop in Ipswich at £200 per head (413pkg).

The Colchester District Meat Traders Perpetual Trophy awarded again to Benn Lugsden for a pair of Polled Dorset Lambs, selling at £180 a head (327pkg).

A full schedule of all prizes is at the end of this report.

Non Show Winning Sheep, a strong trade again throughout, lean lambs still coming forward and these trading around 300pkg in the main. Meated Lambs, generally 330 to 360pkg with again, weight no issue. Non prize winning sheep to £180 from Jack Peacock, W J Griffin to £175 (2), £170, £168 etc.

Medium lambs to £157 to W J Griffin and standard lambs to £133 from Becky Byam and £130 from Jack Peacock and Tom Biela.

## PRIME CATTLE

	TOP PKG	CONSIGNOR	BUYER	AV. PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AV £ PER HEAD
<b>30 STEERS</b> average 336.67pkg from 273.5pkg						
9 Light 370-550kg	405	R Criddle	H G Blake	355.76	2118.15	1777.61
11 Medium 551-650kg	372	R Partridge & Sons Ltd	C J Byford & Son	318.65	2341.46	1915.36
10 Heavy 651kg+	382	R & G R Freeman	C Humphreys & Son	341.53	2552.40	2341.21
<b>34 HEIFERS</b> average 339.71 from 269.5pkg						
5 Light 330-500kg	368	R Criddle	Chas Bowers	325.38	1730.16	1510.43
17 Medium 501-590kg	435	W Ketley & Sons	Fowler Bros	348.86	2457.75	1909.90
12 Heavy 591kg+	382	M P & R Stennett	John Coleman	332.78	2552.54	2077.64
<b>2 BULLS</b> average 283.43pkg						
2 Light 370-550kg	291.5	Turf in Essex	C Humphreys & Son	283.43	1597.42	1478.10
<b>8 AOTM</b> a good selection and wanted. Strong Charolais cow from Wisington Charolais 199.5pkg (2) 198.5 (2) and to £1991.01 a head. Stabiliser Cow 210.5 (£1115.65) Hereford Cow (Non FABBLE) to £168.5pkg.						
7 Beef Cows	210.50	Wisington Charolais	Fowler Brothers	191.47	1991.01	1542.46
1 Heifer	267.50	J W Chamley & Son	Fowler Brothers	267.50	1451.95	1451.95

**Cattle and sheep will be wanted next week**

## SHEEP

674 LAMBS SQQ 323.52 all 325.52pk.

	TOP PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
1 Light 25.5-32kg	<b>242</b>	M Wilkin	242	75	75
182 Standard 32.1-39kg	<b>358</b>	J W Peacock	313.51	133	112.87
343 Medium 39.1-45kg	<b>529</b>	Benn Lugsden	326.16	230	140.37
148 Heavy 45.6 kg+	<b>412</b>	Chess Valley Livestock	330.52	200	161.12
84 EWES to £178 for Charollais x (2pens) for Chess Falley Livestock Charollais X Kent £160, Dorset Ewes to £160. Lleyn at £137, Suffolk Ewes to £136. Hebridean Ewes to £58. Feeding Ewe from £30 to £113.20 all in.					

## CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK SHOW AND SALE 2024 PRIZE SCHEDULE

CLASS	VENDOR	BUYER	P KG	£ PER HEAD
<b>Overall Show Champion Beast and Olivers Perpetual Cup</b>	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Fowler Brothers Burnham On Crouch	435	2,457.75
<b>Reserve Show Champion Beast</b>	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	H G Blake Felthorpe	405	2,118.15
<b><u>CLASS 1</u></b> <b>ROY BRAZIER MEMORIAL TROPHY</b> Best Steer 551 kg or over	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	367	2,341.46
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Steer 551kg or over	D Alpe Pockthorpe	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	374	2,475.88
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Steer 551kg or over	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	382	2,505.92
<b><u>CLASS 2</u></b> <b>ARTHUR CHALKE PERPETUAL TROPHY</b> Best Heifer 551kg or over	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Fowler Brothers Burnham On Crouch	435	2,457.75
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Heifer 551kg or over	M P & R Stennett Swiland	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	382	2,517.38
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Heifer 551kg or over	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	A C Cracknell Ipswich	386	2,238.80
<b>BROAD OAK FARM PERPETUAL CUP</b> Best Butchers Beast under 550kg	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	H G Blake Felthorpe	405	2,118.15
<b><u>CLASS 3</u></b> <b>DEREK ABRA PERPETUAL TROPHY</b> Best Butchers Steer 550kg or under	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	H G Blake Felthorpe	405	2,118.15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Best Butchers Steer 550kg or under	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	H G Blake Felthorpe	370	1,938.80

3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Best Butchers Steer 550kg or under	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Fowler Brothers Burnham On Crouch	376	1,710.80
<b><u>CLASS 4</u></b> <b>DEREK ABRA PERPETUAL TROPHY</b> Best Butchers Heifer 550kg or under	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Withdrawn		
<b><u>Eric Stanion Memorial Trophy</u></b> Best Home Bred Beast Steer or Heifer	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	Fowler Brothers Burnham On Crouch	382	1,810.68
<b><u>CLASS 5</u></b> Best Home Bred Steer	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	Fowler Brothers Burnham On Crouch	382	1,810.68
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Home Bred Steer	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	376	1,793.52
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Home Bred Steer	Raven Bros Bungay	Romford Meats Romford	370	2,020.20
<b><u>CLASS 6</u></b> Best Home Bred Heifer	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Fowler Brothers Burnham On Crouch	378	1,935.36
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Home Bred Heifer	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	Chas Bowers Butchers Frinton on Sea	368	1,549.28
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Home Bred Heifer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	Fowler Brothers Burnham On Crouch	380	2,340.80
<b><u>Joe Papworth Memorial Trophy</u></b> Best Unaltered Beast	P A Evans Bures	H G Blake Felthorpe)	368	2,156.48
<b><u>CLASS 7</u></b> Best Unaltered Steer	J B Farms Nayland	Romford Meats Romford	356	2,278.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Unaltered Steer	J B Farms Nayland	Romford Meats Romford	342	2,257.20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Unaltered Steer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	Romford Meats Romford	360	2,552.40

<b>Class 8</b> Best Unhalted Heifer	P A Evans Bures	H G Blake Felthorpe	368	2,156.48
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Unhalted Heifer	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	H G Blake Felthorpe	364	2,234.96
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Unhalted Heifer	P A Evans Bures	George Debman Butchers Ipswich	364	1,870.96
Overall Champion Pen of Two Lambs and <b>WILLIAM GRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP</b>	Benn Lugsden Thwaite	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	529	230
Reserve Champion Pen of Two Lambs	T Pratt Woodbridge	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	400	160
<b>CLASS 9</b> <b>WISTON TROPHY</b> Best Pen of Two Texel Sired Lambs	Benn Lugsden Thwaite	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	529	230
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Pen of Two Texel Sired Lambs	T Pratt Woodbridge	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	400	160
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Pen of Two Texel Sired Lambs Lambs	W & J Griffin Oakham	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	350	175

<b>CLASS 10</b> <b>GEORGE DEBMAN PERPETUAL TROPHY</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize Pen of Two Continental Sired Lambs	Chess Valley Livestock Amersham	George Debman Butchers Ipswich	412	200
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Pen of Two Continental Sired Lambs	Benn Lugsden Thwaite	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	360	180
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize Pen of Two Continental Sired Lambs	Chess Valley Livestock Amersham	George Debman Butchers Ipswich	351	165
<b>CLASS 11</b> <b>COLCHESTER DISTRICT MEAT TRADERS PERPETUAL TROPHY</b> Best Pen of Traditional Bred Lambs	Benn Lugsden Thwaite	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	327	180
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Pen of Traditional Bred Lambs</u>	W & J Griffin Oakham	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	330	175
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Pen of Traditional Bred Lambs</u>	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	346	166

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*We need to inform buyers of likely numbers as soon as possible*

*Please let us know likely numbers to come forward*

*Livestock on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December*

*Back to normal on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

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SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER