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## WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET

### CATTLE

**112 Cattle** with 66 prime, 12 over 30 month cattle and 34 stores. Prime cattle another firm trade with a wide range in quality. Best butchers cattle short with plenty of O+ and R grade forward. This week top price per kg 407.5pkg for a smart Limousin heifer from Les Carr and purchased by C J Byford & Sons, Little Clacton (£2,167.90) with Les having another Limousin heifer at 405.5pkg (£2,096.44). David Black, Gt Bentley another Limousin heifer to 404.5pkg and £2,742.51 topping the price per head on the day. The Blacks having another Limousin heifer at 394.5pkg (£2,284.16). Limousin steers from S J Philp & Sons to 386.5pkg (£2,125.75) with others 375.5, 374.5pkg etc. Joe Warne Limousin heifers to 399.5pkg (£2,369.04) with others to 380.5, 372.5pkg etc. BB X heifers from R N Cansdale & Sons to 379.5pkg (£2,591.90), 363.5pkg etc. Limousin heifers from B R & P L Liverton to 387.5pkg, 380.5pkg etc and to £2,022.75. General run of cattle 340.5pkg to 365.5pkg for various vendors. Heavy steers from Rod Lock Agricultural to £2,652.65, £2,607.27 etc. Again several traditional breeds forward in good numbers, Shorthorn steers to 369.5pkg from Joe Warne (£1,943.57), Hereford steers to 342.5pkg from Adam Youngman (£1,870.05), AA X steers to 364.5pkg from R J Scarfe and to £2,225.31 from R Strathern etc. AA X heifers to 348.5pkg from Adam Youngman and to £1,986.66, Hereford heifers to 351.50pkg from John Watson and to £1,982.46. Numbers easily absorbed please keep numbers coming forward.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
<b>35 STEERS</b> - average 358.61pkg						
13 Light 370-550kg	386.5	342.5	363.87	S J Philip & Sons	2,125.75	1,849.87
15 Medium 551-650kg	375.5	319.5	352.45	S J Philip & Sons	2,272.04	2,094.98
7 Heavy 651kg+	379.5	344.5	362.75	R N Cansdale	2,652.65	2,513.84
<b>30 HEIFERS</b> - average 367.65						
4 Light 330-500kg	365.5	322.5	347.35	J & S Bowes	1,744.14	1,653.38
21 Medium 501-590kg	407.5	321.5	368.24	L S Carr	2,284.16	1,974.29
5 Heavy 591kg+	404.5	333.5	377.89	D J Black	2,742.51	2,366.36
<b>1 BULL</b> - smart Limousin bull from Julie Wicks at 397.5pkg (£2,730.83)						
<b>12 AOTM</b> - all sorts, mainly non-FABBL and old cows. Clean over age, firm trade, meat generally lacking. 31 m/o AA heifers to 333.5pkg, Limousin heifers to 303.5pkg, Limousin steers to 299.5pkg.						
7 Beef Cows	193.5	150.5	177.43	H Packard & Son	1,377.72	1,147.74
2 Heifers	333.5	303.5	319.11	Bunghurst Farm Ltd	1,867.60	1,716.83
2 Steers	299.5	252.5	275.31	Bunghurst Farm Ltd	1,877.87	1,778.50
1 Bull	88.5		88.5	W E Chantry	865.53	865.53
<b>34 STORES</b> - shorter than expected a trade not seen before with buyers all short of requirements. AA X steers 23/25 m/o £2,300 (9), £2,180, £2,170 etc. AA X steers 12-15 m/o £1,700, AA X steers 11 m/o £1,370, Shorthorn steers 10 m/o £1,340, Limousin heifers 12 m/o £1,280, Limousin steers 10 m/o £1,260. More could have been sold to advantage.						

# S H E E P

**680 Sheep and 8 Goats** - average entry and as reported elsewhere heavy hogs of over 47kg more difficult. Top this week per head £180 (324pkg) for Texel hogs from Sylvia Rawlings and Richard Criddle. Jamie Gregory to £175, M & J Taylor to £165, all for hogs over 52kg. Heavy hogs to £162 for Blue Texels from William Ketley. W A Ketley & Sons to £160 (4), £159 etc. Richard Criddle also to £160 (340pkg) with R Partridge & Sons to the same at 340pkg. Jamie Gregory to £159 (336pkg). Medium hogs more demand to £157 from M & J Taylor (2 pens), R Criddle, S Trow and plenty of pens £150 - £156 and at 365pkg from R Criddle, 363pkg from M & J Taylor and S Trow to 357pkg. Shadwell Estates to 353pkg. Standard hogs short with several lacking quality and finish. Topping at £140 a head from G & E Strathern (368pkg), Tom Hamner to £135 a head (2), with Shadwell Estates to £133 (354pkg). The trade needs monitoring especially on the heavy hogs and finish important.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
<b>563 OLD SEASON LAMBS</b> - SQQ 333.69, and all in 314.52pkg and £146.67 a head overall all in.						
3 Light 25.5-32kg	319	319	T Street	319	102.00	102.00
61 Standard 32.1-39kg	368	338.98	G & E Strathern	338.98	140.00	126.23
177 Medium 39.1-45kg	365	332.30	R Criddle	332.3	157.00	143.14
295 Heavy 45.6 kg+	340	302.21	R Criddle	302.21	180.00	153.98
<b>92 EWES</b> - all in £140.18 another strong trade. Texels to £220, Suffolk ewes to £214, £200 etc, Suffolk Mules to £200, Texel Mules to £160, Hampshires to £163, Easy Cares to £120, North Country Mules to £178, Charollais X ewes to £210, Dorset ewes to £188, Lleyn ewes to £170, Southdowns to £100. No ewes below £38, very few below £85.						
<b>9 RAMS</b> - to £100 average £88.67 for a poor quality entry.						
<b>40 STORE LAMBS</b> - strongest to £146, very very long keep from £42						
<b>3 MATURE SHEEP</b> - to £141 and to 243pkg.						
<b>8 Goats</b> - to £80 for lean young goats.						

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