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# WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET

## CATTLE

**105 Cattle** – including 79 prime cattle, 8 cull and over 30 month old cattle, and 18 stores. The beef trade continued at recent high levels. Top this week 429.5pkg for a superb Blonde steer from Geoff Freeman, purchased by John Coleman of Boxted (£2589.82) and secondly a strong Limousin heifer from Peter Goodwin (£2796.05) purchased by H G Blake. 21 cattle over 400pkg, reflecting the quality of local cattle forward. Geoff Freeman, a Blonde heifer at 419.5pkg (£2475.05) and matched by Pauline Byam (£2831.63). Gary Hubert to 421.5pkg for a BBX steer (£2305.61). Peter Goodwin, another Limousin steer to 417.5pkg (£2505.00). A superb run of Limousin steers and heifers from J V Styles & Sons, seeing heifers to 427.5pkg (£2201.63) and to 419.5pkg (£3146.25), topping the price per head this week. A steer from the Styles holding to 419.5pkg (£2214.96). A cracking run of Simmental steers from H P Marriage & Sons to 407.5pkg (2), 405.5pkg, 400.5pkg and to £2522.21 a head. Young Tom Hanmer getting up early to sell Limousin heifers to 417.5pkg (2) and to £2233.63. J W Gray to 400.5pkg for a Limousin heifer (£2226.78), with Robin Brice Enterprises to the same for Simmental steers. Only one beast below 325pkg for a very plain heifer. Again, traditional breeds keenly sought, seeing Hereford X steers to 397.5pkg from Gary Hubert and £2967.15 from A H Pulford & Son. Hereford X heifers to 390.5pkg from Fristling Hall Farms and to £2249.38. AAX steers to 384.5pkg from Matthew Hustler (£2353.14) and AAX heifers to 391.5pkg, again from Matthew, and to £2335.52. Red Poll steers to 362.5pkg from R & R Duchesne (£1881.38). General run of cattle through the sale 370pkg to 395pkg for all sorts, with very few cattle below. Bulls in good numbers and wanted from 367.5pkg to 409.5pkg from Fristling Hall Farms and to £2555.93 a head for Simmental bulls. AAX bulls to 387.5pkg (£2158.32), again from Fristling Hall Farm. More cattle could still be sold to an advantage.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
<b>32 STEERS – average 390.28pkg</b>						
7 Light 370-550kg	421.50	326.50	383.10	G C & J R Hubert	2305.61	2019.49
19 Medium 551-650kg	429.50	367.50	394.70	R & G R Freeman	2559.82	2356.58
6 Heavy 651kg+	419.50	384.69	384.69	Pauline Byam	2967.15	2726.19
<b>36 HEIFERS – average 383.69pkg</b>						
12 Light 330-500kg	417.50	189.50	368.58	Tom Hanmer	2058.28	1743.08
14 Medium 501-590kg	427.50	357.50	390.43	L V Styles & Son	2475.05	2168.55
10 Heavy 591kg+	429.50	349.50	388.69	P B Goodwin	3146.25	2597.94
<b>11 BULLS – average 395.08pkg</b>						
2 Light 370-550kg	395.50	367.50	382.24	Fristling Hall	2163.39	1985.75
8 Medium 551-650kg	409.50	381.50	397.24	Fristling Hall	2555.93	2376.02
1 Heavy 651kg+	399.50	399.50	399.50	Fristling Hall	2688.64	2688.64
<b>8 AOTM – Short entry, strong demand, more wanted. Limousin cows to 294.5pkg (£2029.11), Simmental cows to 287.5pkg (£2058.50), Hereford X cows to 285.5pkg (£2452.45), AAX cows to 275.5pkg (£1878.91), Limousin 30m/o heifers to 357.5pkg and to £2769.58 from J V Styles &amp; Son.</b>						
5 Beef Cows	294.50	257.50	280.24	J Bacon	2452.45	2053.05
3 Heifers	357.50	347.50	357.31	J V Styles & Son	2769.58	2671.12
<b>18 STORES – Cracking trade for a short entry of stores. Simmental X steers 14m/o to £1820, £1680, £1620 etc. Hereford X steers 14m/o to £1680, Simmental heifers 15m/o to £1880, Hereford X heifers 14m/o to £1670.</b>						

## S H E E P

**914 Sheep** – a better show of New Season Lambs included several heavy lambs up to 63kg liveweight. Handyweight NSL easily selling to 400pkg and above, and wanted. Very heavy NSL to £205, £204, £200 (2) etc., topping from James Coe. Medium NSL to £183, again from James Coe, £180 from Bungehurst Farm Limited and Emma Reader, and to 443pkg from Richard Criddle, Bungehurst Farm Limited again to 440pkg. standard NSL to £172 (2) from Richard Criddle, Bungehurst Farm Limited to £171 (2) and to 450pkg, with Richard Criddle to 447pkg. Hoggets, a very mixed entry of all sorts, with most breeds represented. As reported, heavy hoggets difficult, with over 60% of the entry 47kg up to 68kg liveweight. Several half meated hoggs forward, and these discounted at around 250pkg. Best heavy hoggs to 345pkg from Bungehurst Farm Limited, R D & K Machin to 339pkg. Priory Fencing to 330pkg and to £170 a head from S Trow, J H Chamley. W A Ketley & Sons to £160, Bungehurst Farm Limited to £158.50 etc. medium hoggs to £156.50 from R D & K Machin, W Chantry & Sons to £155, W A Ketley & Sons to £152.50, with Messrs Howie & Son to £152 and to 370pkg from Tom Biela, Messrs Howie & Sons to 349pkg. Standard hoggs to £135 and 355pkg from Brook Farms, W Chantry to £130. This section included pens of rare breeds, including Ryeland, Badger Faced, Manx, Longhorn etc. Overall, a steady trade but as stated, weight an issue, and meat required at lighter weights. Could we also ask all vendors to notify us as soon as possible of all entries, we had nearly 450 extra sheep forward. We are pleased to have the sheep, but it helps us to inform buyers if we know what's coming.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
<b>734 OLD SEASON LAMBS – SQQ 315.17pkg all in 300.43pkg</b>						
8 Light 25.5-32kg	177	133	C Pettitt	171.66	54.00	52.25
88 Standard 32.1-39kg	355	164	Brook Farm	294.27	135.00	105.99
203 Medium 39.1-45kg	370	273	Bungehurst Farm Ltd	326.71	156.50	141.23
394 Heavy 45.6 kg+	345	231	Bungehurst Farm Ltd	296.25	170.00	148.25
<b>60 NEW SEASON LAMBS – SQQ 436.28pkg all in 420.16pkg</b>						
19 Standard 32.1-39kg	450	441	Bungehurst Farm Ltd	444.88	172	169.05
29 Medium 39.1-45kg	443	418	Richard Criddle	431.03	183	178.21
12 Heavy 45.6 kg+	417	325	Emma Reader	387.13	205	196.21
<b>88 EWES</b> – to £224 for Texel X ewes from P J Colwill. Suffolk Mule ewes to £200, £196 etc. N C Mules to £182, Border Leicester ewes to £190, Welsh Mules to £170, Blue Texel ewes to £196, Welsh X ewes to £132, Polled Dorset ewes to £190, Lleyn ewes to £190, all in average £162.19, very few less than £100.						
<b>9 RAMS</b> – to £205, average £171.89.						
<b>19 STORE LAMBS</b> – to £119 for strongest, average £86.47						
<b>4 MATURE SHEEP</b> – to £143 and to 238.80pkg						

**TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – STORE CATTLE SALE. ENTRIES TO DATE: 45 AAX STEERS & HEIFERS 12-18M/O, 6 LIMOUSIN STEERS & HEIFERS 10-12M/O, 5 HEREFORD X STEERS & HEIFERS 12-18M/O. MORE INVITED.**

**NEXT WEEK – BANK HOLIDAY – PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR ENTRIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GRAHAM ELLIS 07798 643534 OR STEVEN ELLIS 07446 100931.**