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WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET

CATTLE

71 Cattle – an average entry of prime cattle and a solid trade at lower levels than last week with wholesalers stating demand slow. It is fair to say however the average quality was less with few E and U Grade cattle about with several taken to feed and several carrying excessive finish. Top per kg this week 413.5pkg for a smart medium weight heifer from Gary Hubert (£2154.34). Les Carr showing a Limousin steer from 401.5pkg (£1919.16) and a heifer for 387.5pkg (£1953). Robin Brice Enterprises run of Simmental heifers to 387.5pkg (£2301.75) from 365.5pkg. A Heath & Sons usual run of 6 Dairy X Continental heifers to 387.5pkg (£2125.22) from 361.5pkg. J W Gray BB X steers to 385.5pkg (£2274.45). K W Kemp a run of AA X heifers to 369.5pkg from 335.5pkg and to £2239.17. BB X heifers to 377.5pkg from Mr and Mrs M Partridge and Richard Hull and to £2257.45 with similar bred BB X steers to 361.5pkg (£2660.64) again from Richard Hull being the top price per head on the day. Run of AA X steers from Matthew Hustler (4) to 377.5pkg and to £2499. Run of Stabliser steers and heifers from F J Horsnell to 363.5pkg and to £2442.90. Generally run of cattle 350 to 366pkg throughout with no clean cattle below 335.5pkg. Handy weight bulls wanted, smart Limousin bulls Fristling Hall Farms Ltd to 409.5pkg (£2461.10). Simmental bulls to 397.5pkg and to £2595.68.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
23 STEERS average 364.87 from 341.5pkg						
11 Light 370-550kg	401.5	351.5	365.61	L S Carr	1956.36	1908.80
8 Medium 551-650kg	385.5	351.5	365.99	J W Gray	2385.80	2215.59
4 Heavy 651kg+	375.5	341.5	361.38	R G Manning	2660.64	2489.01
36 HEIFERS average 366.42 from 335.5pkg.						
3 Light 330-500kg	387.5	361.5	373.63	A Heath & Son	1850.07	1776.01
21 Medium 501-90kg	413.5	335.5	368.76	G C & J Hubert	2159.30	2025.73
12 Heavy 591kg+	387.5	337.5	361.45	Richard Brice Enterprises	2442.93	2261.91
5 BULLS average 345.37pkg from 227.5pkg						
3 Medium 551-650kg	409.5	387.5	395.39	Fristling Hall Farms Ltd	2461.10	2419.77
2 Heavy 651kg+	397.5	227.5	292	Fristling Hall Farms Ltd	2595.68	2512.69
4 AOTM again wanted. A 14 y/o Limousin cow to 337.5pkg (£2625.75). Hereford X beef cows to 255.5pkg (£1747.62) and a 37 m/o Limousin heifer at 367.5pkg.						
3 Beef Cows	337.5	245.5	282.04	R A Keeling	2625.75	2017.53
1 Heifer	367.5	367.5	367.5	Fristling Hall Farms Ltd	1892.63	1892.63
3 STORES – AAX 17 m/o steer to £1600, £1480 etc.						

S H E E P

526 Sheep - a short entry of lambs, disappointing considering the recent trade. Buyers short of requirements, again lean lambs heavily discounted around 280 to 310pkg, best lambs all 330 to 388pkg with again weighted lambs the most keenly sought. 57kg lambs from Richard Criddle to £188 with Mark and Jake Taylor to £182. Woodhatch Farms to £180 (4 pens) and to 372pkg from Richard Criddle, the Taylors to 367pkg, 365pkg etc as was Brad Webb and Woodhatch Farms. Medium lambs to £172 for the Taylors (45kg) with another pen £170, £161 etc with M J Padfield £171 and to 386pkg from the Taylors 382pkg etc. Standard lambs to £139 from Joe Backhouse with others to £137 with Richard Criddle to £136 etc and to 369pkg from Joe Backhouse with Richard Criddle to 363pkg.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
33 OLD SEASON LAMBS to 300pkg from GSH Farming and to £146 from Trevor Street and M & V Keeble. SQQ 338 3 all in 228.04. Meat still wanted.						
270 NEW SEASON LAMBS SQQ 348.08pkg all in 349.61pkg.						
63 Standard 32.1-39kg	369	278	J L Backhouse	339.09	139	125.65
150 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	386	272	M R & J Taylor	351.40	172	148.08
51 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	372	237	Richard Criddle	357.07	180	174.65
Over 52kg+	337	330	M R & J Taylor	333.33	188	181.69
169 EWES - from £1 to £182 for Suffolk Mules. Weight lacking and again large numbers of Hebridean, Shetland and other rare breeds forward. Still a strong demand for all. North Country Mules to £170, Texel X ewes to £176, Welsh Mules to £140, Suffolk ewes to £174, Hebridean ewes to £30, Shetland ewes to £60, Southdown ewes to £128, X bred rare breeds to £35.						
7 RAMS to £122 average £108.57						
18 STORE LAMBS all long keeps to £84 a head average £71.44						
29 MATURE SHEEP to £140 from Brad Webb and to 255pkg.						

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