

BLACKWATER BALING LTD

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Proprietors: Gavin and Liz Strathern

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Big Bale Chasing
Mowing of Grassland
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Conventional Bale Packing (21's)
10 Balers
3 Bale Baron Packers

Straw bought in the swath and sold in the bale
covering Essex and South Suffolk

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STANFORDS AUCTIONS

Sales held weekly, both for livestock and other items.

Weekly Sales:

- **Tuesdays – Livestock.** Weekly sale of prime stock with OTM cattle and cull ewes.
- **Saturdays – The General Market.** Cage/aviary birds, rabbits, guinea pigs. Bicycles, timber, plats and a variety of yard items.

Monthly Sales:

- **Tuesday – monthly sale of Store Cattle.**
- **Saturday – monthly sale of antiques, collectables and household effects in the General Saleroom.**
- **Saturday – monthly sale of pet and bird food in the General Saleroom.**



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Colchester Livestock Market

an Assured Market under the ABM Scheme

Sale Report

Tuesday 26th August 2025

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WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET

CATTLE

66 Cattle another short entry of 48 prime cattle with a wide range in quality but stock wanted. Last year's same week, top price 324.5pkg and steers averaged 292.79pkg and heifers 291.75pkg. Tops this week for a show quality heavy weight steer from William Ketley at 448.5pkg (£3161.93) topping the price per head. Will also have another heavy Limousin steer at 437.5pkg (£2870) both purchased by Paul Humphreys on behalf of The Bell Hotel, Winslow. David Bush showing quality to 421.5pkg for Simmental X heifer (£2621.73) with Limousin heifers to 417.5pkg (2) (£2859.88 and £2759.68) with other Simmental heifers to 399.5pkg and a steer at 393.5pkg. J B Farms Limousin steers to 411.5pkg with others 387.5pkg (2), 385.5pkg etc. Les Carr Limousin steers to 403.5pkg (£2142.59). Gary Hubert BB X heifer to 413.5pkg (£2344.55). A Heath & Sons weekly run of Continental X Dairy heifers to 396.5pkg, 395.5pkg etc from 387.5pkg and to £2101.45. H P Smith & Sons to 395.35pkg (£2226.51) for BB X heifers with another at 379.5pkg. Traditional breeds again wanted, AA X steers from Bob Manning to 373.5pkg (2) (£2577.15). AA X heifers to 369.5pkg for Lewin Farms (£1636.89), Hereford X steers to 375.5pkg from Adam Youngman (£2027.70) and South Devon heifers to 357.5pkg and steers to 359.5pkg.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
20 STEERS average 375pkg from 279.51pkg						
7 Light 370-550kg	411.5	365.5	386.65	J B Farms	2230.33	2049.25
9 Medium 551-650kg	387.5	279.5	354.91	J B Farms	2305.88	2112.75
4 Heavy 651kg+	449.5	337.5	398.45	William Ketley	3161.93	2757.24
26 HEIFERS average 385.32 from 349.5pkg						
7 Light 330-500kg	391.5	349.5	371.25	A Heath & Sons	1883.12	1781.45
13 Medium 501-90kg	413.5	357.5	386.20	G C & J Hubert	2344.58	2074.18
6 Heavy 591kg+	421.5	357.5	395.93	David Bush	2859.88	2560.98
2 BULLS average 377.5pkg						
2 Medium 551-650kg	377.5	377.5	377.5	George Wright Farms	2185.73	2155.53
8 AOTM a strong demand for all. More wanted. Longhorn X cows to 299.5pkg (£2126.45), British Shorthorn cows to 287.5pkg (£2243.15). Simmental X cows to 235.5pkg (£1497.78), Red Poll cows to 267.5pkg (£1654.95). All cows non-FABBL.						
7 Beef Cows	299.5	235.5	262.67	Harold Chamley	2243.15	1730.96
1 Bull	249.5	249.5	249.5	J W Chamley & Sons	2427.64	2427.64
10 STORES a very short entry but wanted. 10 m/o Limousin bulls from David Goodwin to £1900, 18 m/o Simmental X heifers to £1620, Limousin heifers 15 m/o to £1520, £1420. Hereford X steers 19 m/o to £740.						

S H E E P

565 Sheep a trade with no fireworks as buyers remain cautious following the weekend Bank Holiday. Fed lambs showing most demand but they need to as costs spiral. Top per head this week £185 for a single heavy lamb from W & J Griffin with A Robinson and Mark & Jake Taylor to £180 a head. Chess Valley Livestock to £168 (2), £167 (2) and W & J Griffin to £165 (2). Medium lambs to £157.50 again from Will Griffin with others £156, £154 etc. C W & D Chamley to £150. Standard lambs to £130 from Tony Keeling and ewes to £130 (2). Heavier lambs discounted throughout with Texel X and other Continentals at a premium. The trade needs monitoring as numbers coming out due to lack of grass. Top price per kg for heavy lambs to 344kg, 337kg, 338pkg for Will Griffin, Woodhatch to 337pkg and A Robinson to 333pkg. Medium lambs to 350pkg (2) for W & J Griffin. Standard lambs to 361pkg from Tony Keeling, Oliver Eaves to 337pkg (2). Leaner lambs both sides of 300pkg, generally run around 315 to 325pkg. Trade still above 12 months ago but costs are much higher.

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377 NEW SEASON LAMBS SQQ 328.93pkg all in 3236.52pkg.						
18 Standard 32.1-39kg	361	311	R A Keeling	331.82	130	121.67
116 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	350	299	W & J Griffin	328.56	157.50	143.80
243 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	344	284	W & J Griffin	320.90	185	155.79
150 EWES to £200 for Texel X from £10 for extreme types. Grazing ewes more resistance as the drought continues. Good medium ewes dearer all in average £115.70 reduced by very lean graziers from £40 to £60. Lleyn ewes to £170, NC mules to £176, Texel X Welsh ewes to £178, Charollais X to £190, Scotch mules to £148. Generally medium ewes £130 to £180 across the board.						
4 RAMS to £200 average £190.50.						
21 STORE LAMBS & BREEDING SHEEP Beltex X Shearling to £260, Store lambs to £82 average £70.13 all long term.						
13 MATURE SHEEP to 262pkg from K Mack and to £142 a head.						

NEXT STORE SALE TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

ENTRIES TO DATE:-

28 Charolais Steers & Heifers 18m/o

Further entries invited

PLEASE ENTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SHEPHERD COMPETITION ON SATURDAY 6TH
SEPTEMBER**