

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, plants 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 6th January 2026

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The Livestock Market, Wyncolls Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 9HU

WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET CATTLE

41 Cattle another short entry with best prime cattle short and a strong demand, middle of the road cattle less reflecting reports of falling dead weight returns. A few cattle taken for further feeding. Top this week 436pkg for a very smart Limousin steer from W G Vant & Sons purchased by C J Byford & Sons, Little Clacton. The same vendor having a BB X steer at 432pkg and a Limousin heifer at 416pkg. Tony Evans showing BB X steers to 423pkg with 3 Limousin heifers to 415pkg from 409pkg. East Anglian Trailers a Limousin heifer at 428pkg with a BBX heifer at 424pkg with W L King & Sons Limousin X steers at 420pkg (£2755.20) topping the price per head this week. Usual run of 6 Dairy X Continental heifers from A Heath & Sons to 383pkg, 380pkg (3) etc. Hereford X heifers from R G Manning to 370pkg. AA X heifers from W J & F J Hadley to 373pkg (2) with AA X steers from Richard Revell to 342pkg. BSH heifers to 340pkg from J Bowes & Son with BSH steers to 355pkg from Land Management Services. More cattle wanted.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
8 STEERS average 384.19pkg from 325pkg						
3 Light 370-550kg	436	426	368.86	W G Vant & Sons	2315.16	1914.32
4 Medium 551-650kg	432	325	384.36	W G Vant & Sons	2635.20	2285.97
1 Heavy 651kg+	420	420	420	W L King	2755.20	2755.20
25 HEIFERS average 380.96pkg from 340pkg						
5 Light 330-500kg	383	340	369.25	A Heath & Sons	1907.34	1801.19
9 Medium 501-590kg	426	348	390.39	East Anglian Trailers	2473.84	2040.44
9 Heavy 591kg+	424	344	378.15	East Anglian Trailers	2599.12	2368.06
1 BULL a pure bred Hereford heifer from George Wright Farms to 374pkg (£2217.82).						
9 AOTM Thick Sussex steers to 354pkg (£2240.82), lean Limousin heifers to 316pkg (£1962.36). BSH cows to 243pkg, lean Hereford X cows to 231pkg, Dexter cows to 130pkg.						
5 Beef Cows	243	116	193.95	Land Management Services	1674.27	1006.92
2 Heifers	316	307	311.58	H P Smith & Sons	1962.36	1902.18
2 Steers	354	340	347.18	Mrs B C Loeber	2240.82	2143.81

STORES Next sale Tuesday 27th January 2026.

S H E E P

673 Sheep a much improved entry with trade in line with other centres but as always meat wanted. Leaner hoggets either side of 300pkg. Top price per head this week £180 from Will Griffin (58kg), Will having other pens at £175 (2) etc. La Hogue Farm Foods to £176.50 (54kg). Heavy hoggets to £172 a head, again from Will Griffin and La Hogue Farm Foods and to 351pkg from La Hogue Farm Goods with J W Chamley & Son to 327pkg. Medium hoggets to £158 a head again from Will Griffin with G Deller & Sons to £155, P Bulgin to £150 as were Lawford Hall Farm Partnership and Brad Webb to £149 (339pkg). Standard hoggets wanted if meat topping price per kg at 369pkg from Will Griffin and £144 a head. Brook Farms to £142 a head (364pkg) with Emily Elnaugh and Suffolk New College to £136 a head. Please enter your stock as soon as possible. Help us help you.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
518 OLD SEASON LAMBS SQQ 334.49pkg all in 328.29pkg						
52 Standard 32.1-39kg	369	295	W & J Griffin	338.83	144	128.37
161 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	363	270	J W Chamley & Son	333.26	158	144.07
292 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	351	250	La Hogue Farm Foods	326.15	172	156.31
13 Over 52kg	330	263	W & J Griffin	292.56	180	160.23

59 EWES a very short entry again wanted to £190 a head for Continental ewes, Easy Care ewes to £143, £120 etc, NC mules to £150, £148. Welsh Mules to £156, £152 etc. Welsh ewes to £80.

1 RAM to £164.

90 STORE LAMBS to average £107.30 with strongest to £127, £125, £124.50 etc. Easy Care small ram lambs to £60.

5 MATURE SHEEP £135 and 229pkg.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – MARKET CLEANING CHARGE

Due to the substantial increase in water charges, we have no option other than to increase our set wash charges to the following from 20th January 2026.

CATTLE - £1.70 to £2.00 a head plus VAT

SHEEP – 35p to 50p a head plus VAT