

BLACKWATER BALING LTD

Specialists in grassland management and forage production

Est 1995

Proprietors: Gavin and Liz Strathern

Hesston Baling
Quadrant Baling
Mini Square Baling
Round Baling
Conventional Baling
4' x 3' Baling

Big Bale Chasing
Mowing of Grassland
Raking and Tedding of Grassland
Round and Square Bale Wrapping
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

Please telephone Gavin on: 07702 322203

Email: gavin@blackwaterbalingtld.co.uk

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.**



STANFORDS

ESTABLISHED 1879

Chartered Surveyors | Land & Estate Agents | Auctioneers | Planning & Development

Colchester Livestock Market

an Assured Market under the ABM Scheme

Sale Report

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

For all matters in agriculture contact:

Graham Ellis 07798 643534

Timothy Brassington 07850 253601

Hugh Wastenev 07395 783918

Stephen Knight 07798 636971

For general market enquiries, contact:

Steven Ellis 07446 100931

www.stanfords-colchester.co.uk

Email: info@stanfords-colchester.co.uk

Tel: 01206 842156

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

WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET

CATTLE

66 Cattle an average entry found a more difficult trade with wholesalers complaining of lack of demand and boxed meat undermining trade with buyers competing at lower levels. Trade will need monitoring over the next few weeks. Top price per kg this week Tony Evans and J V Styles & Sons both at 402pkg for medium weight Limousin steers with the Styles family having another at 400pkg. Another entry of very heavy quality cattle from M B Farms to 398pkg with others to 394pkg, 386pkg and to £3265.56, £3128.28 and £3030.80 with a rig at 370pkg (£3089.50). Robert Vant smart Limousin heifers at 392pkg with others at 382pkg. Les Carr Limousin steers to 390pkg, J V Styles other Limousin steers to 395pkg and 393pkg. General run of cattle to 340pkg to 370pkg with a few less. Traditional breeds saw strong Hereford X steers from David Bush to 362pkg and to £2525.58, 360pkg etc. Hereford heifers to 340pkg from George Wright Farms, AA steers to 360pkg.

| | TOP PKG | BOTTOM PKG | AVG PKG | CONSIGNOR | TOP £ PER HEAD | AVERAGE £ PER HEAD |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|---------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 24 STEERS average 371.07 | | | | | | |
| 2 Light 370-550kg | 390 | 375 | 382.5 | L S Carr | 2035.50 | 2004.90 |
| 12 Medium 551-50kg | 402 (2) | 332 | 374.32 | J V Styles & Sons P A Evans | 2476.00 | 2224.40 |
| 10 Heavy 651kg+ | 394 | 343 | 366.23 | M B Farms | 3265.56 | 3637.94 |
| 32 HEIFERS average 358.87 | | | | | | |
| 10 Light 330-500kg | 376 | 330 | 357.76 | A & W Bentall | 1799.14 | 1652.29 |
| 14 Medium 501-90kg | 392 | 332 | 362.32 | R M Vant | 2177.40 | 1968.45 |
| 8 Heavy 591kg+ | 398 | 309 | 360.21 | M B Farms | 3128.28 | 2414.29 |
| 2 BULLS | | | | | | |
| 1 Light 370-550kg | 358 | 358 | 358 | George Wright Farms | 2158.40 | 2158.40 |
| 1 Medium 551-650kg | 380 | 380 | 380 | J V Styles & Sons | 2158.40 | 2158.40 |
| 8 AOTM a strong trade for all with well fleshed Charolais X heifers from David Bush to 366pkg (£2389.90) with Limousin heifers to the same also from David (£2027, Red Poll steers to 348pkg (2) and to £2178.48 from R & R Duchesne with AA X heifers to 340pkg (£2475.20). | | | | | | |
| 1 Beef Cow | 292 | 292 | 292 | H P Marriage & Sons | 1792.88 | 1792.88 |
| 5 Heifers | 366 | 330 | 349.23 | David Bush | 2475.20 | 2193.88 |
| 2 Steers | 348 | 348 | 348 | R & P Duchesne | 2178.48 | 2178.48 |

NEXT STORE SALE – Tuesday 31st March 2026. Entries requested.

S H E E P

409 Sheep another short entry moved up in price again for a mixed quality entry of all breeds including 60+ Easy Care hogs and rare breeds including Herdwicks. Again, the strongest trade seen for 38 to 47kg live hogs and only hogs over 52kg meeting much resistance. Top per kg this week 435pkg for Richard Criddle for a lightweight lamb. Heavy hogs to 367pkg from Mark and Jake Taylor with Glen Goodman to 365pkg with the Taylors having others at 363pk, 362pkg, 359pkg etc. Medium hogs from Richard Criddle to 395pkg, Glen Goodman to 390pkg with Mark and Jake Taylor to 386pkg. Standard hogs to 392pkg from D M Farms, W Chantry & Sons to 382pkg as were A & N King. Heavy hogs to £177 from Richardson Brothers, £175 from Graham Kerry, M & J Taylor to £174, £173 etc. Medium hogs to £170 from M & J Taylor, £169 etc. Glen Goodman to £165 (3 pens). Standard hogs to £147 from W Chantry & Sons, £146 from Somerleyton Farms with A & N King to £145, £143 etc.

| | TOP PKG | BOTTOM PKG | CONSIGNOR | AVERAGE PKG | TOP £ PER HEAD | AVERAGE £ PER HEAD |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 330 OLD SEASON LAMBS SQQ 359.43pkg all in 349.94pkg. | | | | | | |
| 6 Light 25.5-32kg | 435 | 333 | Richard Criddle | 357.48 | 135 | 107.83 |
| 64 Standard 32.1-39kg | 392 | 311 | D M Farms | 358.69 | 147 | 130.78 |
| 152 Medium 39.1-45.5kg | 395 | 304 | Richard Criddle | 359.69 | 170 | 153.76 |
| 95 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg | 367 | 298 | M R & J Taylor | 338.44 | 174 | 161.86 |
| 13 Over 52kg | 323 | 272 | M R & J Taylor | 304.29 | 177 | 169.00 |
| 56 EWES more wanted to £190 for Texel X ewes all in average £143.59. Polled Dorset ewes to £160, North Country Mules to £150, Jacob ewes to £130, Blackie ewes to £130, Suffolk Mules to £158, very few less than £110. | | | | | | |
| 23 STORE LAMBS to £130 for strongest to average £94.56. | | | | | | |

**With regret we inform you of the death of Roger Eves, a well-known farmer.
The funeral is to be held at 11am on Tuesday 24th March at St Mary's Church, Bocking CM7 5SR to celebrate his life.**

PLEASE ENTER YOUR STOCK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – HELP US TO HELP YOU!