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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

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# Sale Report

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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## WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET CATTLE

**73 Cattle** and some resistance seen with all buyers stating demand slow with dead weight prices falling. Some tremendous cattle forward from regular supporters but trade generally 15p to 20p lower on the week, although still in line with other centre quotations. Let us hope the fall is short-lived. Top this week again to M B Farms showing Limousin heifers to 412pkg (£2801.60) topping per price per kg and heifers head price with another to 407pkg. Heavy Limousin steers from the same vendor to 398pkg (£3148.18) and another at 390pkg (£3049.80) topping the price per head for steers. Les Carr Limousin heifers to 388pkg, 370pkg. Gary Hubert Limousin steers to 384pkg with BB X heifers to 380pkg. Pauline Byam Limousin steers to 394pkg with another at 380pkg. Robert Vant Limousin heifers to 387pkg (2) with heifers to 372pkg. Raven Bros Blonde & Limousin steers with weight to 370pkg (2). Peter Goodwin Limousin heifers to 370pkg with heavy similar bred steers to 365pkg. J V Styles & Sons Limousin steers to 376pkg, 372pkg etc with smart handy weights from A & W Bentall 375pkg (3) BB X steers from A & W Bentall to 375pkg (3), 374pkg etc with similar bred heifers to 378pkg (2).

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
<b>28 STEERS</b> average 366.49pkg						
6 Light 370-550kg	384	300	363.64	G G & J R Hubert	2004.48	1913.33
12 Medium 551-50kg	394	325	365.29	P Byam	2478.26	2212.45
10 Heavy 651kg+	398	341	368.98	M B Farms	3148.18	2661.96
<b>36 HEIFERS</b> average 361.5pkg						
8 Light 330-500kg	388	290	347.69	L S Carr	2205.90	1988.87
11 Medium 501-90kg	387	328	364.32	R M Vant	2205.90	1988.87
17 Heavy 591kg+	412	333	364.75	M B Farms	2801.60	2349
<b>4 BULLS</b>						
1 Light 370-550kg	352	352	352	Wissington Charolais	1819.84	1819.84
3 Medium 551-650kg	3654	344	348.76	Wissington Charolais	2184.18	2080.94
<b>5 AOTM</b> a positive sale AA X heifers to 350pkg (£2292) from S Duschesne, Limousin X heifers from Rod Lock to 342pkg as were Rod Poll heifers from Spicmick 2013 Settlement. Lean non-FABBL Simmental cows to 288pkg.						
2 Beef Cows	288	282	284.78	C H Carter	1988.10	1872.45
3 Heifers	350	342	344.80	S Duchesne	2292.50	2148.13
<b>STORES – NEXT SALE TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>						

## S H E E P

**398 Sheep** desperately short entry found a strong trade throughout with price advancing on the week. New Season Lambs still short trading to £211 a head from Andrew Jones & Bungehurst Farms with Richard Criddle to £205, £202 etc. Topping the price per kg at 503pkg was Richard Criddle & Bungehurst Farms (2) with medium & standard lambs 460pk to 495pkg. Old Season Lambs to £208 a head from Nigel Mrozek, £206 etc. James Coe to £196, Mark & Jake Taylor to £195, £193, £190 etc and heavy Old Season Lambs to 417pkg from Richard Criddle. Medium Old Season Lambs to £196 from James Coe and the Criddles to £189 (3), £187 and to 440pkg as was James Coe. Standard Old Season Lambs keenly sought to £177 from Richard Criddle with others to £176, £169 etc. Billington Sheep to £159 at 37kg and the Criddles to 458pkg, 454pkg, 451pkg etc. A few very lean tup OSL included in the averages. More wanted please.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
<b>296 OLD SEASON LAMBS</b> SQQ 418.57pkg all in 385.86pkg						
65 Standard 32.1-39kg	458	250	R Criddle	424.58	177	154.38
87 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	440	239	James Coe	414.72	196	175.85
115 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	417	219	R Criddle	371.03	208	183.30
29 Over 52kg	352	233	W Chantry & Son	316.28	190	178.21
<b>43 NEW SEASON LAMBS</b> SQQ 489.27pkg all in 479.04pkg						
22Standard 32.1-39kg	503	478	Bungehurst Farms	497.92	191	190.23
15 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	498	471	Bungehurst Farms	477.69	211	198.20
6 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	439	406	Richard Criddle	427.08	211	205
<b>42 EWES</b> to £253 average £176.52. Many more wanted. Hampshire ewes to £208, North Country Mules to £233, £204 etc, Suffolk Mules to £191, Blue Texel ewes to £190, Welsh to £100 only 2 ewes below, Hampshire to £212, Easy Care to £154.						
<b>7 RAMS</b> to £197 and to average £157.40.						
<b>1 STORE LAMB</b> to £100.						
<b>3 MATURE SHEEP</b> to £161 and 322pkg.						
<b>6 GOATS</b> Nannies to £260, Wethers to £196, Pygmy to £148. More wanted.						

### STORE CATTLE SALE – 28 APRIL

**ENTRIES TO DATE:  
9 NAMED SIRED AA STEERS 10-11 M/O  
2YR OLD BELTED GALLOWAY HEIFERS**

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