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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 28 April 2026

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CATTLE

87 Cattle included a shorty entry of 27 prime cattle of mixed quality a trade which reflected the current trend but buyers forward for all stock at current levels. Top price this week to 410pkg for a superb Limousin heifer from M B Farms and purchased by C J Byford & Sons (£2546.10). Another Limousin heifer from M B Farms to 402pkg (£2677.32). Matt Barker showing 3 excellent BB X steers from 390pkg with a Blonde steer to 394pkg. Excellent yearling Simmental steers from Robin Brice Enterprises from 358pkg to 370pkg and to £2205.71. Run of AA X Dairy heifers from D S McLellan to 340pkg with most taken to feed. AA X heifers from Mark Last to 376pkg and to £1755.92. The trade helped today with feeding buyers taking cattle to finish. Disappointing fall in prices but as dead weight prices fall the market needs monitoring.

| | TOP PKG | BOTTOM PKG | AVG PKG | CONSIGNOR | TOP £ PER HEAD | AVERAGE £ PER HEAD |
|--|---------|------------|---------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 14 STEERS average 361.79pkg | | | | | | |
| 2 Light 370-550kg | 394 | 340 | 367.36 | M C Barker | 2127.60 | 1961.22 |
| 4 Medium 551-650kg | 394 | 334 | 369.21 | M C Barker | 2226.90 | 2142.32 |
| 2 Heavy 651kg+ | 339 | 324 | 331.58 | G J Matthews & Son | 2322.15 | 2248.10 |
| 11 HEIFERS average 340.35pkg | | | | | | |
| 4 Light 330-500kg | 376 | 268 | 332.9 | Mark Last | 1755.92 | 1536.34 |
| 3 Medium 501-590kg | 332 | 312 | 322.56 | D S McLellan | 1862.52 | 1822.48 |
| 4 Heavy 591kg+ | 410 | 300 | 357.59 | M B Farms | 2677.32 | 2275.16 |
| 2 BULLS average 334.58pkg. Lean BB X bull to £2641.10, lean Simmental bull to £2082.80 | | | | | | |
| 1 Medium 551-650kg | 328 | 328 | 328 | R Strathern | 2082.80 | 2082.80 |
| 1 Heavy 651kg+ | 340 | 340 | 340 | M C Barker | 2621.40 | 2621.40 |
| 14 AOTM a firm trade for all considering the fall in beef prices and all cattle non-FABBL. Some well fed Limousin cows to 309pkg (£2320.59) and a BB X cow to 301pkg (£2564.52). South Devon cows to 278pkg and to 272pkg (£2235.12). Charolais X cows to 296pkg (£2397.60), Simmental cows to 278pkg (£2165.62) and older Limousin cows to 266pkg (£1840.72). | | | | | | |
| 8 Beef Cows | 309 | 190 | 276.46 | M B Farms | 2564.52 | 2092.13 |
| 2 Heifers | 280 | 250 | 265 | J & S Bowes | 1246.00 | 1160.50 |
| 3 Steers | 328 | 240 | 300.93 | R Strathern | 2332.54 | 1819.59 |
| 1 Bull | 234 | 234 | 234 | Fincham Bros | 2691.00 | 2691.00 |
| 46 STORES shorter entry than expected mainly yearling cattle with no size about. Trade still firm when considering the drop in killing values. 12 m/o Angus steers to £1730, £1540 from Karpinski Partnership. 22 m/o to £1610, £1540 Messrs Bradshaw & Son. 14 m/o heifers to £1500 from E Halsall & Sons. British Shorthorn heifers 22 m/o to £1740, 15 m/o to £1600 from Brian & Sue White. Simmental yearlings stock from A H Pulford & Sons to £1640, £1620 with Simmental heifers to £1680 (12 m/o). 7 m/o Angus steers to £980 and 7 m/o BB X steers to £970. Belted Galloway heifers 26 m/o to £1180. | | | | | | |

S H E E P

327 Sheep a disappointing entry in terms of numbers and quality with several end of season clear ups forward. As a result a two tier trade. A superb run of heavy hogs from Jamie Gregory & Polly Northwood to average £201.36 a head and to 402pkg. Glynn Goodman sharing the trade topping the price per kg in heavy hogs to 417pkg and to £204 a head (2) with others £200. Medium hogs 429pkg again from Glynn Goodman and £193 a head. Billington Sheep to £167, £162 etc and to 393pkg. Standard hogs to 414pkg again from Billington Sheep and £149 a head. Leaner hogs around 300pkg and less with many taken to feed. Spring lambs a strong demand and wanted. Top price £205 from James Cracknell with Robert Wall to £201 a head with heavies to 432pkg. Medium lambs to £200 a head from Andrew Green with J W Chamley & Son to £190 and to 472pkg. Standard lambs to £184 again from Andrew Green, Robert Wall to £175 and topping at 472pkg from Andrew Green.

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|---|---------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 241 OLD SEASON LAMBS SQQ 356.60 all in 351.80pkg | | | | | | |
| 24 Standard 32.1-39kg | 414 | 333 | Billington Sheep Farm Ltd | 376.46 | 149 | 136.63 |
| 54 Medium 39.1-45.5kg | 429 | 293 | Glynn Goodman | 349.16 | 193 | 150.33 |
| 68 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg | 417 | 266 | Glynn Goodman | 362.04 | 265 | 179.66 |
| 95 Over 52kg | 377 | 267 | J Gregory & P Northwood | 342.83 | 205 | 197.94 |
| 57 NEW SEASON LAMBS SQQ 446.18pkg all in 441.7pkg | | | | | | |
| 1 Light 25.5-32kg | 387 | 387 | James Cracknell | 387 | 120 | 120 |
| 22 Standard 32.1-39kg | 472 | 426 | Andrew Green | 447.66 | 184 | 169.91 |
| 28 Medium 39.1-45.5kg | 476 | 427 | Andrew Green | 445.12 | 200 | 185.68 |
| 6 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg | 432 | 402 | R C Wall | 416.96 | 205 | 200.50 |
| 20 EWES Desperately short in number and quality topping at £212 for Charollais Suffolk Mules to £186, Texel X to £200, North Country Mules to £186 all in average £144.50. No ewes below £160. | | | | | | |
| 6 STORE LAMBS to £122 from £86 average £94.33. | | | | | | |
| 3 MATURE SHEEP to £180 and 327pkg. | | | | | | |

NEXT WEEK – BANK HOLIDAY

PLEASE CONTACT GRAHAM ELLIS ON 07798 643534 OR STEVEN ELLIS ON 07446 100931.

**THE BEEF TRADE NEEDS MONITORING CAREFULLY. PLEASE PHONE TO DISCUSS DEMAND & TRADE.
SHEEP WILL BE REQUIRED.**