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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 31st March 2026

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CATTLE

148 Cattle included 58 prime cattle 5 OTM and 85 farmers stores. Prime cattle a firm trade for all despite falling dead weight quotations. Again, M B Farms showing 4 excellent Limousins with heifers to 427pkg (£2997.54) and 418pkg (£2959.44) with steers to 418pkg (£3034.68) topping the price per head and another at 414pkg (£2968.38). Pauline Byam Limousin steers to 408pkg and to 399pkg with Geoff Freeman to 400pkg. R M Vant to 407pkg for Limousin heifers with another at 398pkg with W G Vant & Sons to 394pkg. Super run of 7 Limousin heifers from Drivers Farms to 410pkg from 405pkg, 404pkg, 403pkg, 402pkg (2) and another at 396pkg. Gary Hubert to 394pkg, 390pkg for heifers. General run of cattle 350pkg to 386pkg from numerous vendors, only 3 cattle below 346pkg and these Holstein steers from 300pkg to 322pkg (£2431.06 per head). AA steers to 371pkg from Tony Evans, BSH steers to 368pkg from J W Chamley & Sons. Longhorn heifers to 355pkg from A Heath & Sons.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
20 STEERS average 371.83pkg						
4 Light 370-550kg	394	300	363.44	G C & J R Hubert	2044.86	1866.24
11 Medium 551-50kg	408	353	377.62	P Byam	2566.32	2273.63
5 Heavy 651kg+	418	311	365.92	M B Farms	3034.68	2613.37
32 HEIFERS average 383.85pkg						
3 Light 330-500kg	389	339	360.05	L S Carr	1828.30	1670.62
19 Medium 501-90kg	410	355	383.69	Drivers Farms Ltd	2402.60	2095.58
5 Heavy 591kg+	427	399	411.65	M B Farms	2997.54	2665.87
6 BULLS average 369.43pkg. Pure bred Simmental to 386pkg, Stabiliser bulls to 374pkg, Hereford bull to 340pkg.						
6 Medium 551-650kg	386	340	369.43	Telmara Farms Ltd	2308.28	2153.14
5 AOTM a sharp trade for an entry of fed cows and steers all non-FABBL, Belted Galloway steers to 360pkg from D J Lawrence, BB X cows 6 y/o to 366pkg (£2276.52), Welsh Black cows to 356pkg.						
3 Beef Cows	366	330	350.76	S J Phillips & Son	2271.52	2226.50
2 Steers	360	358	359	D J Lawrence	2455.88	2367.34

An entry of 85 farmers stores a full company of buyers forward with several more cattle wanted to supply current demand. Strong Charolais steers 11 m/o to £2010, 22-24 m/o to £2270, £2140 etc from Broomfield Farm. AA X named sired steers from L B G Machinery to £1480, £1440 (14 m/o), T G Harris & Son 14 m/o to £1210, £1200, £1190 etc, AA X heifers from the same vendor 13 m/o to £1270, £1190 etc, 24 m/o from Hollington Farms to £1700. Limousin steers 11 m/o to £1120 and heifers to £980. Brian & Sue White showing BSH steers 12 m/o to £1690, 24 m/o to £1850 with Land Management showing 12 m/o steers to £1700. AA X bull (5 m/o) to £1120 from Hagag Ltd. Belted Galloway heifers 12 m/o to £1200, steers 10 m/o to £960 from D J Lawrence. Run of 11 m/o Red Poll X steers to £1240, £900 etc. Red Poll heifers 12 m/o to £860. Hereford X steers 22 m/o to £1550, 10 m/o to £780 all from Chillesford Lodge. A pure bred Limousin bull from David Goodwin to £1800 at 12 m/o.

S H E E P

504 Sheep and 8 Goats a trade in line with the previous week, 52kg plus hoggets in good numbers. Top per head this week Lawford Hall Partnership to £200 with T J Kent to £195, £190 (2) and Shadwell Estates to £190 (2) with M & J Taylor also to £190. P & M Richards to £192 and to 402pkg for T J Kent and Richard Criddle. James Coe to 394pkg with Lawford Hall Partnership 394pkg, 393pkg etc. Medium hoggs to £189 from James Coe, T J Kent to £185, £184 etc with Richard Criddle to £185 and M & J Taylor to £184 and 428pkg from T J Kent. James Coe to 420pkg, 419pkg. Standard hoggs very short £162, £160 from Richard Criddle, Andrew Green to £161 etc. M & J Taylor to £155 and to 435pkg from Andrew Green. A better number of NSL with lambs from 35kg to 57.5kg forward and topping at £202 a head from H J Thurston & Co Ltd with Trevor Stocking to £200 as was Richard Criddle. Medium lambs to £190 a head from T Stocking also at £186, £185 as was Richard Criddle and 448pkg from T Stocking, 441pkg, 440pkg as was H G Thurston. Standard lambs to £174 from A Green, Tom Hanmer to £172 etc and to 469pkg from Tom with Andrew Green to 464pkg (2) etc.

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383 OLD SEASON LAMBS SQQ 403.40pkg all in 381.03pkg						
13 Standard 32.1-39kg	435	394	A Green	413.14	162	154.77
182 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	428	289	T J Kent	402.80	189	175.04
131 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	402	284	R Criddle	377	195	184.13
57 Over 52kg	355	292	Shadwell Estates	329.59	200	186.42
47 NEW SEASON LAMBS SQQ 446.87pkg all in 435.28pkg						
27 Standard 32.1-39kg	469	437	Tom Hanmer	454.58	174	168.11
14 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	448	409	Tom Stocking	433.84	190	183.14
6 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	421	348	H G Thurston & Co Ltd	402.20	202	200.67
54 EWES to average £156.59 with quality less than recent weeks but another strong trade. Texel X ewes to £205, Charollais ewes to £180, Half Bred ewes to £180, Kent ewes to £185, Llyen ewes to £160, NC Mules to £167, Polled Dorset ewes to £187, Hebridean ewes to £86, small Welsh ewes to £42, all included in average.						
20 STORE LAMBS flying trade to £134 average £133 all in.						
8 GOATS a sharp trade, billys to £178, £176 etc. Nannys to £169 etc. Pygmy goats to £54 for small billys.						

STOCK WANTED NEXT WEEK.

PLEASE ENTER AS SOON AS POSSIVER OVER BANK HOLIDAY.

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