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WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET CATTLE

63 Cattle an average entry found more buyers present but less trade as reports of falling dead weight prices affect the buyers enthusiasm. Some excellent cattle forward and as reflected in the averages. A fantastic heavy steer from M B Farms topping the price per kg at 410pkg and the price per head at £3079.10 with another at £3068. Two other steers from the same vendor at 400pkg and a heifer at the same. Les Carr a home bred Limousin heifer at 387pkg with a steer at the same price per kg. Pauline Byam an excellent Limousin heifer to 376pkg (£2383.84) with Geoff Freeman to 370pkg for a BB X steer (£2427.20) and a similar bred heifer to 364pkg (£2275). P B Goodwin Limousin heifer to 379pkg with a steer to 370pkg (£2830.50). Excellent run of homebred BB X steers and heifers from A & W Bentall saw heifers to 373pkg steers to 377pkg. General run of cattle 320pkg to 355pkg throughout with a few O- grade cattle less but nothing below 300pkg. A difficult time for all finishers and as stated last week please keep in contact with us to advise on demand and numbers.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
17 STEERS average 361.71pkg						
5 Light 370-550kg	387	339	367.76	L S Carr	2024.00	1952.09
2 Medium 551-650kg	355	328	341.6	A & W Bentall	2105.15	2010.34
10 Heavy 651kg+	410	326	362.77	M B Farms	3079.10	2590.88
34 HEIFERS average 347.61pkg						
6 Light 330-500kg	387	325	345.81	L S Carr	1880.82	1672.01
20 Medium 501-90kg	379	311	345.55	P B Goodwin	2141.02	1858.73
8 Heavy 591kg+	400	300	352.98	M B Farms	2908.00	2248.48
7 BULLS average 337.71pkg. A selective trade - pretty short on bulls to 343pkg (£2239.79) and Stabiliser bulls to 337pkg (£1958.86).						
2 Light 370-550kg	337	336	336.50	Wissington Charolais	1720.32	1672.23
4 Medium 551-650kg	342	322	338.74	A Hamilton	1991.67	1935.39
1 Heavy 651kg+	343	343	336.74	A Hamilton	2239.79	2239.79
5 AOTM a short and firm trade considering the prime cattle returns. Continental cows to £2127.44 a head, AA X heifers to £2025.54.						
Beef Cows	270	250	260.83	J B Farms	2127.44	1944.08
2 Heifers	297	283	290.51	H M & G M Knighton	2025.54	1847.62
STORES - NEXT STORE SALE TUESDAY 26TH MAY. ENTRIES NOW INVITED.						

S H E E P

335 Sheep a short entry found a strong demand with more wanted. Again several plain OSL forward affecting averages. Top per head this week £205 from Richard Criddle. With W & J Griffin to £202 (3 pens), £201, £200 (2 pens) as were Jamie Gregory and Polly Northwood and Richard Criddle and to 413pkg from Richard Criddle. W Chantry & Son to 410pkg, W & J Griffin to 400pkg. Medium hogs £190, £189 from W Chantry & Son with lighter weights £178 and Billington Sheep Farm Ltd to £177 at 42kg and 421pkg. Standard lambs of variable quality with meat to £155 from Richard Criddle and Billington Sheep Farm Ltd to £151 a head and to 397pkg. Leaner lambs around 330pkg to 313pkg. As always meat paying in all sections. A shorter entry than expected of NSL a firm trade topping at £205 a head for superb lambs from Emma Page with other pens at £198, £196, £195 etc. Richard Criddle to £187 for 42kg lambs with lighter lambs to £183, £179 etc. Again meat paying more. More lambs are needed.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
194 OLD SEASON LAMBS SQQ 384.53 all in 364.74						
1 Light 25.5-32kg	258	258	D M Farms	258	80	80
33 Standard 32.1-39kg	397	313	Billington Sheep Farm Ltd	366.33	155	130.38
61 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	421	328	Billington Sheep Farm Ltd	392.81	190	166.49
43 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	413	272	R Criddle	372.39	200	184.47
56Over 52kg	379	247	J Gregory & P Northwood	338.07	205	197.88
36 NEW SEASON LAMBS SQQ 438.52pkg all in 434.08pkg						
22 Standard 32.1-39kg	471	410	R Criddle	440.12	183	163.55
10 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	450	407	R Criddle	435.38	196	180.90
4 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	408	402	Emma Page	406.12	205	199.00
Over 52kg						
77 EWES to average £153.91 including Soay ewes from £18 a head to £40. More could be sold to advantage. Texel X ewes to £209, £198 etc, Lleyn ewes to £198, £196 etc, Half Bred ewes to £195, £193 etc, NC Mules to £180, £176, £169 etc, Suffolk Mules to £196, £190, Ryeland ewes to £172, £162 etc, Romany ewes to £192, £185 etc.						
1 RAM to £182 for a Lleyn.						
27 STORE LAMBS to £122 average £105.70, all sorts!						

PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF NUMBERS.

LET US HELP YOU.