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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 12 May 2026

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WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET CATTLE

49 Cattle – a very hard trade with little life and a further slip in the demand, with prices again lower. Prices falling to levels not seen for 2 years and we must hope demand improves soon. All buyers stating they have ample meat available. Top this week 392pkg for a heavy Limousin heifer from M B Farms and realising £2,802.80. The same vendor having top price per head at £3,143.40 for a very strong Limousin steer with another at £3,095.17. S G Grover with handy weight Limousin steers to 382pkg. R Partridge & Sons Ltd with excellent quality Simmental steers to 358pkg, 357pkg and to £2,102.73. Les Carr with Limousin steers to 372pkg. General run of cattle 320pkg to 350pkg for all breeds, and a few O – cattle less. BSH heifers to 338pkg and steers to 331pkg. AAX steers to 340pkg for the same vendor. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have any cattle to sell, help us to help you as trade needs monitoring.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
18 STEERS – av. 346.63pkg						
4 Light 370-550kg	382	340	358.85	S G Grover	2,101.00	1,869.63
7 Medium 551-650kg	358	321	341.06	R Partridge & Sons Ltd	2,210.39	2,076.07
7 Heavy 651kg+	384	300	346.31	M B Farms	3,143.40	2,611.16
28 HEIFERS – av. 339.78pkg						
13 Light 330-500kg	341	318	335.06	R J Scarfe & Partners	1,702.32	1,595.67
12 Medium 501-590kg	355	311	338.23	R Partridge & Sons Ltd	2,048.63	1,827.16
1 Heavy 591kg+	392	333	360.05	M B Farms	2,802.80	2,331.91
3 AOTM – firm trade reflecting prime cattle trade						
3 Beef Cows	270	240	252.53	Lord Marls Farm	1,995.30	1,744.96

NEXT STORE SALE – TUESDAY 26TH MAY – ENTRIES INVITED

We are sad to announce the passing of Keith Woollard, a true market man, who for many years supported Colchester Market together with markets in Chelmsford and other East Anglian centres. He will be sadly missed by his wife Yvonne and their family.

The funeral is to be held at 10am on 19th May at Green Acres Burial Ground, CM16 6AD to celebrate his life. The wake is at Mulberry House, Ongar CM5 9NL

S H E E P

584 Sheep and 2 Goats – an increased entry in all sections and easily sold. As expected this time of year, a wide range in quality for the hogs, and a premium for the best. A good entry of new season lambs found a firm trade, with buyers starting to change over. Heavy lambs from Richard Criddle to £214, £212 etc. M & J Taylor to £210 (2), and H G Thurston to £205 and to 438pkg from the Taylors. Medium lambs to £196 (2) from M & J Taylor with others £194 and Kevin Byford to £195 and to 454pkg from Bungehurst Farms Ltd. Standard lambs to £179 again from Bungehurst Farms Ltd, with Tom Hanmer to £178 and to 480pkg from Richard Criddle. More lambs wanted. Hoggs saw over 52kg hoggs to £215, £213 etc from Richard Criddle, with Jamie Gregory and Polly Northwood to £210 (3) and to 391pkg from Richard Criddle. Heavy hoggs to £210 per head again from the Gregory Northwood Partnership, and to 416pkg from Faye Fearn, with Richard Criddle to 414pkg, 413pkg etc. Medium hoggs to £185 per head from Bungehurst Farms Ltd (2), Emily Elnaugh to £177 (2) and to 425pkg from Bungehurst Farms Ltd, with Emily Elnaugh to 423pkg. Standard hoggs short to £152 from Billington Sheep Ltd, R Criddle to £150 and to 400pkg from Bungehurst Farms Ltd. Again, all breeds, shapes and sizes forward.

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323 OLD SEASON LAMBS – SQQ 385.12pkg all in 375.84pkg						
15 Light 25.5-32kg	300	300	R Criddle	300.00	93	93.00
42 Standard 32.1-39kg	400	274	Billington Sheep Farm Ltd	377.32	152	142.62
110 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	425	338	Bungehurst Farms Ltd	387.54	185	166.55
100 Heavy 45.6 – 52kg	416	242	Faye Fearn	384.88	210	186.28
44 Over 52kg	391	207	R Criddle	347.62	215	197.95
154 NEW SEASON LAMBS – SQQ 437.15pkg all in 434.27pkg						
17 Standard 32.1-39kg	480	452	R Criddle	456.70	179	172.47
109 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	454	405	Bungehurst Farms Ltd	434.42	196	183.07
28 Heavy 45.6 – 52kg	438	396	M R & J Taylor	423.01	214	202.21
100 EWES – A good entry of ewes to average £183.78 overall, with no ewes below £112 and only 3 below £150. Blue Texel ewes to £230, Texel X ewes to £226, £225, Lleyn ewes to £200, Easy Care ewes to £205, £180 etc., Romneys to £190, Charollais X ewes to £212, Polled Dorsets to £222, Hampshire ewes to £160, Suffolk Mules to £200, Suffolk ewes to £220, £215, £213 etc. North Country Mules to £185, £177 etc.						
4 RAMS – to £215 av. £189.50						
3 STORE LAMBS – to £120						
2 GOATS – to £150 av. £145						

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