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WE ARE A 6 DAY RESTRICTED MARKET CATTLE

73 Cattle a stand on trade with more buyers forward operating at the existing levels in trade. Frustrating but remember in May 2024 steers averaged 266.5pkg and heifers 265.5pkg, so over the 2 years still a significant growth in trade. We accept it is needed but maybe not the disaster some people talk about. Top this week 380pkg for Limousin steers and heifers from M B Farms with another steer at 379pkg and to £2808.58 topping the price per head on the day. A & W Bentall back again seeing BB X heifers to 370pkg from 350pkg and BB X steers to 360pkg from 350pkg (7 head). David Black Limousin steers to 370pkg (£2305.14). S J Philp & Sons Limousin steers to 347pkg, 343pkg (2). A Heath & Son's usual run of 6 Continental X heifers to 345pkg from 334pkg (6 head). B R & P L Liverton Limousin heifers to 366pkg and steers to 359pkg. Good Charolais steers from Hales Farm to 336pkg (2). J W Gray back again with an entry of 9 Continental steers and heifers to 341pkg from 321pkg. Simmental steers from Robin Brice Enterprises to 340pkg. General run of cattle 320pkg to 360pkg with a few leaner sorts less. **Please let us know as soon as possible if you have cattle to sell. Thank you.**

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	AVG PKG	CONSIGNOR	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
25 STEERS average 341.85pkg						
5 Light 370-550kg	360	319	332.66	A & W Bentall	1822.40	1681.94
14 Medium 551-50kg	373	321	343.52	D J Black	2305.14	2044.43
6 Heavy 651kg+	380	300	343.97	M B Farms	2808.58	2516.73
33 HEIFERS average 338.20pkg						
7 Light 330-500kg	342	292	330.63	A Heath & Son	1700.00	1552.52
19 Medium 501-90kg	370	318	339.43	A & W Bentall	2053.48	1836.68
7 Heavy 591kg+	380	300	340.97	M B Farms	2652.40	2153.50
5 BULLS average 329.51pkg. Simmental bulls to 349pkg from Robin Brice Enterprises and to £2479.						
1 Medium 551-650kg	339	339	339	Robin Brice Enterprises	2132.31	2132.31
4 Heavy 651kg+	349	313	327.44	Robin Brice Enterprises	2479.00	2359.23
8 AOTM considering the prime cattle, a firm trade. Simmental cows to 244pkg (£2047.16), lean Limousin cows to 234pkg (£1375.92). Red Poll heifers to 322pkg and to £1606.90. Cull Hereford bulls to 210pkg, Limousin bulls to 223pkg (£2236.64).						
2 Beef Cows	244	234	239.88	Robin Brice Enterprises	2047.16	1711.54
4 Heifers	322	300	318.87	I Stennett	1606.80	1523.08
2 STORES 34 m/o Long Horn bulls to £550 a head.						

S H E E P

901 Sheep a much increased entry found another strong trade advancing on the week for hogs with NSL at similar levels to last week. Trade well above last year reflecting national demand for sheep. NSL saw 52kg+ lambs from Owen Forde at £212 and £205 a head and Hydes Farming to £205 a head. Heavy lambs to £220 a head from Mark and Jake Taylor with others to £210 (2) with Hydes Farming to £207 and Owen Forde to £205 and to 437pkg from Hydes Farming. Medium lambs to £201 from Owen Forde with the Taylor family to £197 and Hydes Farming to £192 and to 450pkg. Standard lambs seeing £175 from Richard (the Nighthawk) Criddle with other pens to £174.50, £171.50 etc and Hydes farming to £173 with the Criddles to 475pkg. Hogs a mixed entry, a very sharp trade seeing 52kg+ hogs to £210 a head from Jamie Gregory and Polly Northwood (2) with the Taylors to £202 a head (2) with A & N King to £202 a head for Easycare and to 381pkg from the Taylors. Heavy hogs to £206 from Bungehurst Farms Ltd with others £202 as was the Gregory Northwood Partnership with others at £200 (2). Bungehurst Farms topping at 425pkg. Medium hogs to £191 from that man Criddle again with Bungehurst Farms Ltd to £190, £185 etc and to 437pkg, 425pkg (2) etc. Standard hogs wanted if meat to £166 from Richard Criddle with others to £164, £161.50 etc, Bungehurst Farms Ltd to £164, Billington Sheep to £160 and Bungehurst Farms to 444pkg. Hogs still wanted but meat becoming more important. Sheep will be wanted next week.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
459 OLD SEASON LAMBS SQQ 403.43pkg all in 385.95pkg						
10 Light 25.5-32kg	393	393	R Criddle	393	120	120
141 Standard 32.1-39kg	444	263	Bungehurst Farms Ltd	411.40	166	147.97
118 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	437	293	Bungehurst Farms Ltd	395.42	191	168.97
129 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	425	280	Bungehurst Farms Ltd	386.03	206	187.99
60 Over 52kg	381	233	M R & J Taylor	334.77	210	195.78
239 NEW SEASON LAMBS SQQ 434.13pkg in all 431.66pkg						
1 Light 25.5-32kg	370	370	Hydes Farming	370	100	100
75 Standard 32.1-39kg	473	416	R Criddle	446.61	175	162.18
120 Medium 39.1-45.5kg	450	402	Hydes Farming	427.43	201	180.89
40 Heavy 45.6 - 52kg	437	406	Hydes Farming	426.03	220	204.60
3 Over 52kg	396	385	Owen Forde	389.47	212	209.67
177 EWES to average £192.81. A quality show seeing Blue Texel ewes to £238 (2), £230 etc, Hampshire ewes to £192 etc, Half Bred ewes to £210, Texel X ewes to £220, Suffolk Mules to £228, Polled Dorset ewes to £195, North Country Mules to £195, Lleyn ewes to £219, Continental X ewes to £230, Clun ewes to £190. Only 3 ewes below £100 a head. Ewes are still wanted.						
6 RAMS to £200 average £185.50 a head, easily sold.						
STORE LAMBS to £154 average £140. More wanted.						
5 MATURE SHEEP to £188 and 365pkg.						

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