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COLCHESTER PRIME STOCK SHOW AND SALE REPORT

TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018



CHAMPION BEAST

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SHOW, THE BUYERS, VENDORS,
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CHAMPION SHEEP



RESERVE CHAMPION BEAST



The overall entry of 110 cattle included an excellent show of 46 in the 8 Show Classes. As always at Colchester we were well supported by butchers and local wholesalers keen to purchase quality stock for the festive trade.

The Judge, Mr John Coleman of Boxted, a longstanding supporter of Colchester Market, had a difficult assignment in making his decision for the Class winner and the overall Championship. All Classes had at least 3 cattle on show demonstrating the excellent support this Show has.

After due deliberation and using his expert eye, the Judge awarded the Overall Champion Beast to regular vendors at Colchester, Messrs R & G R Freeman who went on to have a memorable day. The Overall Champion, being a home bred steer from the Freeman suckler herd at Bredfield, being awarded the Olivers Perpetual Trophy as well as the Eric Stanion Memorial Trophy for Best Home Bred Beast under 550kg, and Best Limousin Steer in the Show. John Coleman backed his decision buying the Champion after spirited bidding for his shop in Boxted at 420pkg (£2,200.80).

The Reserve Overall Championship award to Pauline Byam of Swiland, another tremendous supporter of Colchester Market for a home bred Limousin steer which also won the Roy Brazier Memorial Trophy for best steer over 551kg and, again after strong bidding, was sold to Swanton Morley Butchers, Swanton Morley at 335pkg (£1,946.35).

The Arthur Chalke Perpetual Trophy for Best Heifer over 551pkg also awarded to the Freeman family and purchased by the Judge at 240pkg (£1,682.40), this animal also being the Best Limousin Sired Heifer in the Show.

In the handyweight cattle classes the Broad Oak Farm Perpetual Trophy for Best Steer & Heifer under 550kg was also awarded to the Freemans and again purchased by John Coleman at 268pkg (£1,374.84). This beast also being awarded one of the Derek Abra Perpetual Trophies.

The Derek Abra Perpetual Trophy for the Best Butchers Steer under 550kg awarded to another tremendous supporter of Colchester Market and regular winners, W A Ketley & Sons of Fingringhoe, for a very smart steer purchased on behalf of Chas Bowers Butchers, Holland on Sea at 250pkg (£1,212.50).

On to the Pairs Class, where a very high quality entry of matching cattle saw the Perpetual Cup awarded to W A Ketley & Sons, represented by Gerald, Andrew and William Ketley whose 1st prize pair were sold to Allman Fowler, Fowler Bros, Burnham both at 250pkg (£1,387.50 and £1,382.50).

The Joe Papworth Memorial Trophy for Best Unaltered Beast in the Show was awarded to W A Ketley & Sons, Fingringhoe for a very smart heifer purchased by Colin Byford of C J Byford & Son, Little Clacton at 265pkg (£1,256.10). The Derek Abra Trophy for Best Unaltered of the opposite sex awarded to G R Bunning of Cranworth and purchased by Fowler Bros at 252pkg (£1,481.76).

A full list of the show winners and purchasers is attached showing the tremendous support the Show had and our thanks go out to all buyers who support the efforts the vendors put in to produce the cattle forward.

It was again good to see several independent butchers willing to support this event as well as quality wholesalers who support us every week.

Other prices of note include Tony Cracknell who purchased the Reserve Butchers Beast 550kg and under from Richard Criddle at 350pkg (£1,711.50). Mr Cracknell also purchased the 3rd Prize pair of cattle from R Partridge & Son from Kersey, both at 272pkg (£1,501.44 and £1,400.80). George Debman of Ipswich also buying one of the Reserve Best Pairs from Messrs Ripper Farms, Toppesfield at 262pkg (£1,249.74).

All Show cattle including non-winners av 248.7pkg, steers av 248.11pkg and heifers 249.32pkg.

Non-Show cattle another strong trade at levels similar to last week but bulls difficult. D J Black, Gt Bentley, saw Limousin steers and heifers from 215.5 to 221.5pkg. G D Black & Son, Sudbourne, saw well-bred steers and heifers to 222.5pkg and to £1,473.62, £1,456.05 etc. Andrew Watt saw Limousin heifer to 215.5pkg, A Heath & Sons to 213.5pkg for BBX heifers, Messrs Ellis & Gottschalk Limousin heifer to 208.5pkg, Jim Reay heifers to 210.5pkg.

For Show week several O grade cattle forward, these more difficult than of late but still competitive with Hereford X steers and heifers 187.5 from 154.5pkg. Red Poll steers 129.5 to 139.5pkg

CATTLE

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	BUYER	AV. P. KG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AV. £ PER HEAD
50 STEERS AV 218.44							
16 Light 370-550 kg	420.0	128.5	R & G R Freeman	John Coleman	222.46	2,200.80	1,110.10
27Medium 551-650 kg	335.0	175.5	P Byam	Swanton Morley Butchers	220.35	1,946.35	1,322.17
7Heavy 651+ kg	220.0	174.5	W A Ketley & Sons	Fowler Bros	205.14	1,493.80	1,391.47
51 HEIFERS AV 215.14							
11 Light 300-500 kg	350.0	134.5	R Criddle	A Cracknell	237.46	1,711.50	1,151.91
31 Medium 501-590 kg	272.0	155.5	R Partridge & Son	A Cracknell	209.41	1,501.44	1,131.82
9 Heavy 591+ kg	245.0	154.5	William Ketley	C Humphreys & Sons	211.17	1,732.80	1,355.92
2 BULLS AV 174.30							
2 Medium 551-650kg	179.5	169.5	H M & G M Knighton	R J Lennox	174.30	1,039.04	1,027.51

7 OTMS - A difficult trade for an entry of non- farm assured lean cows. Heifers to 129.5pkg, lean cows to 51.5pkg which would be better sold in the store sales held at the end of each month. Hereford stock bull to 74.5pkg. Let us hope for an improvement after Christmas!

537 SHEEP A very good show of quality sheep saw 94 in the 2 Show classes and presented to the Judge, George Debman of Ipswich, who weekly buys cattle and sheep for his shop in Cliff Lane, Ipswich.

The Judge commented on the quality of sheep forward and had a difficult task in choosing the Show Champions. After lengthy deliberation he awarded the Overall Show Champion Award to defending Champions, G J Goff Ltd, whose sheep are sold regularly at Colchester and were presented by Kevin Peasgood. The pair of lambs over 42kg being awarded the William Gray Challenge Cup, The George Debman Perpetual Trophy and the Wiston Trophy for Best Pair of Lambs Sired by a Texel Ram. After good competition the Judge backed his judgment by buying the lambs at £230 a head (442pkg).

The Best lightweight pair of lambs awarded to W A Ketley & Sons, Fingringhoe, also purchased by the Judge at £103 a head (251pkg).

The quality of the Show sheep helped maintain a good selling trade throughout the sale with many over 200pkg and £90 to £103 a head.

Non-Show sheep selling well where considering recent reports and we look forward to a rise in trade as the weeks go by.

Sheep 425 New Season Lambs to average 186.66pkg SQQ 187.06pkg overall

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP£ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
5 Light 25.5-32 kg	213	143	R Criddle	194.23	68.00	60.60
101 Standard 32.1-39 kg	207	119	R Criddle	182.07	75.50	67.67
245 Medium 39.1-45 kg	258	151	S H C Rawlings	188.21	103.00	79.39
74 Heavy 45.6+ kg	442	160	G J Goff Ltd	190.79	230.00	92.81

44 Ewes Strong Suffolks to £76, Mules to £55, Texel X to £60 all in £53.68 reflecting quality rather than trade.

68 Store Lambs a much better quality entry saw strong lambs to £69, most over £60 and all easily sold.

CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK SHOW AND SALE 2018

PRIZE SCHEDULE

CLASS	VENDOR	BUYER	PKG	£ PER HEAD
Overall Show Champion Beast and Olivers Perpetual Cup	R & G R Freeman Bredfield, Woodbridge	John Coleman Boxted, Essex	420	2,200.80
Reserve Show Champion Beast	Pauline Byam Swilland, Suffolk	Swanton Morley Butchers Swanton Morley, Norfolk	335	1,946.35
<u>CLASS 1</u> ROY BRAZIER MEMORIAL TROPHY Best Steer 550 kg or over	Pauline Byam Swilland, Suffolk	Swanton Morley Butchers Swanton Morley, Norfolk	335	1,946.35
Reserve Steer 550 kg or over	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	Fowler Bros Burnham on Crouch	250	1,405.00
3 rd Prize Steer 550 kg or over	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	Swanton Morley Butchers Swanton Morley, Norfolk	255	1,428.00
<u>CLASS 2</u> ARTHUR CHALKE PERPETUAL TROPHY Best Heifer 550 kg or over	R & G R Freeman Bredfield, Woodbridge	John Coleman Boxted, Essex	240	1,682.40
Reserve Heifer 550 kg or over	William Ketley Toppesfield, Essex	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	245	1,685.60
3 rd Prize Heifer 550 kg or over	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	Fowler Bros Burnham on Crouch	240	1,732.80
BROAD OAK FARM PERPETUAL CUP Best Butchers Beast under 525 kg	R & J R Freeman Bredfield, Woodbridge	John Coleman Boxted, Essex	268	1,374.84
<u>CLASS 3</u> DEREK ABRA PERPETUAL TROPHY Best Butchers Steer 550 kg or under	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	Messrs Chas Bowers, Holland on Sea	250	1,212.50

Reserve Butchers Steer 550kg or under	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	C J Byford & Son Little Clacton	245	1,202.95
3 rd Prize Butchers Steer 550kg or under	Amy Kinge Kenninghall	C J Byford & Son Little Clacton	242	1,314.06
CLASS 4 DEREK ABRA PERPETUAL TROPHY Best Butchers Heifer 550 kg or under	R & J R Freeman Bredfield, Woodbridge	John Coleman Boxted, Essex	268	1,374.84
Reserve Butchers Heifer 550 kg or under	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	Not Sold		
3 rd Prize Butchers Heifer 550kg or under	M Bloomfield Broome	H G Blake Felthorpe	225	1,208.25
CLASS 5 ERIC STANION MEMORIAL TROPHY Best Home Bred Butchers Beast 550kg or under	R & G R Freeman Bredfield, Woodbridge	John Coleman Boxted, Essex	420	2,200.80
Reserve Butchers Beast 550 kg or under	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	A Cracknell Ipswich	350	1,711.50
3 rd Prize Butchers Beast 550 kg or under	Rita Parker Honingham	Swanton Morley Butchers Swanton Morley, Norfolk	268	1,289.08
CLASS 6 PERPETUAL CUP Best Pair Butchers Beasts	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	Fowler Bros Burnham on Crouch	250 250	1,387.50 1,382.50
Reserve Pair Butchers Beasts	Messrs Ripper Farms Toppesfield	H G Blake Felthorpe	250	1,200.00
		G Debman Ipswich	262	1,249.74
3 rd Prize Pair Butchers Beasts	R Partridge & Son Kersey	A Cracknell Ipswich	272 272	1,501.44 1,400.80

CLASS 7 DEREK ABRA PERPETUAL TROPHY Best Unaltered Steer	G R Bunning & Co Cranworth	Fowler Bros Burnham on Crouch	252	1,481.76
Reserve Unaltered Steer	Messrs Raven Bros Mettingham	Fowler Bros Burnham on Crouch	240	1,459.20
3 rd Prize Unaltered Steer	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	Fowler Bros Burnham on Crouch	220	1,493.80
CLASS 8 JOE PAPWORTH MEMORIAL TROPHY Best Unaltered Heifer	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	C J Byford & Son Little Clacton	265	1,256.10
Reserve Unaltered Heifer	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	H G Blake Felthorpe	242	1,282.60
3 rd Prize Unaltered Heifer	Messrs Raven Bros Mettingham	H G Blake Felthorpe	250	1,242.50
Overall Champion Pen of Two Lambs and WILIAM GRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP	G J Goff Ltd North Elmham	George Debman Ipswich	442	230
CLASS 9 COLCHESTER DISTRICT MEAT TRADERS PERPETUAL TROPHY Best Pen of Two Lambs under 42 kg	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	George Debman Ipswich	251	103
Reserve Pen of Two Lambs under 42 kg	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe, Essex	R Riley Chelmsford	214	90
3 rd Prize Pen of Two Lambs under 42 kg	Mrs S C H Rawlings Wissington	T Biela Icklingham	257	103

CLASS 10 GEORGE DEBMAN PERPETUAL TROPHY 1 st Prize Pen of Two Lambs over 42 kg	G J Goff Ltd North Elmham	George Debman Ipswich	442	230
Reserve Pen of Two Lambs over 42 kg	K Lord Brinkley	George Debman Ipswich	194	105
3 rd Prize Pen of Two Lambs over 42 kg	W A Ketley & Sons Fingringhoe	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	211	95
SPECIAL PRIZES				
Best Limousin Sired Steer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield, Woodbridge	John Coleman Boxted, Essex	420	2,200.80
Best Limousin Sired Heifer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield, Woodbridge	John Coleman Boxted, Essex	240	1,682.40
WISTON TROPHY for Best Pen of Texel Sired Lambs	G J Goff Ltd North Elmham	George Debman Ipswich	442	230

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LIVESTOCK MARKET

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11th and 18th December
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*In the New Year the market
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Wednesday 2nd January*

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Thursday 19th January 2019

Bookings now being taken

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SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER**