

COLCHESTER PRIME STOCK SHOW AND SALE REPORT

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023

CHAMPION BEAST



Steven Ellis (Stanfords), Geoff Freeman (Vendor),
John Coleman (Buyer), Lee Byam (Vendor)

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SHOW, THE BUYERS, VENDORS,
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CHAMPION SHEEP



CHAMPION BEAST



George Debman (Judge), Steve Wright (Stanfords), Lee Byam (Vendor)



69 CATTLE forward and sold included a short entry of 24 cattle in the 8 Show classes with a constant trade throughout without the highflyers of recent years. The Judge, Mr George Debman of Ipswich, a weekly buyer of stock at Colchester Market, had a difficult choice this year and after due deliberation awarded the Overall Show Championship to regular supporter of Colchester Market, Geoff Freeman of Bredfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk. The superb Limousin home bred heifer was thereby awarded the Oliver Perpetual Trophy for Best Beast in Show, the Eric Stanion Memorial Trophy for Best Home Bred Heifer and the Best Limousin Sired Heifer in Show. The heifer was sold to weekly supporter, Mr John Coleman of Boxted for his retail shop at 420pkg (£2,490.60), John having purchased the Champion for many years and a tremendous supporter of the Market.

The Judge awarded the Reserve Overall to W A Ketley & Sons, Fingringhoe, also being awarded the Arthur Chalke Perpetual Trophy for Best Heifer in Show over 551kg. The Best Steer in Show over 551kg, being the Roy Brazier Memorial Trophy, was awarded to Pauline Byam and purchased by H G Blake, Norwich, at 315pkg (£2,132.55), this beast also awarded Best Limousin Sired Steer in Show. The Reserve in this class to David Alpe, Pockthorpe, and purchased by John Coleman at 306pkg (£2,340.90).

The Broad Oak Farm Perpetual Cup for the Best Beast under 550kg awarded to Norfolk stockman, Richard Criddle, for a sweet Blonde d'Aquitaine heifer selling at 340pkg (£1,812.20) to Colin Byford, Little Clacton, also being awarded the Derek Abra Perpetual Trophy for Best Heifer under 550kg. The Best Steer under 550kg awarded to W A Ketley & Sons, Fingringhoe, and being sold to Chas Bowers Butchers, Frinton on Sea, at 334pkg (£1,706.74). The Best Home Bred Steer in Show awarded to W A Ketley & Sons, Fingringhoe, and purchased by Romford Meats, Romford, at 304pkg (£1,824) with the Reserve in this class sold to H G Blake, Norwich, and entered by Geoff Freeman at 335pkg (£1,644.85).

The Unhalted class less than previous years saw the Joe Papworth Memorial Trophy for Best Unhalted Steer and Heifer awarded to Geoff Freeman, again for a Limousin X heifer selling to the Judge, George Debman, at 342pkg (£1,785.24), Geoff also being awarded the Best Unhalted Steer at 314pkg purchased by H G Blake, Norwich, at 314pkg (£2,320.46) with our own Charlie Bowes being awarded the Reserve Unhalted Steer selling to H G Blake at 318pkg (£2,248.26). The Reserve Unhalted Heifer awarded to W A Ketley & Sons and selling to Nicola Bulgin at 328pkg (£1,922.08).

A prize winning steer average of 317.55pkg and heifers 339.71pkg. A full set of results can be found at the end of this report.

Non prize wining cattle a firm trade dearer on the week to 316.5pkg for Limousin heifer from Mrs R A Keeling and 315.5pkg from H P Smith & Sons, Kelvedon (£1,634.29). A strong AA steer from David Alpe to 305.5pkg (£2,440.95). The entry of Non-Show cattle found a strong trade from start to finish with regular vendors enjoying a festive trade. J B Farms to 315.5pkg for Limousin X heifer with others to 311.5, 305.5pkg etc and to £2,031.76 a head. Mrs Keeling Limousin heifer to 305.5pkg (£1,710.80), Tony Evans smart Limousin X heifer to 313.5, 314.5, 305.5pkg etc. A Heath & Sons usual weekly run of 6 BBX dairy heifers to 287.5pkg from 277.5pkg. Strong Charolais heifer to 297.5pkg from Wissington Charolais and to £2,232.30 from £2,003.34 (3 head). R G Manning AAX heifer to 299.5pkg. Traditional breeds still strong demand with Belted Galloway heifer to 259.5pkg from H P Smith & Sons. Shorthorn steers to 257.5pkg from J W Chamley & Sons and South Devon X steers from the same vendor to 261.5pkg. Bulls wanted with S Devon bull to 296.5pkg (£1,891.67) and Charolais Bulls to 306.5pkg and to £1,937.08, £1,910.81 from Wissington Charolais. Stabiliser bulls to 259.5pkg from the same vendor, Simmental bulls from Telmara Farm to 277.5pkg (2).

64 SHOW LAMBS in the 3 classes a shorter than expected entry came before John Coleman, Boxted, who had an excellent Show in front of him. John, a weekly buyer of cattle and sheep at Colchester, awarded the Overall Champion Pen of Lambs to young Chris Reeks of La Hogue Farm Foods for two Charollais X lambs weighing 43kg, selling to Ron Riley, Chelmsford, at £300 a head (698pkg), the lambs being awarded the William Gray Perpetual Challenge Cup for Best Pair of Lambs in Show and the George Debman Perpetual Trophy for Best Continental Sired Lambs in Show. Chris also being awarded the first prize for Best Texel Sired Lambs and the Wiston Trophy for Best Texel Sired Lambs weighing 53kg. They were sold to George Debman, Ipswich, for his shop in Cliff Road at £250 a head, 471pkg. The Best Pen of Traditional Bred Lambs and the Colchester District Meat Traders Perpetual Trophy awarded again to La Hogue Farm Foods for a pen of Suffolk X lambs selling to Paul Humphreys of C Humphreys & Sons, Fairstead, at £160 a head (320pkg).

A strong trade for all lambs if meated and if well presented with plenty of lambs well over 300pkg in all sections. Non-Show winners saw heavy lambs to £162 from Will Griffin, Rutland, £160, £152 etc, Chess Valley Livestock to £164, Tom Biela to £175 for 48kg Texel lambs. Medium lambs to £140 a head from Tom Biela with Benn Lugsden to £140. Standard lambs to £115 from R Partridge & Son Ltd with Michael Snare to £114 and James Gregory to £112, £110 etc.

All in average per head for lambs £126.41.

PRIME CATTLE

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	BUYER	AV. PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AV £ PER HEAD
27 STEERS av 292.57pkg							
6 Light 370-550kg	335.0	119.5	R & G R Freeman	H G Blake	279.96	1,706.74	1,437.14
12 Medium 551-650kg	316.0	249.5	Raven Bros	Romford Meats	286.06	1,912.43	1,681.82
9 Heavy 651+ kg	318.0	287.5	J & S Bowes	H G Blake	305.72	2,440.95	2,188.29
24 HEIFERS av 299.43pkg							
8 Light 300-500kg	318.0	251.5	Raven Bros	H G Blake	288.27	1,568.04	1,367.12
21 Medium 501-590kg	342.0	249.5	R & G R Freeman	G Debman	300.87	1,943.70	1,623.43
5 Heavy 591+ kg	420.0	261.5	R & G R Freeman	John Coleman	307.11	2,490.60	2,075.42
7 BULLS av 286.78pkg							
3 370/550kg	277.5	259.5	Telmara Farm Ltd	Romford Meats	271.93	307.11	2,075.42
4 551/650kg	306.5	279.5	Wissington Charolais	Romford Meats	295.79	1,937.08	1,845.76
1 OTM heifer 169.5pkg from Tom Hanmer purchased by Fowler Bros (£852.59).							

Cattle and sheep will be wanted next week**676 SHEEP**

500 Lambs SQQ 289.15pkg all in 290.61pkg.

	TOP PKG	BOTTOM PKG	CONSIGNOR	AVERAGE PKG	TOP £ PER HEAD	AVERAGE £ PER HEAD
92 Standard 32.1-39kg	297	253	Richard Criddle	275.10	115	103.98
281 Medium 39.1-45kg	698	250	La Hogue Farm Foods	292.31	300	125.27
127 Heavy 45.6+ kg	472	208	La Hogue Farm Foods	293.08	250	144.38
89 Ewes to £120 for Continental ewes but majority lean old ewes and grazing type. Stronger half bred ewes to £111, £102 etc. Lean NC Mules to £98 from £15 for very plain Beulahs to £69, all in av £71.15.						
85 Store Lambs a real mixture from £12 for small Easy Care to £89 for medium term Continentals, a good average overall of £71.47 all in.						
3 Mature Sheep to £112 and 216pkg.						

CHRISTMAS PRIME STOCK SHOW AND SALE 2023

PRIZE SCHEDULE

CLASS	VENDOR	BUYER	P KG	£ PER HEAD
Overall Show Champion Beast and Olivers Perpetual Cup	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	420	2,490.60
Reserve Show Champion Beast	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Withdrawn		
<u>CLASS 1</u> ROY BRAZIER MEMORIAL TROPHY Best Steer 551 kg or over	P J Byam Swilland	H G Blake Felthorpe	315	2,132.55
2 nd Prize Steer 551kg or over	D Alpe Pockthorpe	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	306	2,340.90
3 rd Prize Steer 551kg or over	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	H G Blake Felthorpe	317	2,089.03
<u>CLASS 2</u> ARTHUR CHALKE PERPETUAL TROPHY Best Heifer 551kg or over	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Withdrawn		
2 nd Prize Heifer 551kg or over	No Lot			
3 rd Prize Heifer 551kg or over	No Lot			
BROAD OAK FARM PERPETUAL CUP Best Butchers Beast under 550kg	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	C J Byford & Son Little Clacton	340	1,812.20
<u>CLASS 3</u> DEREK ABRA PERPETUAL TROPHY Best Butchers Steer 550kg or under	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Chas Bowers Butchers Frinton on Sea	334	1,706.74
2 nd Prize Best Butchers Steer 550kg or under	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	C J Byford & Son Little Clacton	320	1,488.00

CLASS 4 DEREK ABRA PERPETUAL TROPHY Best Butchers Heifer 550kg or under	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	C J Byford & Son Little Clacton	340	1,812.20
2 nd Prize Best Butchers heifer 550kg or under	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Withdrawn		
3 rd Prize Best Butchers heifer 550kg or under	Raven Brothers Bungay	H G Blake Felthorpe	318	1,488.24
Eric Stanion Memorial Trophy Best Home Bred Beast Steer or Heifer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	420	2,490.60
CLASS 5 Best Home Bred Steer	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Romford Meats Romford	304	1,824.00
2 nd Prize Home Bred Steer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	H G Blake Felthorpe	335	1,644.85
3 rd Prize Home Bred Steer	Ravem Bros Bungay	H G Blake Felthorpe	314	1,880.86
CLASS 6 Best Home Bred Heifer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	420	2,490.60
2 nd Prize Home Bred Heifer	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	Withdrawn		
3 rd Prize Home Bred Heifer	Raven Bros Bungay	H G Blake Felthorpe	330	1,943.70
Joe Papworth Memorial Trophy Best Unhalted Beast	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	G Debman Butchers Ipswich	342	1,785.24
CLASS 7 Best Unhalted Steer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	H G Blake Felthorpe	314	2,320.46
2 nd Prize Unhalted Steer	J & S Bowes Wivenhoe	H G Blake Felthorpe	318	2,248.26

3 rd Prize Unaltered Steer	Raven Bros Bungay	Romford Meats Romford	316	1,832.80
Class 8 Best Unaltered Heifer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	G Debman Butchers Ipswich	342	1,785.24
2 nd Prize Unaltered Heifer	W A Ketley & Son Fingringhoe	T & N Bulgin Thetford	328	1,922.08
3 rd Prize Unaltered Heifer	J & S Bowes Wivenhoe	H G Blake Felthorpe	300	1,557.00
SPECIAL PRIZES				
Best Limousin Sired Steer	P J Byam Swilland	H G Blake Felthorpe	315	2,132.55
Best Limousin Sired Heifer	R & G R Freeman Bredfield	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	420	2,490.60
Overall Champion Pen of Two Lambs and WILIAM GRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP	La Hogue Farm Foods Chippenham	R Riley Chelmsford	698	300
Reserve Champion Pen of Two Lambs	La Hogue Farm Foods Chippenham	G Debman Butchers Ipswich	472	250
CLASS 9 WISTON TROPHY Best Pen of Two Texel Sired Lambs	La Hogue Farm Foods Chippenham	G Debman Butchers Ipswich	472	250
2 nd Prize Pen of Two Texel Sired Lambs	B Lugsden Thwaite	Wick Farm Meats Lay de la Haye	325	140
3 rd Prize Pen of Two Texel Sired Lambs Lambs	T Biela Kennett	Wick Farm Meats Lay de la Haye	291	112

CLASS 10 GEORGE DEBMAN PERPETUAL TROPHY 1 st Prize Pen of Two Continental Sired Lambs	La Hogue Farm Foods Chippenham	R Riley Chelmsford	698	300
2 nd Prize Pen of Two Continental Sired Lambs	T Biela Kennett	Wick Farm Meats Layer de la Haye	322	137
3 rd Prize Pen of Two Continental Sired Lambs	Chess Valley Livestock Amersham	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	292	164
CLASS 11 COLCHESTER DISTRICT MEAT TRADERS PERPETUAL TROPHY Best Pen of Traditional Bred Lambs	La Hogue Farm Foods Chippenham	C Humphreys & Sons Fairstead	320	160
<u>2nd Prize Pen of Traditional Bred Lambs</u>	Richard Criddle Kenninghall	Wick Farm Meats Layer de la Haye	2.90	122
<u>3rd Prize Pen of Traditional Bred Lambs</u>	Chess Valley Livestock Amersham	J Coleman Butchers Boxted	2.90	142

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LIVESTOCK MARKET

We will be open for Cattle and Sheep on the 12th and 19th December 2023

We need to inform buyers of likely numbers as soon as possible

Please let us know likely numbers to come forward

Livestock on Wednesday 27th December

Back to normal on Tuesday 2nd January 2024

POULTRY AUCTION FOR 2023

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER