

PREMIER LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS

FROME MARKET

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WEDNESDAY 31st DECEMBER 2008

BEEF CATTLE (54) Sale Time: 11.30am Auctioneer: Peter Kingwill

A fair entry of finished cattle for a New Years Eve Market met a marvellous trade from start to finish. Buyers were out in force and all rates significantly dearer as all recognise that stock is short; the pound is weak; imports are light; and beef sales are strong.

TOP PRICE STEER:	172p/kg for a Limousin from JCO Stainer, Trowbridge
TOP PRICE HEIFER:	173.5p/kg for a Limousin from JCO Stainer, Trowbridge

BEEF TOTAL: 54	NO	AV p/kg	Min p/kg	Max p/kg
STEERS	31	148.40		
Medium 460-555kg	3	159.10	156.00	162.00
Heavy 560+kg	28	147.40	120.00	172.00
HEIFERS	23	148.10		
Medium 400-480kg	2	137.40	119.00	153.00
Heavy 485+kg	21	148.90	129.00	173.50

STEERS	No	Av p/kg	Min p/kg	Max p/kg	Vendor	Top £/Head
Charolais	2	164.20	157.50	171.50	AW Tippetts & Son, Warminster	£1009
Simmental	8	148.60	133.00	166.00	GL Mears, Basingstoke	£1067
Limousin	9	157.40	140.00	172.00	JCO Stainer, Trowbridge	£1116
Galloway	2	125.30	125.00	125.00	FR Crew, Swindon	£500
B/Blue	1	157.00	157.00	157.00	JCO Stainer, Trowbridge	£1012
Angus	4	150.10	144.00	159.50	AW Tippetts & Son, Warminster	£1036
Hereford	2	138.30	134.50	142.00	JCO Stainer, Trowbridge	£969
Friesian	3	123.90	120.00	126.00	PR Dovey, Southampton	£794

Steers (31) Tremendous trade for all on offer, and only a shame not to have had more to sell. Some good commercial Continentals forward, with nothing of exceptional shape, but still selling very well at 160p-170p/kg. John Stainer topped at 172p/kg with a quality run from Tony Tippetts to 171.5p/kg (9 av 157.3p). Devons to 159.5p; Herefords to 142p and Angus to 148.5p/kg. Gross returns all marvellous selling to £1115 from John Stainer. Holstein Friesians to 126p/kg (£794).

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HEIFERS	No	Av p/kg	Min p/kg	Max p/kg	Vendor	Top £/Head
Charolais	3	138.60	119.00	146.00	PR Dovey, Southampton	£837
Simmental	13	146.60	129.00	159.00	JCO Stainer, Trowbridge	£1006
Limousin	6	155.90	138.50	173.50	JCO Stainer, Trowbridge	£1055
Blonde	1	158.00	158.00	158.00	PR Dovey, Southampton	£780

Heifers (23) A wonderful trade for all the heifers on offer. John Stainer's Limousins to 173.5p/kg (£1055); Simmentals to 159p/kg (£1006). Good commercial meat heifers generally 140p-160p/kg and more wanted to satisfy a wholesale trade that is simply short of throughput.

OLDER BEEF (94)

Auctioneer: Mark Northcott

A decent New Years Eve entry and what a trade! with all grades substantially dearer and keenly wanted by the good company of buyers present. The best heavy Friesian export meat cows sold to a tremendous 120p/kg from RF Stratton & Co, Kingston Deverill and £916.50 from JH Vigar & Son, Trowbridge. Good sorts also in strong demand and regularly 85p-105p/kg. Plainer cows from 70p-80p/kg and little below 60p/kg.. Beef cows met a flyer especially for the best heavy meat cows which sold to 129p/kg and £1060 from Lady SB Dunphie, Wincanton.

OVERAGE BEEF Steers to 150p/kg from Norridge Farms, Warminster and £1100 from SJ & EJ Hoskin & Son, Dorchester for his Friesian. Heifers to 145p/kg from PR Dovey, Southampton and £782 from BG & TW Randall, Wareham. Again plenty of fleshed heifers 125p-138p/kg and more wanted.

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at Frome in 2009.

COW GRADE AVERAGES						
GRADE	No	Av p/kg	Min p/kg	Max p/kg	Av £/Head	Top £/Head
2	3	125.09	122.00	129.00	£853	£1060
3	13	118.05	105.50	129.50	£766	£916
4	56	82.94	56.00	107.00	£522	£906
COWS	Av p/kg	Min p/kg	Max p/kg & Vendor	Max £/Head & Vendor		
Simmental	98.66	85.50	112.50 Lasy SB Dunphie	906 GL Mears		
Limousin	106.85	85.50	126.50 BG & TW Randall	718 BG & TW Randall		
B/Blue	107.08	75.50	122.00 M Baker	789 M Baker		
Saler	112.35	88.00	129.00 Lady SB Dunphie	1060 Lady SB Dunphie		
Hereford	104.08	65.00	129.50 BG & TW Randall	898 RF Stratton & Co		
Angus	95.30	70.00	123.00 G Butt	801 Lady SB Dunphie		
Brit Fries	95.55	68.00	120.00 RF Stratton & Co	916 JH Vigar & Son		
Hol Fries	80.73	60.00	99.00 G Bown & Son	698 NR & D Norris		
OVERAGE BEEF	Av p/kg	Min p/kg	Max p/kg & Vendor	Max £/Head & Vendor		
STEERS	14	130.76	150.00 Norridge Farms	£1100 SJ & EJ Hoskin		
HEIFERS	7	132.85	146.00 JA Ponso	£782 BG & TW Randall		

SHEEP (394)

Sale Time: 10am

Auctioneer: Peter Kingwill

Lambs (269) An absolute flyer to end the year with all buyers present and very keen after the shortage of stock over the Christmas period. Without doubt the weakness of the pound is helping massively and exporters are leading the way with lambs of all weights freely taken. Exceptional Beltex heavyweights from Steve Stamp to £84.50 (159p/kg) with plenty of good lambs £65 - £72/head and many pens well over 150p/kg. Prospects look very positive for the New Year so keep feeding and drawing your fit lambs regularly. Many thanks to everybody for supporting this New Years Eve Market.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Lambs (269)	No	Av p/kg	Min p/kg	Max p/kg	Top Price Vendor p/kg	Top £
STANDARD 32.1-38	61	139.30	135	151	Mrs A Cooper	£57.80
MEDS 39.1-45.5	147	142.70	128	158	Shaplands Farms	£65.20
HEAVY 45.6-52	54	137.60	129	146	W Lock & Partners	£72
Overweights 52kg+	4	142.70	132	159	S Stamp	£84.50
Non Presented	3	£47.33	£38	£52		

Store Lambs: (121) Av £31.84 Min £21 Max £44.50 Plenty of interest from a big crowd around the sheep pens. Medium lambs to £44.50 and some small long term lambs very well sold indeed.

Cull Ewes & Rams:(4) Av £42.50 Min £39.50 Max £55.50 Just a handful and all very dear to £55.50.

DAIRY (0)

11.30am

Auctioneer: Trevor Rowland**NEXT DAIRY SALE 7th JANUARY****CALVES (138)**

Sale Time: 10am

Auctioneer: Tim Hector

New legislation comes into force on 1st January 2009 requiring Slaughterhouses to 'request, receive, check and act upon' food chain information for calves for slaughter.

Calves at Market are sold as 'Store' or 'Breeding' animals but with a proportion of Black and White calves certainly going for Slaughter it would be prudent to provide any information.

Critical information surrounds any veterinary treatment in previous 28 days and whether withdrawal periods have been met prior to Slaughter.

A good show of calves and plenty buyers braving the cold to produce a good firm trade for all calves. The young fresh quality calves in particular demand.

Continental Bulls: Strong interest throughout with buyers keen for the very best. Top price of the day £270 for a Blue from MGJ & JA Hares to average £161.06. Simmentals to £240 from DR & BA Boyte. Limousins to £225 from FJ Lessey & Son to average £170.78.

Continental Heifers: Plenty of good heifers forward and were met with a strong trade. DR & BA Boyte saw their Blue heifer selling to £198 to average £127.72. Limousins to £195 from BWR Hasell & Son to average £130.36. Good quality Simmentals to £180 from ART Meatyard & Son to average £150.17. K West sold his Charolais and Blondes to £176 and £168 respectively.

British: Better numbers forward this week and good demand for all, especially Angus which saw bulls to £141 from JA & E Montgomery Ltd and heifers to £128 from Pennard Farms Ltd. Herefords still lacking in numbers and finding keen demand seeing bulls to £130 from WJ EM & SJ Masters and heifers to £108 from AJ Harding.

Friesians: Not as many forward as anticipated, with the strongest rearers in keen demand. W F Wells & Sons seeing the best of the trade to £70. Plenty of second quality £25-£47. Killing trade difficult.

BULL CALVES £ PER HEAD					
Breed	No	Av	Min	Max	Vendor
Simmental	3	198.67	175	240	DR & BA Boyte, Blandford
Limousin	9	170.78	99	225	FJ Lessey & Son, Wincanton
Blonde	1	97.00	97	97	MS Shears, Hinton Charterhouse
B/Blue	16	161.06	70	270	MGJ Hares, Wells
A/Angus	18	106.17	50	141	JA & E Montgomery Ltd, North Cadbury
Hereford	5	98.40	60	130	WJ EM SJ Masters, Wells
Brit Friesian	5	29.60	1	70	WF Wells & Sons, Camerton
Hol Friesian	19	20.95	1	47	W Green & Sons, Horningham

HEIFER CALVES £ PER HEAD					
Breed	No	Av	Min	Max	Vendor
Charolais	3	170.00	166	176	K West, Doultling
Simmental	6	150.17	100	180	ART Meatyard & Son, Keevil
Limousin	11	130.36	72	195	BWR Hasell & Son, Wellow
Blonde	4	155.50	138	168	K West, Doultling
B/Blue	18	127.72	30	198	DR & BA Boyte, Blandford
A/Angus	14	78.50	10	128	Pennard Farms Ltd, Wells
Hereford	6	79.50	45	108	AJ Harding, Oakhill

TOP 10 BULL CALVES			TOP 10 HEIFER CALVES		
Breed	£	Vendor	Breed	£	Vendor
BB	270	MGJ & JA Hares, Wells	BB	198	DR & BA Boyte, Blandford
BB	260	DB & H Miles, Witham Friary	Lim	195	BWR Hasell & Son, Wellow
Sim	240	DR & BA Boyte, Blandford	Lim	191	BWR Hasell & Son, Wellow
Lim	225	FJ Lessey & Son, Wincanton	BB	182	JT Jackson, Southwick
BB	220	DB & H Miles, Witham Friary	Sim	180	ART Meatyard & Son, Keevil
Lim	216	WJ Weeks & Son, West Harptree	Lim	180	WJ Weeks & Son, West Harptree
BB	200	DR & BA Boyte, Blandford	Sim	179	ART Meatyard & Son, Keevil
BB	200	C & P Milton, Frome	Cha	176	K West, Doultling
BB	200	C & P Milton, Frome	Lim	170	WJ Weeks & Son, West Harptree
Lim	187	JH & JR Green, East Pennard	BB	168	WJ EM SJ Masters, Wells

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