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MARKET REPORT

**Saturday 6TH December, Fatstock Show & Sale &
Tuesday 9TH & Wednesday 10TH December 2025**

**** 6,544 Head Forward and Sold this Week ****

Fatstock Show & Sale (432)

Full Report Inside

Champion Beast: C & G Davies, Gaddesby
Champion Lambs: DS & LE Wadland, Daventry
Champion Pigs: M & L Fane Livestock
Young Stock Person: J Ketley, Colchester

Prime Sheep (2350)

**NSL SQQ 320.05p/kg to 406p/kg for Kingarth, Burton Overy
and £190 for GE Haynes, Winslow**

Cull Ewes & Rams (1701)

Cull Ewes to £295 for AD Farming, Rutland
Cull Rams to £258 for R Stables, East Leake and JH Lord & Sons, Houghton on the Hill
Goats to £200 for Stanton Farms, Kings Lynn
Ewes Average £148.27
Rams Average £172.29

Store & Breeding Sheep (1607)

Store Lambs to £139.50 for G Green, Kibworth Beauchamp
Average £112.94

Prime Cattle (103)

**Prime Steers to 393p/kg for PM Jarrom, Lutterworth and JF Sharp & Son, Eaton
and £2875.08 for A M Tarry, Northants**
**Prime Heifers to 425p/kg for P M Jarrom, Lutterworth
and £2845.32 for A J Smith Farming, Thornborough**
**Young Bulls to 410p/kg for JW & JE Vickers, Debdale and
£3006.85 for JW & JE Vickers, Debdale**
Barren Cows to 332p/kg to Meadow Farm, Solihul and £3800.16 for A M Tarry Smith, Brackley

Store & Breeding Cattle (216)

Steers to £2310 for A Mitchell, Naseby
Heifers to £2100 for M Green, Grantham
Bulls to £1900 for P & I Tuplin, Skegness

Calves (135)

Baby Calves to £700 for Gaulby Lodge Farm Ltd, Gaulby
Weanlings to £1300 for A Neaves, Kent

CARD PAYMENTS

Due to extraordinary cost increases across the board from our card payment provider starting in April, we will not be able to accept commercial Debit Cards without the 3% surcharge that currently applies to commercial Credit Cards. We continue to work with our card providers and other providers to address this issue, but in the meantime, the only card payments we can accept without surcharges are consumer debit cards. We continue to be unable to accept consumer credit cards at all.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused and would encourage customers to use BACS payments wherever possible.

CATTLE ENTRY FORMS

We would like to remind our customers of the importance of correctly filling out Cattle Entry Forms. ALL cattle must be accompanied by a fully completed and signed entry form to include the TB testing interval and date of most recent test along with Farm assurance details and any reserves. Cattle entry forms can be collected from the market office or downloaded from our website. If you have any questions, please ask a member of staff or call us on 01664 562971.

PAY ON THE DAY POLICY – REMINDER OF TERMS

We would like to remind our customers that all store and breeding stock must be paid for on the day. Prime stock purchasers can apply for terms using an account form, which can be posted or emailed on request and are also available from the market office. For Prime stock purchasers with credit agreements, credit terms will extend to a maximum of two weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on 01664 562971.

FARM ASSURANCE STATUS

Would all cattle vendors selling cattle as Farm Assured please ensure that their Farm Assurance is up to date, with all linked holdings registered to the primary holding, and ensure that the stickers used in passports match the details held by the administering Farm Assurance body. We are increasingly having issues with linked holdings not being covered under a primary FABBL account, and severe deductions are being applied at the time of slaughter. In such instances, the vendor is liable for all deductions made.

NAMED/NUMBERED SIRES

Vendors are advised that named sires must be officially printed on the passport of the animal and not hand written. We will not sell animals as being named or numbered sire if the sire details are not printed onto the passport. Sire details may be checked with the breed societies online to ensure that they are correct. Please also include sire details on your blue entry forms which accompany cattle to market. Thank you for your cooperation.

LAIRAGE

For lairage please call Rory Mullan (07500 833 710).

AGENTS ACTING FOR THIRD PARTY PRINCIPALS

Agents acting for buyers are reminded that under the national LAA terms and conditions of sale (para 17.3), they are jointly and severally liable with the principal for all contracts. The agent may be released from their joint and several obligation, but only through prior written agreement with the Market.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

New Veterinary Attestation rule for farmers to be introduced on 13th December 2023.

THOSE WITHOUT VETINARY ATTESTATION MAY RISK SERIOUS PRICE REDUCTIONS WITH STOCK BEING INELIGIBLE FOR EXPORT!

What's changing? Changes in legislation, as from 13th December 2023, will require all producers selling livestock for slaughter to have had an annual farm veterinary visit to allow their animals, and/or part of any animal, to be exported out of the UK. The purpose of the new rule is to comply with EU export requirements to verify the absence of notifiable disease and provide general advice on farm biosecurity.

Farmers whose holdings are already Farm Assured may use the veterinary inspection required for this as their attestation.

WINSLOW PRIMESTOCK SHOW & SALE

AUCTIONEER – SCOTT RUCK

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HEAD FORWARD

CATTLE: 25

SHEEP: 404

Another manic Monday at Winslow and another year of huge success. With more entries than ever and cull ewes having to be turned away due to the fantastic support of lambs. Cattle entries higher than ever and one of the best shows seen to date. Once again the little market town of Winslow stood still for a day while the judging and selling of stock took place with more eyes than ever gathered around watching proceedings. A big thanks to our judges Mr Mathew Morris of Joseph Morris & Son Butchers, South Kilworth and Mr Mathew Slack all the way down from EV Slack & Son Master Butchers, Doncaster. A sale day that sent shivers across the country with 17 prime cattle averaging 511ppk and 404 prime lambs averaging 393ppk.

Taking top honours for the second-year running was the Ludgate Family with their stunning Limousin x heifer bred by Ben Beckett and purchased out of Melton Mowbray earlier in the year. Winning a close fought heifer class and then going on to take the overall Championship against some tough opposition, this beauty then later went onto sell for a staggering £7600 to none other than Mr Philip Menday of the Bell Hotel, Winslow. Reserve Champion went to Frank Page for his super little Limousin x heifer that won the home bred and fed class, this heifer then later went onto sell for £3800 again to Mr Philip Menday of the Bell Hotel. Mr Menday then did the triple by also purchasing the Champion steer which was awarded to a 650kg Lim x steer from GE Haynes & Son selling for £2990. Other heavy hitting numbers saw a flashy black Limousin x heifer from GE Haynes & Son, second to the champion in the heifer class then going onto sell for £3596.25 or 525ppk.

Lambs a tremendous trade throughout and setting the day alight was a pen of 4 glorious Beltex lambs forward from GR Fountaine with these lambs selling for £380 to the judge Mr Matt Slack. Reserve Champion lambs saw a pen of heavy lambs forward from GE Haynes & Son selling for £270 per head to once again the man that can Philip Menday. Other lambs to a tremendous trade saw young couple and dream team AE & FJ Claridge seeing their 49.5kg Beltex lambs seeing £280. A pen of 4 super lambs forward from DW Gurney & Son hit £220 weighing 48kg while W Bartlett hit the same figure for a pen of 4 ewe lambs selling to young man Josh Jack.



FATSTOCK SHOW & SALE

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Shows Results:

Cattle:

Champion - C & G Davies, Gaddesby

Reserve Champion - TA Lyon, Bourne

Young Handler Champion Beast - H Amos, Great Bowden

Young Stockperson Challenge Cup Champion Beast - J Ketley, Colchester

Young Stockperson Challenge Cup Reserve Champion Beast - B Ketley, Colchester

Young Stockperson Challenge Cup Best Presented Beast - B Ketley, Colchester

Sheep:

Prime Sheep Champion - DS & LE Wadland, Daventry

Prime Sheep Reserve Champion - JF Burbidge, Stamford

Cull Ewe Champion - AJ Smith Farming, Nash

Young Handler Champion - L Ellis, Stoke Rochford

Champion Beast, a British Blue x Heifer from C & G Davies, Gaddesby flies to £7.30/kilo to gross £5000 - selling to The Bell Hotel Winslow - Sponsored by Buckminster Farms Ltd.



Young Stockperson Challenge Cup Champion Beast, a Limousin x Steer from J Ketley, Colchester rises to £5.80/kilo to gross £4350 - selling to L Brown & Son, Lincoln - Sponsored by Whites Recycling Ltd.



Champion Lambs, a pen of 3 Beltex x Lambs from DS & LE Wadland, Daventry hit £7.41/kilo to gross £430 a head - selling to Judge Richard Taylor of Owen Taylor & Sons Ltd Butchers - Sponsored by Albert White.

Champion Pigs, a Pair of Gilts from M & L Fane Livestock, Peterborough reach £2.26/kilo to gross £430 a head - selling to Billy Burton, Peterborough - Sponsored by MBAS.



The Cowhide from the 2024 MBAS Fatstock Champion Beast, that sold for a record-breaking £16,600, was kindly donated by Mr Philip Munday of The Bell Hotel, Winslow and sold for £3650 with all proceeds going to Farming Charities!!

MBAS FATSTOCK SALE

CATTLE: 61, SHEEP: 330, PIGS: 41

Super Saturday strikes again. Saturday 6th of December Melton Mowbray Market hosted what can only be described as one of the most successful fatstock show and sales to date. Over 450 head of stock shown on one day with the judges seeing one of the best shows of stock we've ever seen a credit to all involved. With more people seen than ever before it really makes it even more of a pleasure to hold this show and sale on a Saturday with the next generation out in full force.

Starting with the cattle and once again a huge thank you must go to Mr Andrew Evans and his son Fred which had the monumental task in front of them. For the second year running sister act C & G Davies took the champion tap with their beautiful British Blue x heifer winning the heavy heifer class, then seeing champion heifer and overall supreme champion of the show. This heifer then later went onto sell for £5000 or 730ppk to Mr Philip Munday of the Bell Hotel Winslow. Champion steer saw TA Lyon coming across from Bourne, their 760kg homebred British Blue steer won the heavy steer class, then went onto becoming overall steer champion and reserve supreme champion. This bullock later went on to sell for £4000 or 526ppk to R Taylor of Owen Taylors butchers. Champion beast led by a young farmer went to Gordon & Harry Amos with this Limousin x heifer later going on to sell for £3950 selling to Mr Anthony Kitson, Northallerton.

GW Amos saw his 4th prize heavy steer add up to tremendous rewards seeing this 805kg British Blue x reaching 490ppk or £3944.50, the same good home also saw heavy heifers weighing 710kg achieving 495ppk and £3514.50. 2nd prized heavy steer forward from John Thompson weighed in at 705kg and also achieved 495ppk or £3489.75. Team Lyon also saw tremendous rewards for the best of their heifers with the heifers from this team in the lightweight class standing 3rd and 4th, both weighing 635kg and achieving £3302 and £3289 respectively. Lovely to see the native class being strongly backed as ever with the winner of this class being a 660kg Lincoln Red steer once again forward from the Davies sisters reaching 488ppk or £3220.

Commercial cattle saw just some tremendous rewards and a well-supported section with GW Amos taking all the top spots with a run of 19 cattle averaging £3200 or 464.5ppk. Great to see Everest agriculture also supporting this section with 6 quality cattle and these topping at 442ppk.

The first ever YOUNG STOCKPERSONS CHALLENGE CUP did not disappoint. With 20 young people buying calves out of the market earlier in the spring and farming them through the year to show and sell back at fatstock. A highlight of many people's day saw crowds 3 deep at times watching proudly on knowing the future of this industry is in safe hands. With 2 of these cattle having already been sold at our Winslow show, it left a show of 18 to battle it out for the top prizes.

The boys from Colchester reigned supreme with youngest brother Josh Ketley winning the heavy steer class and then eventually being tapped out at over all champion of the show. This Limousin x steer weighed in at 750kg pre-sale eventually seeing the fall of the hammer at £4350 eventually selling to Miranda & Richard Brown of L Brown & Son, Lincoln. Having cost £3200 in the springtime this steer also saw the biggest profit margin of £1150. Falling short of his younger brother saw Ben Ketley winning the heavy heifer class and then going on to achieve reserve overall champion. This heifer also saw the accolade of best turned out and later sold for the handy figure of £4000 to the same buyer.

Other prize winners saw Lottie Lockhart winning the lightweight steer class with her 580kg steer which sold for £2610 turning a nice profit of £590, standing second to this steer in the lightweights saw Josh Geary represented by sister and father while he's in Australia with a

bullock sold in the spring for £2000 selling for £2448 to Gordon Amos. Standing second to the champion in the heavy steers class saw an immaculately turned-out steer from Eleanor Scarborough with this steer then going onto later sell for £3135 seeing a tremendous profit of £635. Lucy Thompson stood a very close second in the heavy heifer class behind the reserve champion with her 725kg British Blue heifer, purchased for £3750 in March and selling for £3842.50.

A big thank you to all involved for making this such a great success and a true credit to everyone. All cattle were expertly shown and very well turn out making the judges lives a nightmare. Please do keep your eyes peeled for next years competition with even more up for grabs.

A truly tremendous show of sheep saw 241 prime lambs shown and 48 cull ewes. Taking top rewards and proving the man to beat was David Wadland with a stunning trio of 58kg Beltex lambs, winning the heavy class then going on to be overall Champions of the show. A big thank you to Richard Taylor for doing the ever-thankless task of judging the lambs this year and a top job he did. He then did what every judge should do and backed his decision by buying the champion pen of lambs from the Wadland Family for £430 per head. Winning the lightweight class and seeing reserve champion pen of 3 lambs saw a trio of 42kg Beltex lambs forward from JF Burbidge & Sons then going on to sell for £220 also to the Judge Mr Richard Taylor.

Winning class 26 (lambs by a regular market vendor) was local man Simon Hubbard with a trio of 59kg lambs selling to £215 or 364ppk, second in this class saw Richard Haynes all the way from Winslow with a super trio of 49kg lambs making £190. Best trio of lambs sired by a Charollias tup saw young Louise Chiswell and her pen of 3 49.5kg lambs achieving £193. Pens of 5 lambs saw the very same good home with her 5 Blue Texel x lambs weighing over the bridge at 49kg achieving £184. A tremendous trade seen throughout the day with 46kg lambs forward from Rebecca Burnett seeing these 46kg Beltex to £225.

A big thanks to all supporting the pig section once again and coming up trumps saw Mike & Luke Fane with a super brace of pigs which then later went onto sell for £430 per head to Billy Burton Meats. Seeing the reserve champion crown was A&P Schofield with a brace of 143kg pigs which then sold for £260 per head to the Judge Mr Mathew Morris.

Lovett & Vickers topped their day with a single 94kg gilt adding up to £215 with Kim Arden seeing the best of her trade for her brace of heavy 196kg pigs totalling £212. A pleasure to see HMP North Sea Camp supporting once more with a brace of their 206kg pigs to £205.

Some super cull sows on show with L Knight taking top honours with his big girl hitting £200.

PRIME SHEEP

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BELLY CLIPPING

The recent wet and muddy conditions means that some abattoirs are now requesting that all lambs are belly clipped to meet their Food Standard Agency requirements. Therefore, we recommend that all lambs are belly clipped prior to sale.

PRIME SHEEP – 2,349 HEAD SOLD:

Back to numbers this week, with a nice entry of Prime Lambs, meeting a similar trade on the week. Today an SQQ of 320.05p/kg (1,261 head) with an overall average of 310.58p/kg. Meat in demand to meet Buyer's requirements, and again this week, the Store Lambs looking very well sold. Vendors travelling from far and wide this week to capitalize on every kilo being weighed and paid for.

Topping pence per kilo, Kingarth sold Texels to 406p/kg at 35½ kilos. GE Haynes & Son, Winslow sold 45kg Beltex to 398 pence, whilst High Harbour Farms, Market Rasen sold Charollais to 386p/kg at 40kgs. Team Haynes struck again with Beltex to 379 pence weighing 48 kilos. AE & FJ Claridge again making the trip from Buckingham sold Texels to 375p/kg at 40½ kgs. GW Amos sold Texels at 42kgs to 373p/kg, with the Claridge Family again selling Texels to 360p/kg at 42½ kgs and 359p/kg twice for 48½ kgs and 44s.

O Brewin sold Blue Texels 39kgs to 358 pence and 44½kgs to 356p/kg. RH & IM Sheldon sold Texels to 352p/kg, at 41kgs, with Winfrey Farms selling Texels at 51kgs to 350p/kg and 40kgs to 349p/kg. PA & HM Coles sold Blue Texels to 344p/kg weighing 37½kgs. Kingarth sold Suffolks at 40kgs to 340 pence. D & N Farming Ltd sold Beltex to 338p/kg at 42kgs, with Texels from JW Blackshaw selling to the same at 42kgs. Both on 337p/kg were AL Ablewhite with 31kgs and RA Barnes & Son with 39kg, both Texels.

Topping Pounds per Head this week, GE Haynes & Son sold 65½kg Texels to £190, with GW Amos sold 56kgs Texels to £182. Team Haynes sold Beltex to £182 weighing 48kgs and £179s for 45kgs. Winfrey Farms sold 51kg Texels to £178.50, while AE & FJ Claridge sold Texels to £174 at 48½kgs. Charlotte Bowser sold 60kg Texels to £170, P Goffe sold Texels to £165 at 50kgs. Wood Farms, Owston sold 58kg Suffolks to £163, with 59kgs to £162 from the same home. TW Needham & Son sold Texels to £160 at 61kgs. MA & J Lomas sold 50kg Texels to £160. AM Tarry Smith sold Suffolks at 55kgs to £160, RR & M Lawrence sold Texels at 55kgs to £160, and on the same money RC Hawes & Son with 56kg Texels and AT Ivory again with Texels at 48kgs.

Meat again being sort after this week, with all Buyers in attendance and looking to fill orders.

If you have Lambs to sell be the Fat or Stores – please let us know and if you want to discuss Trade or which Section to sell in please give us a call or speak to a Member of the Team. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you all next week!

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CULL EWES & RAMS: 1,701 HEAD SOLD:

You begin to wonder when the Ewes might dry up numbers wise, but again this week they came out in force, with an all in average of £148.27.

Topping the Ewes this week, AD Farming, Rutland sold Texels to £295, with others from the same home to £272. Texels from B & J Newton sold to £280, with others from the same home at £260. JA Shaw & Partners showed Texels to £270. GW Amos sold Texels to £260. H & H Agriculture sold Beltex to £257. RA Jelley sold Texels to £235, Texels from GJ & SL Gowling sold to £219. H & A Martin sold Texels to £210, with Suffolks from KP Stephens to £206. OV Webster & Son sold Texels to £200, with Dorsets from Kinnagoe Poll Dorsets selling to the same money. High Harbour Farm sold Suffolks to £195 with others at £190. KTD Axell sold Suffolks to £184, while RAJ Hopkins & Sons sold Cheviots to £181. Steve Noble sold Blue Texels to £180 as did A Harby with Cheviots. J Holdstock sold Charollais to £177 as did Blenheim Estates with Hampshire Downs, while Clive Goulsbra sold Suffolks to £172. J & J Tredwell sold Romneys, Hampshire Downs and Suffolks to £162.

As ever a varied entry of Tups this week averaging £172.29. Topping was R Stables selling Texels to £258, also JH Lord & Sons selling Texels to the same money twice. J & A Haigh Agricultural sold Blue Texels to £250, with Charollais from JA Shaw & Partners selling to £240, with Texels from Thoresby Market selling to the same money. GJ & SL Gowling sold Texels to £238. RA Harris sold Blue Texels to £217, with similar from O Brewin selling to £215, Dorsets from Kinnagoe Polls sold to £187. High Harbour sold Kerry Hills to £180, while Anne Potts sold Suffolks to £165, as did A Olorenshaw with Easy Cares. Mark Green sold Leicester Longwools to £161, while Dutch Spotted from Natascha Dobrovits sold to £157, J North & Son sold Romneys to £150. Natascha also sold Jacobs to £130, while Mark Green sold Herdwicks to £129.

Mules this week were topped by Thoresby Livestock selling to £167, just pipping Angela Tarry Smith selling the same to £166, RAJ Hopkins & Sons sold to £158. Blenheim Estates sold to £152, while Upton Mill Farm Ltd sold to £151, with Ben Nichols selling to £150, with J & J Tredwell selling to £149, with a pen of 28 from Angela Tarry Smith selling to £147. D & D Spencer sold to £143, with the same from C & M Taylor selling to £141. SH Gunn Ltd sold to £133 twice as did D & G Thornton, while F Cosgrove sold to £130.

Stanton Farms Ltd sold Goats to £200, with J Taylor selling Gurnseys to £165.

STORE SHEEP

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STORE SHEEP: 1607 HEAD SOLD:

Store lambs back with vengeance with 1607 gracing us this week and what a trade they were for one of the worst shows seen to date. Lambs really starting to show the weather now with rain continuing to pour day after day. A tremendous average seen of £110 to include lambs all the way down to a fiver.

Top of the tree saw G Green with Charollais x lambs from this home all the way to £139.50 with a pen of 15 from the same good home hitting £130.50. Another big pen of lambs the very same way bred from the same home saw £126.50 respectively. Just a couple of lambs forward from JA & PJ Wright with the best of these hitting £135.50 with the other to £129.50. Texels hit £127 for a big pen of 18 forward from C Reader while this figure was matched by RG Fisher & Son for Charollais bred lambs. Other Texels forward from OV Webster & Son saw a pen of 11 to £126 while a tremendous run of store lambs topped at £125.50 for Elusive Bloodstock all the way from Boston. Some tremendous Charollais lambs forward from AW Kirkham saw £125.50 twice with this figure being matched by David Coulson Livestock for a pen of 16 Texels and also D Ward & Son for an even bigger pen of 20 lambs.

Some mighty Suffolk lambs forward in the store lambs this week with the best seeing £127 for a pen of 4 Christmas crackers forward from Stonelodge Farm. Our very own David Johnson saw just shy of these for a pen full of 11 Suffolk x lambs just behind at £126.50. Hot on his heels was AW Kirkham at £126 for 18 of their best Suffolk lambs others the same way bred from this same good home saw £116. Ewe lambs the same way bred from Elusive Bloodstock hitting £125.50. The lovely Anne Potts saw 2 pens of tremendous Suffolk Ewe lambs with these achieving £118.

Jacob lambs hit a monumental £123.50 for a pen full from RA Harris, a trio of super Boarder Leicester lambs from young lady A & V Sturges reached £118.50 while Herdwicks from R Harrison achieved £112.50.

All the biggest best store lambs still seeing well over £115 and not looking to ease anytime soon. Please ensure your lambs are booked in so we can get your lambs catalogued and advertised for the best returns. As ever we thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you next week.



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You're welcome to bring anyone else who might be interested, just make sure all attendees are registered in advance.

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PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOW BE A £20 CHARGE FOR ALL VENDORS WITHOUT A CATTLE ENTRY FORM!

**You can download our entry forms from our website or pick up a hard copy from the Market Office
Thank you!**

Removal of the 0.5p deduction for fat cattle from 1 December 2025

Following the World Organisation for Animal Health's recognition of the UK as Negligible Risk for BSE and the EU's recent approval of this, the 0.5ppkg deduction on fat cattle prices, which was introduced to help pay for BSE related safeguards, will be removed. From 1 December, vendors will receive the full round penny price the animal is sold for in the ring.

103 PRIME CATTLE SOLD THIS WEEK!

16 Steers Average: 361.30p/kg

19 Heifers Average: 378.13p/kg

33 Young Bulls Average: 354.17p/kg

35 Barren Cows & Over Age Cattle Average: 255.13p/kg

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Another nice entry of Prime Cattle this week, met a dearer trade on the week. Please don't forget that next Wednesday (17th December) is the last Prime Cattle Sale this side of Christmas. If you have Cattle to say please book them in with one of us.

Topping the Steers this week back again PM Jarrom, Misterton sold Limousins to 393p/kg, while Angela Tarry Smith (and nephew Tom), Brackley were back again selling Limousin X Steers to gross £2,875.08. PM Jarrom also topped the Heifers selling Blues to 425p/kg, while AJ Smith Farming, Nash sold Limousin Xs to gross £2,845.32. Bulls from JW & JE Vickers saw Limousins top at 410p/kg also breaking the £3,000 barrier selling to £3,006.85.

In the Cows SC Daws & Sons sold Limousins to 327p/kg, whilst Pounds per Head, it was Stock Bulls again Ringing the Bell – Angela Tarry Smith (and nephew Tom) sold Limousins to gross a whopping £3,800.16 (312p/kg), Meadow Farm, Tanworth sold Limousins to £3,459.44 (332p/kg), CH Saxby, Lincoln sold Angus Bulls to £3,111 (305p/kg) while JSK Rawlings sold British Shorthorn Bulls to £2,790.45 (265p/kg).

Overage Cattle also a nice trade. Angela & Tom sold Angus Steers to 366p/kg and Limousin Xs to 363p/kg. The Limousin Steer grossed £2,922.15 and the Angus £2,792.58.

Enjoy the Grids!!

More Prime Needed on a Weekly Basis – with the Build Up to the Festive Season approaching!!

Prime Steers:

PRIME STEER TOP PRICES PENCE PER KILO			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	P/kg
PM JARROM	LIMX	540	393
JF SHARP	LIMX	730	393
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX	741	388
G & A SURMAN	LIMX	662	375
I BOSWORTH	LIMX	678	371
G & A SURMAN	LIMX	717	362
PM JARROM	LIMX	595	360
G WADE FARMS LTD	HEREFORD	621	360
SHOWELL FARMS	LIMX	754	352
NEWTON FARMS	ANGUS	648	351

PRIME STEER TOP PRICES POUNDS PER HEAD			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	£s/Head
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX	741	2,875.08
JF SHARP & SON	LIMX	730	2,868.90
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX	772	2,671.12
AM TARRY SMITH	CHARX	775	2,658.25
SHOWELL FARMS	LIMX	754	2,654.08
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX	756	2,638.44
G & A SURMAN	LIMX	717	2,595.54
I BOSWORTH	LIMX	678	2,515.38
G & A SURMAN	LIMX	662	2,482.50
SHOWELL FARMS	LIMX	708	2,456.76

Prime Heifers:

PRIME HEIFER TOP PRICES PENCE PER KILO			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	P/kg
PM JARROM	BLUE	538	425
JF SHARP & SON	LIMX	636	404
I BOSWORTH	BLUE	672	401
JF SHARP & SON	LIMX	685	398
AJ SMITH	LIMX	724	393
G WADE FARMS LTD	LIMX	644	392
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX	675	387
JAMES KNIGHT FARMS	LIMX	655	383
JN BOOTH & SONS	LIMX	560	380
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX	688	377

PRIME HEIFER TOP PRICES POUNDS PER HEAD			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	£s/Head
AJ SMITH FARMING	LIMX	724	2,845.32
JF SHARP & SON	LIMX	685	2,726.30
I BOSWORTH	BLUE	672	2,694.72
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX	675	2,612.25
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX	688	2,593.76
JF SHARP & SON	LIMX	636	2,569.44
G WADE & SON	LIMX	644	2,524.48
JAMES KNIGHT FARMS	LIMX	655	2,508.65
SHOWELL FARMS	BLONDE	652	2,418.92
JAMES KNIGHT FARMS	STABILISER	649	2,329.91

Prime Young Bulls:

PRIME YOUNG BULLS TOP PRICES PENCE PER KILO			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	P/kg
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	644	410
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	662	406
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	701	405
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	696	404
AR NICHOLS	LIMX	644	400
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	698	400
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	695	400
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	708	398
JO FLINT	BLONDE	627	394
AR NICHOLS	LIMX	669	390

PRIME YOUNG BULLS TOP PRICES POUNDS PER HEAD			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	£s/Head
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	781	3,006.85
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	701	2,839.05
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	708	2,817.84
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	696	2,811.84
PM & SM DONGER	SALER	849	2,801.70
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	698	2,792.00
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	695	2,780.00
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	662	2,687.72
PM & SM DONGER	SALER	814	2,686.20
JW & JE VICKERS	LIMX	688	2, 683.20

Cull Cows & Stock Bulls:

PRIME COW & STOCK BULL TOP PRICES PENCE PER KILO			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	P/kg
MEADOW FARMS	LIMOUSIN STOCK BULL	1,042	332
SC DAWS & SON	LIMX	774	327
FW COOK & SON	BRITISH WHITE	496	327
JE WOOD & SON	HEREFORD	569	322
A TARRY SMITH	LIMOUSIN STOCK BULL	1,218	312
AJ HODGE	LIMX	698	311
CH SAXBY	ANGUS STOCK BULL	1,020	305
A NEAVES	BLUE STOCK BULL	749	280
JE WOOD & SON	HEREFORD	806	270
NEWTON CROFT FARMS	HEREFORD	868	270

PRIME COW & STOCK BULL TOP PRICES POUNDS PER HEAD			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	£s/Head
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMOUSIN STOCK BULL	1,218	3,800.16
MEADOW FARMS	LIMOUSIN STOCK BULL	1,042	3,459.44
CH SAXBY	ANGUS STOCK BULL	1,020	3,111.00
JSK RAWLINGS	BRITISH SHORTHORN STOCK BULL	1,053	2,790.45
SC DAWS & SONS	LIMX	774	2,530.98
NEWTON CROFT FARMS	HEREFORD	868	2,343.60
BN & SL WILLIAMS	HEREFORD	910	2,265.90
JE WOOD & SON	HEREFORD	806	2,176.20
AJ HODGE	LIMX	698	2,170.78
A NEAVES	BLUE STOCK BULL	749	2,097.20

Over Age Cattle:

OVERAGE CATTLE TOP PRICES PENCE PER KILO			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	P/kg
AM TARRY SMITH	ANGUS STEER	763	366
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX STEER	805	363
SJ THIRLBY	LIMX HEIFER	545	357
LEE & SON	SOUTH DEVON HEIFER	650	349
LEE & SON	SOUTH DEVON STEER	659	346
D COLLINGTON	SOUTH DEVON HEIFER	608	312
WISTOW FARM	GALLOWAY STEER	544	288
WISTOW FARM	GALLOWAY STEER	535	288
WISTOW FARM	GALLOWAY STEER	559	280
WISTOW FARM	GALLOWAY STEER	457	280

OVERAGE CATTLE TOP PRICES POUNDS PER HEAD			
Vendor	Breed	Weight (KG)	£s/Head
AM TARRY SMITH	LIMX STEER	805	2,922.15
AM TARRY SMITH	ANGUS STEER	763	2,972.58
LEE & SON	SOUTH DEVON STEER	659	2,280.14
LEE & SON	SOUTH DEVON HEIFER	650	2,268.50
SJ THIRLBY	LIMX HEIFER	545	1,945.65
D COLLINGTON	SOUTH DEVON HEIFER	608	1,896.96
WISTOW FARM	GALLOWAY STEER	544	1,566.72
WISTOW FARM	GALLOWAY STEER	559	1,565.20
WISTOW FARM	GALLOWAY STEER	535	1,540.80
WISTOW FARM	GALLOWAY STEER	541	1,514.80

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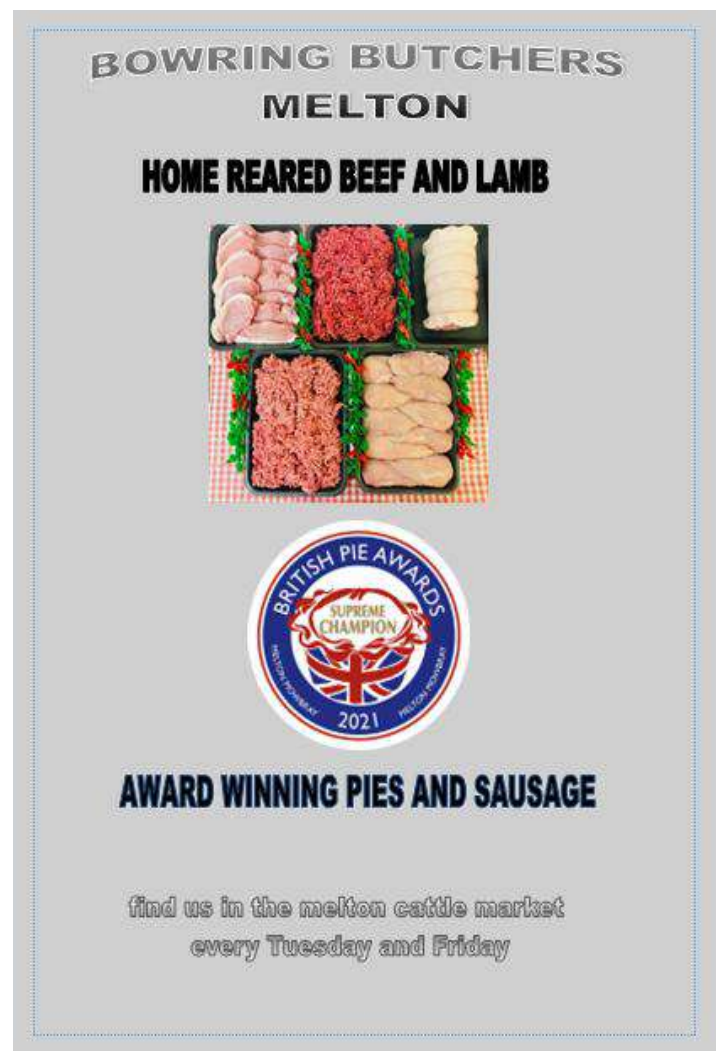
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STORES & BREEDING CATTLE - 216 HEAD SOLD:

Another tremendous day in the store cattle shed with numbers still over 200 head sold and seen, tremendous for the time of year and a well-supported ringside making trade enough for vendors to feel Christmas had come early.

A pleasure to have Red Oak Simmentals up from Silverstone with a super run of Simmental Cows & Calves. Topping these was a tremendous 3-year-old in calf heifer all the way to £2700, another from the very same good home hit £2650 with the cow and calf outfits topping at £2500 and £2300 respectively. Stock bulls from Paul Cade topped at £2600 for a 6-year-old Simmental bull.

Steers the order of the day with a brace of glorious Simmental steers from A Mitchell topped the way at £2310. Cometh the hour cometh the man and Andrew Oldham seeing a trio of big Limousin steers to £2200 with a packet of 5 from the very same good home to £2000. JA & PE Dickinson saw their Limousins reach £2070 with FB Kirk & Son seeing Sims to £2010. A trio of super British Blue steers from JF Greaves & Son reached £1950 with Limousins from Karen & Ian Reeve all the way to £1890. Matching this saw other Limousins from JA & PE Dickinson with H & A Martin, Blaston reaching £1810 for their best Limousins with others from the same home seeing £1700 and £1880 respectively.

Heifers topped for Mark Green with this home seeing super Limousin heifers to £2100 with G Buttrick seeing the best of their Limousins to £2000. Just shy of this saw SC Daws & Sons reach £1980 while Simmentals from A Mitchell achieved £1950. A pleasure to seeing Hollinshead Farms back where they belong, this home saw their run of heifers top at £1700. Matching this saw a strong Limousin heifer from H & A Martin with a brace of heifers the very same way bred from SC Daws & Sons. Just behind at £1680 another super Limousin heifer forward from G Buttrick.

More store cattle needed week on week with big strong cattle the order of the week every week. Please ensure to keep booking your cattle in so we can advertise and catalogue them for the best rewards. Fodder saw some handsome rewards with wheat straw highly sort after. Topping for (Midi) bales 120x90 was PW Bird and £52. Barley straw reached £27 for 2025 quadrant bales from RS Bishop. 2024 round bale silage from Robert Barker hit £30 with fodder beat to £33 a tonne from C & W Murdoch, Skillington. Much more fodder needed to meet the ever-growing demand and our next sale is to be on the last Wednesday in January. Please contact us for more information.

As ever we thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all next week

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CALVES & REARED – 135 HEAD SOLD:

Another Nice Entry of Both Baby Calves and Reared this week selling to a similar Trade on the week. Baby Calves would be dearer on the week, whilst the Reared similar.

38 Bull Calves averaged: £373.53

30 Heifer Calves averaged: £312.33

1 Steer Calf sold to: £250.00

36 Weanling Steers averaged: £748.58

26 Weanling Heifers averaged: £753.85

4 Weanling Bulls averaged: £612.50

Topping the Reared this week A Neaves sold 8 month Blue Steers to £1,300. L Partridge sold a pen full of Hereford Steers to £1,180 at 6 months of age. Andrew Smith sold 8 Blue Heifers to £1,060 at 9 months of age. L Partridge sold Hereford Steers to £1,010 at 6 months. DP Boddy sold 4 Blue Steers to £970 at 7 months, CJ Bailey sold Simmental Steers to £840 at 8 months. J Fuller sold Simmental Heifers at £800 at 6 months, RW & HJ Dewes sold Long Horn Steers to £800 at 10 months. K & B Burkitt sold Hereford Steers to £790 at 9 months. Mark Green sold 6 month Limousin Heifers to £790 at 6 months. J Fuller sold Simmental Bulls to £715 at 6 months.

The Calves this week were topped by Gaulby Lodge Farms Ltd selling month old Blue Bulls to £700, GH Spencer & Son sold month old Limousin Bulls to £650, with others at £625. J & S Arrowsmith sold month old Blue Bulls to £615, Le Marchant Farms sold month old Blue Bulls to £590. Leadham Farm Ltd sold 6 week Blue Bulls to £560. J Darlington & Son sold month old Blue Bulls to £540, with others to £490. J & S Arrowsmith sold 3 week Blue Bulls to £485. 6 week old Blue Heifers from Le Marchant Farms sold to £455. 5 week old Angus Bulls from JE Parsons sold to £420, GH Spencer & Son sold 6 week old Limousin Heifers to £415, with Blue Bulls from Leadham Farm Ltd to the same money at 4 weeks. Stroud & Son sold 3 week Blue Bulls to £410. Waterfall Dairy Farm sold 2 week Blue Heifers to £390, while M Grice & Son sold 3 week old Blue Bulls to £385. Stroud & Son sold 3 week Blue Bulls to £340. Malt House Farm Partnership sold 3 week Hereford Bulls to £325, while Great Oakley Farms sold Blue Bulls to £320 again at 3 weeks of age, with others at £295. RW Collishaw sold month old Angus Bulls to £290. WJ Cooper & Son sold month old Blue Bulls to £215, with Angus Heifers from the same home to £170.

This week only 2 passing through the Ring selling under £100.

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Bereavements

The Staff and Directors of Melton Mowbray Market are sorry to hear of the death of Mr WD Copley, known as Don Copley, Croxton Kerrial who sadly Passed away early Monday morning 8th December.

The Funeral is to be held at Croxton Kerrial church on Mon 29 Dec at 11 o'clock.

HEALTH & SAFETY

To all customers.

It is essential for all those attending Melton Mowbray Market are aware and adhere to the Health and Safety Rules and Regulations to ensure everyone's Health & Safety.

1. All livestock vehicles must use Gate 7, Nottingham Road, LE13 0NP, when delivering or collecting livestock.
2. Livestock vehicles must park in the signed carpark near the wash bays.
3. All persons are encouraged to use the disinfectant available when washing vehicles out.
4. All gates must be securely fastened when delivering/collecting livestock before loading and unloading. Please ensure a member of staff is there to help you.
5. Individuals must avoid walking on the yard where vehicles are unloading/loading livestock, there is a potential danger when vehicles are moving, and we ask for no children to be unaccompanied in this area.
6. When moving through the market, please leave all gates as you found them (open/closed).
7. Please ensure all children are supervised within the market.
8. All livestock pose a risk to individuals so please be aware when moving through the penning areas.
9. All individuals entering the market where live animals are, do so at their own risk and Melton Mowbray Market cannot accept any liability for their health and wellbeing.
10. All alleyways must be always kept clear for moving stock.
11. Any livestock deemed unfit, unhealthy or showing signs of aggression will be refused from the market and will be asked to remove the animal/s from the market.

BLUETONGUE UPDATE

Defra has extended the period of relaxed controls until 1 July 2025 when the whole of England will be in the Restricted Zone. Up until 11:59pm on 30 June, the controls listed below will apply, but after then there will be free movement with no testing requirements for all animals in England (though germinal products will still require a licence and testing). This is what we have been campaigning for since the start.

The situation for Wales and Scotland is different and may evolve further ahead of 1 July. Should you wish to take animals from Market to Wales or Scotland please contact us for the latest information. We continue to be able to sell animals from throughout the UK.

The Market is treated as 'neutral' for movements, as it is for TB.

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SATURDAY 14TH MARCH	2ND MIDLANDS PREMIER SHOW POTENTIAL CALF SALE
SATURDAY 11TH APRIL	PEDIGREE MULTIBREED CATTLE SHOW & SALE
SATURDAY 25TH APRIL	SPRING SUCKLER & PEDIGREE SHORTHORN SALE
SATURDAY 9TH MAY	SPRING FLING SHEEP SALE
TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST	EARLY BREEDING SHEEP SALE
SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER	PEDIGREE MULTIBREED SHEEP SALE
FRIDAY 11TH & SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER	23RD TRADITIONAL AND NATIVE BREEDS SHOW & SALE
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER	6TH MIDLANDS BREEDING SHEEP FAIR AND NSA RAM SALE
SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER	788TH CORBY GLEN SHEEP FAIR
TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER	OCTOBER RAM FAIR
SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER	AUTUMN MULTIBREED CATTLE SALE
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER	OPENING STORE CATTLE FAIR
SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	WINTER WARMERS
MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER	156TH WINSLOW PRIMESTOCK
SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER	74TH MBAS FATSTOCK SHOW AND SALE
TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS TABLE POULTRY SALE



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TUESDAY 16TH & 17TH DECEMBER 2025

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USUAL CATTLE SALE**

TUESDAY 23RD & WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2025

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TUESDAY 30TH & WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2025

TUESDAY 30TH - ALL CLASSES OF SHEEP

WEDNESDAY 31ST - NO MARKET

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MONDAY 29TH DEC- 9AM-5PM
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