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MARKET REPORT

Tuesday 30th December 2025



3863 Head Forward

PRIME SHEEP (2242)

NSL SQQ 331.33p/kg to 413p/kg
for La Hogue Farm Foods, Chippenham.
and £210 for CM Bowser, Nettleham.

STORE SHEEP (489)

Store Lambs to £137
for La Hogue Farm Foods, Chippenham.

Average £115.26

CULL EWES & RAMS (1132)

Cull Ewes to £275 for NC & CG Hedges, Staplecross.
Cull Rams to £278 for Laban Partners, Lutterworth.
Goats to £129 for Melsop Farm, Scoulton.

Ewes Average £151.91

Rams Average £178.59

Happy
New Year

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 SIRE

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.

PRIME SHEEP

AUCTIONEER – SCOTT RUCK

TEL: 07796 897516

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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 LAMBS – 2242 HEAD SOLD:

A good Show of Lambs given the Festive Period met a nice trade with an SQQ of 331.33p/kg. With both Christmas and New Year falling mid-week, many Markets changed their days with bumper numbers out over the weekend and Monday. Today plenty of weight in the Lambs forward which wouldn't help the average pence per kilo but look at them Pounds per Head.

Topping pence per kilo this week La Hogue Farm Foods, Chippenham sold Continentals weighing 46kgs at 413p/kg. D&J Coulson Livestock sold Continentals at 33kgs to 394p/kg, with others from the same home at 40½kgs selling to 391p/kg. Jon Ray sold Texels at 34kgs to 374p/kg, J & S White Farms Ltd sold Texels at 38½ kgs to 373p/kg, with AM Lovett selling to the same at 33½ kgs. J & J Burnett Ltd sold Texels at 47kgs to 372p/kg, Texels again from SH Gunn Ltd sold to 366p/kg at 44½kgs. Ollie Brewin sold Continentals at 43kgs to 364p/kg, with Texels from CB Langton selling at 39kgs to 363p/kg. J Bailey sold Zwartbles at 39kgs to 358p/kg, with Texels from J & J Tredwell at 36kgs to 357 pence, with AJ & B Bell selling Continentals at 30kgs to the same. Both on 355p/kg were James Smith selling Texels at 45½kgs and Kingarth with the same way bred Lambs at 38kgs. Paul Baker sold Continentals at 45kgs to 353p/kg, with 38kgs Continentals from AF & R Stannage selling to the same as were 37kgs Texels from D & N Farming Ltd. AT Ivory sold 41½kg Texels to 351p/kg, with Texels from WW & JA McCurdie selling to 350 pence. J&J Tredwell sold Texels to 347p/kg at 38½kgs with TA Smith Farm selling 41kgs to 346p/kg. Kingarth and NE Davill sold Texels to 342p/kg at 39 and 38kgs respectively. James Smith sold 44kgs Continentals to 338p/kg as did FC Morley & Sons with 42½kgs Continentals and MD & HM Belcher with 40kgs.

Pounds per Head this week taking the Four Top Spots was a "Young Lady in Farming" Charlotte Bowser selling Texels at 76½kgs to £210, 75kgs to £197, 61kgs to £194, and 60kgs to £191. La Hogue Farm Foods sold 46kgs Continentals to £190. AJ & B Bell sold 60kgs Continentals to £185, with 67kgs Texels from Woodside Farms a pound behind. J & J Burnett Ltd sold 55kgs Texels to £180, with GW Amos selling 67kg Texels to £175.50. Burnetts struck again with 47kgs at £175.

Hamish Wilson sold 62kgs Continentals to £174, Wood Farms Owston sold 57kgs Suffolks to £165. SH Gunn Ltd sold 49kgs Texels to £163. A Pen of 15 Continentals from Paul Baker weighing 55½kgs sold to £162.50, with others at 54½ kgs to £161.50 and 52kgs at £161. The Amos Family sold 52kgs Texels to £160 as were 46kgs from The Burnetts. TW Needham & Son sold 65kgs Texels to £160, as did Paul Bates with 69kgs, Ollie Brewin with 56½kgs, Wood Farm

Owston with Continentals at 58½kgs, CR Bustance with 54kgs Suffolks, Passmore Brothers with 52½kgs Texels, AT Ivory with 49kg Texels and 4 Pens of Continentals and Suffolks from Paul Baker weighing from 49-55½ kgs.

Kingarth sold 52kgs Texels to £158 as did John Voss with 53kgs Continentals. Burley Estate Farm Partnership sold 47½kgs Texels to £157.50 as did P Bates with 53kg Texels and Wood Farms Owston with 53½kg Continentals.

If you have Lambs to sell, be they 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 in the New Year.



Melton Mowbray Market

FODDER SALE
Wednesday 28th
January 2026

- Entry Forms online
- Close Monday 19th Jan 12 noon
- Will be taking place prior to the sale of store cattle

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CULLS – HEAD SOLD 1132:

The smallest show of ewes forward for quite some time with just 1132 sold and seen. With numbers coming out in their thousands over the weekend with Christmas getting in the way, many people expected disaster but that wasn't the case. A more than healthy cull ewe average saw hitting £151.91. Fewer best ewes forward and plenty of lean types on show with a trade that matches a fortnight ago is more than respectable.

Top of the ewes saw Beltex's from NC & CC Hedges all the way from Sussex with 6 of these topping all the way to £275 with Texels from the very same good home reaching £255. Charlotte Bowser saw some tremendous Texel ewes hitting £259 for a pen of 4 with Passmore Brothers with ewes the same way bred to £248 for a pen of 7. Another Texel forward from CM Bowser hit £230 with Rebecca Burnett just shy of this figure with her Texels topping at £228. J & A Farming saw Beltex ewes to £226 with Charlotte Barnes reaching £220 for Dutch Spotteds. Texels again from the Bowsers saw a trio at £219 and another pair from the very same good home at £218 with team Hedges back in the hot seat with 4 Charollais ewes at £219. Blue Texel ewes from H Reynolds saw a brace of ewes to £215.

Suffolk ewes topped at £192 for a trio from J & A Farming with this figure being matched WD Farms, Stratford. Riley Stanley hit £188 for a proper brace of Suffolk ewes with C & D Farming hitting £181 for big ewes the same way bred. D & J Coulson saw a pen of 4 Suffolks to £180 with MP Fellows reaching £176 for a pair of super Suffolk ewes. Just behind at £175 was J Bailey for ewes the same way bred with Carol Tideswell seeing her best to Suffolks £171.

J & A Farming also topping the Mules with a pair of monsters from this home to £169 matched by WD Farms for a pen of 10 big Mules. Mashams topped at £168 for C & D Farming with Riley Stanley just behind for his Mules at £165. La Houge Farm, the first of 3 farms achieving £159 with their Mules, being matched by AR Fenton for a pen of 15 and C & D Farming with their pen of 12.

Tups topping the day with a monster Dutch Spotted to £278 from Laban Partners and the same home seeing another the very same way bred to £238. D & J Coulson saw a brace of Suffolk tups to £220 with Lincoln Longwool tups from Tina Gilbey all the way to £194 with Southdown tups from team Passmore to £193.

More ewes needed week in week out with buyers as ever in heavy attendance. Please continue to book your sheep in so we can continue to make the buying power aware.

STORE SHEEP

AUCTIONEER – SCOTT RUCK
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STORE SHEEP – HEAD SOLD: 489

A few clearing up Lots today, and some super runs of Stores this week, just as you'd think that they would be drying up. But what a trade, which can only be described a "Ballistic" from the first pen sold to the last, with again this week new Buyers again in the alleys.

Topping this week La Hogue Farm Foods sold Continentals to £137, Suffolks from J Duncan sold to £135. D & N Farming Ltd, Thame sold Continentals to £135, with others £133, £132.50 (twice) with their run of 107 averaging £131.50. K&P Marlow sold Continentals to £134, with Texels from NK Anderson to £132. RC Burbidge sold Texels to £130, Continentals from Norman Davill sold to £128.50, JS Adams sold Suffolks to £128.

Texels from A Ogleby made £127. M Burton, Guilsborough sold Texels to £126.50, £126, £125 and £122.50, with their run of 110 averaging £111.10. Nicola Ward sold Suffolks to £125, NK Anderson sold Texels to £122.

Continentals from W Badham sold to £120, as did Texels from Andy Ogleby and Abbie Howitt. Jon Ray sold Continentals to £119. Texels from D Saunders sold to £117 and Suffolks from RC Burbidge £116. M Burton sold two pens of Texel X Tup Lambs at £115.50 and £112.50. WG Batchelor & Son sold a pen of 32 Continentals to £109, with Dutch Spotted from Laban Partners selling to £108.

Nicola Ward sold Wiltshire Horns to £105.50, with Suffolks from the same home £105. All on £100 were W Badham with Continentals and MJ & RJ Howkins with Texel Tup Lambs. Anne Potts sold Suffolks to £99. Both W Badham and Cicely Brayshaw sold Continental Tup Lambs to £89. A few long term keep Lambs this week with only 8 pens this week below £75.

Next week we go back to normal with Tuesday Sheep Sales, Wednesday Cattle (with Pigs the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month). We thank you for your continued support this year and look forward to welcoming you in 2026.

We wish you a Happy & Prosperous New Year!



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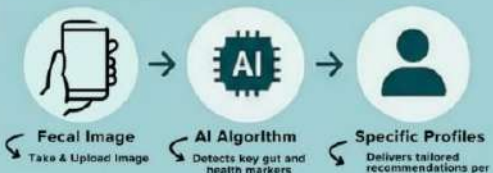
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Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th January

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st January

Friday 6th February

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HEALTH & SAFETY

To all customers.

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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.

PLEASE FIND MORE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE: [MELTONMOWBRAYMARKET.CO.UK](https://www.meltonmowbraymarket.co.uk)

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SATURDAY 14TH MARCH	2ND MIDLANDS PREMIER SHOW POTENTIAL CALF SALE
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SATURDAY 25TH APRIL	SPRING SUCKLER & PEDIGREE BEEF SHORTHORN SALE
SATURDAY 16TH MAY	SPRING FLING SHEEP SALE
FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST	EARLY BREEDING SHEEP & STORE LAMB SALE
SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER	PEDIGREE MULTIBREED SHEEP SALE
FRIDAY 11TH & SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER	23RD TRADITIONAL AND NATIVE BREEDS SHOW & SALE
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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 30TH NOVEMBER	156TH WINSLOW PRIMESTOCK TBC
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TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS TABLE POULTRY SALE