

## SOUTH EAST MARTS – HAILSHAM MARKET

Primestock report for

**Wednesday 29th January 2020**

### **PRIME CATTLE (UNDERAGE & OVERAGE) (11) Auctioneer: Roger Waters**

Little change in demand - RJ & JR Ayre have Aberdeen Angus cross steers grossing £1136 & 163p per kilo Brian & Frank Ashby's Fleckvieh cross steers under three to £1016.  
No Heifers on offer.

### **CULL COWS (9) Auctioneer: Roger Waters**

Cull cows trade keeps firm, Steve Luckin's Charolais cross cow grosses £910, J W Steele & Son medium weight Hereford cross to 111p.  
Best of the dairy RG Lampshire Partnership's steaking Holstein to 97p per kilo & £688.70 per head.

### **CALVES (4) Auctioneer: Roger Waters**

Four young calves from Lower Claverham - a competitive trade, small British Blue heifer & bull £82 and £87 respectively Aberdeen Angus cross bull £52.

### **PIGS (15) Auctioneer: Roger Waters**

Not good but an improvement on last week, Norman Hick's Pietrain cross cutter weight gilts 91p per kilo, porker weights 71p per kilo, Bush Enterprises Gloucester Old Spots gilts, porker weight again 51p per kilo.

### **SHEEP (1268)**

**Auctioneer: Nick Young**

### **PRIME HOGGETS (419)**

Overall average 200.5p per kilo

A great day and well in front of other centres thanks to butcher power in particular Lew Howard of Ringmer and the Hutchings family we owe a great debt of gratitude. The faithful were well rewarded N Shearman taking top honours at £110.

**Leading prices:** NJ Shearman £110, £100, P Cruise £100.50, £95, K Reed £99.50, £99, £93, J Breeds £95.50, AGL Ainslie £95, £93, DG & CA Hawkins £95, GN & J West £94.50, M Brett, £94, £93, CM Wettern £94, Norton Farm Partnership £92

#### **Top prices per kilo:**

Norton Farm Partnership 223.6p, 217.9p, 208.6p, CM Wettern 218.6p, 215.7p, 207.7p, GN & J West 218.1p, AGL Ainslie 214.1p, J West 212.1p, 210.9p, 208.5p, Downsview Sheep 208.6p, K Reed 207.3p, M Brett 206.7p, RFF Brown 206.7p, RA Edwards 206.4p

### **STORE HOGGETS (613)**

A great entry and undeniably Big Hoggets = a Big Price with Anthony Goldsmith taking top price at £88.50

**Leading prices:** AB Goldsmith £88.50, £85.50, C Avery £88, Norton Farm Partnership £88, £79, A Puttick £88, £85, C & S Stileman £84.50, S Sharp £83, RG Whyman £83, £82, N Main £82, JD Trunkfield Farms Ltd £78.50, J Breeds £77.50, P Foord & P French £75

This proves Hoggets sell better in the store section unless perfectly finished. Very small stores look good value to farm on provided this trade is maintained.

Very many more store hoggets are wanted to satisfy this clear and present demand.

## **CULL EWES (236)**

Mostly dearer away but not so locally except of course for wonderful Hailsham. The Wests' score double top, Jeremy and Jason receiving £102 and £101 respectively.

Again Big Ewes = a Big Price.

**Leading prices:** GN & J West £102, £101, RJ Verity £93, J Monnington Farms Ltd £90, AJ Skinner & Son £89, North Horsted Farms £88, C Somerset £85, Norton Farm Partnership £83, RFF Brown £82, FS Major & Sons £81, P Foord & P French £81, New Barn Partners £80

*We wish the 'East Africa Fishing Company representative' a good holiday.*

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## **Store Cattle Sale**

**Wednesday 29th January - Auctioneer Roger Waters**

**Sun shines on the stores  
encouraging interest in the younger sorts.**

### **Breeding Stock**

**R Walker & Son - David Walker:** Limousin cross in calf cows  
**£780, £710, £700, £680, (twice), etc**

Breeding Couples with steer calves **£1200, £1195, £1125, etc**

**JW Steele & Sons:** Hereford cross in calf heifers look  
good value at **£640 & £630**, Friesian in-calf heifer **£930**

### **Younger Sorts**

*Good enquiry competitive trade*

**R Walker & Son:** Limousin cross steers, 11/12 months, **£670**,  
and heifers, 15 months, **£640**

**Randle Farms:** British Blue cross steer, 12 months, **£480**,  
Holstein steers, 13 months, **£350**

### **Older Sorts**

**V Marsh:** British Blue cross steers, 19/20 months **£940**

**R Walker & Son:** Limousin cross steers, 23 months, **£800**

**DJ Alexander:** Hereford cross steers, 19/20 months **£800**

*and finally* **Sussex Wildlife Trust Consignment**

*all prices all ages all colours*

British White cross steers to £515 and heifers £335

**NEXT STORE SALE - MONDAY 17th February**

*Present entries include:*

35 Limousin cross, Aberdeen Angus cross steers & heifers, 20/24 months, from RW Kemp & Partners, 22 Aberdeen Angus cross steers & heifers, 10/12 months, from M & I Robins, 8 Simmental cross steers & heifers, 10/11 months & 12 British Blue cross steers & heifers, 6 months, from SD & JJ Feakes, 40 Aberdeen Angus cross Belgian Blue steers & heifers, 6/9 months, from Mark Peters and 12 Charolais cross steers & heifers 8/18 months, from C Howe

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**† Gerald West**

**Sad to report the passing of Gerald West of Balmer Farm, Lewes**

**Arable & Sheep Farmer, past Dairy Farmer formerly Pig Farmer,**

**ex Cleavers Farm, Laughton - well known supporter of the**

**auction system, his funeral will take place at**

**Downs Crematorium, Brighton**

**on Friday 21st February at 2pm**

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# Sheep Scab Alert

There has been a spate of cases of sheep scab this autumn and the problem is seemingly not going away. Cliffe Farm Vets have been called to diagnose more than a handful of cases, and I am sure that we are only seeing the tip of the iceberg.

Sheep scab is a highly contagious parasitic infection which can cause enormous production losses if left untreated. It is notifiable in Scotland and although not notifiable in England, it is a legal requirement to treat it (effectively) and local authorities have the power to enforce treatment and prevent movement of sheep on common grazing.

The sheep scab mite, *Psoroptes ovis*, can survive on fences, gates and in the environment for 17 days, so it is important to get good advice on which products to use and how and when to use them. Some treatments require a move away from infested pasture for at least this period. Sheep lice can also look a bit like scab and can also coexist on the same sheep at the same time.

Dipping with OP dips is the most reliable way to treat scab. With injectable treatments sheep are more likely to be underdosed or missed. Dipping does not require sheep to be moved from their current grazing, as the treatment is persistent for 28 days.

Shared boundaries, shared equipment, scanning and shearing kits represent a significant risk. It is wise to check that equipment is being disinfected between flocks. Although not licensed, Virkon and Hypochlorite are both effective against scab.

Any gathering of sheep from various holdings unfortunately represent a significant risk for onward spread as mites will survive for 17 days on wool tags and gates. Scab may therefore be transferred to other sheep for over 2 weeks unless equipment is disinfected.

**Visibly itchy sheep should not be brought to any market**

Nick Pile BVM&S MRCVS. Cliffe Farm Vets. Lewes.

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