

# PRIMESTOCK MARKET REPORT – MONDAY 8th MARCH 2010

## FINISHED CATTLE (33)

**DIRTY CATTLE** Please ensure that your cattle are clean, especially under the belly, to avoid a clipping charge. A lot of cattle, which is understandable, are requiring a clipping deduction..

**PRIME (20)** Demand for the best still remains strong. Best finished steers to £1101.10 (EH Bragg & Sons) for a 662 kg. Limousin steer making 148.5 pence per kilo. Cattle lacking finish difficult to clear at a price well below the store trade at present. Best heifers to 138 pence and £794.64. More finished stock required to satisfy buyer's demands.

Please note that the Conditions of Sale permit a 0.5p/kg. deduction on the last bid price for Prime & Mature cattle.

	NO	AV./KG	TOP/KG	AV./HEAD	TOP/HEAD	VENDOR (p/kg)
<b>STEERS</b>						
MEDIUM 465 – 555 kg	1	144.00	144.00	786.24	786.24	Mr & Mrs F Northmore
HEAVY 560 kg +	12	136.94	148.50	910.40	1101.10	E H Bragg & Sons
<b>HEIFERS</b>						
HEAVY 485 kg +	5	127.12	138.00	730.16	794.64	N J Burrington
<b>BULLS</b>						
MEDIUM 465 – 555 kg	2	141.01	142.50	706.48	721.05	N J Burrington

**MATURE BEEF (13)** Very strong demand for all classes despite size, shape or finish. Best suckler types to 118.5 pence and £1010.50. Friesians to 107 pence and £806.78. Overage cattle strongly wanted so long as under 48 months of age. Steers to £770.64 and heifers to £740.00.

	No	Av./KG	TOP/KG.	AV./HEAD	TOP/HEAD	VENDOR (p/kg)
<b>SUCKLER COWS</b>						
Up to 500 kg	3	56.00	60.00	228.94	296.40	D J Ridler
505 to 600 kg	1	87.50	87.50	495.25	495.25	R H Parsons
705 kg +	2	118.00	118.50	933.00	1010.50	MF & HJ Pearse
<b>FRIESIAN COWS</b>						
605 to 700 kg	1	99.50	99.50	690.53	690.53	H H Clements
705 kg +	1	107.00	107.00	806.78	806.78	H H Clements
<b>STEERS</b>						
560 kg +	3	118.52	123.50	713.52	770.64	C S & M E Brook
<b>HEIFERS</b>						
485 kg +	2	120.75	125.00	736.97	740.00	R Vooght

### \*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE - FOOD CHAIN INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\*

#### As of 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2010 Food Chain Information (FCI) must be provided by livestock keepers for all cattle, sheep and goats sent for slaughter including livestock markets

You will no doubt have received notification of this and what information is needed in correspondence from the Food Standards Agency sent to all livestock farmers recently.

We will need this information here in the Market to pass on to our slaughterhouse buyers. We will need a new style buff coloured Exeter Market Entry Form to accompany your stock to market as by filling in the animal details on the front, and signing the form, the declaration on the back will confirm that your animals are fit for human consumption. This applies to all stock on a Monday market & some of the stock on Friday markets as some animals from the store market may go to slaughter. If your animals are still under restriction for slaughter on Fridays i.e. withdrawal dates etc. then you will need to declare this and notify the person booking in your stock.

New AML1 forms for sheep and goat movements are available which have a section on the back for you to enter FCI.

If you require further information please contact the Auctioneers.

Our marketing organisation is able to provide you with personal service.

You are invited to telephone for further information.

PRIME CATTLE: Peter Farnsworth	01392-276404	CALVES: Michael Pedrick	01803-863888
(mobile)	07946-444866		07817-950449
Paul Griffin	01364-652304	Paul Heard	07800-913637
(mobile)	07836-650391		
PRIME SHEEP: Chris Clapham	07968-122198	DAIRY: Michael Pedrick	01803-863888
		Paul Heard	07800-913637
STORE CATTLE David Lockwood	07970-089527		
Alan Webber	01392-250441	STORE Chris Clapham	07968-122198
Peter Farnsworth	01392-276404	SHEEP: Paul Griffin	01364-652304
PIGS	Gordon Chambers		
	01364-652304		

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## TOTAL SHEEP (1973)

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Can Vendors who have cull ewes as well as lambs PLEASE make sure that they submit SEPARATE EMA Entry Forms as the new DEFRA AML1 Forms only require the total number. We now have a new buff coloured Entry Form with an FCI Declaration on which will cover your animals to go to slaughter. This will help in making sure that your sheep are correctly booked in & it is very much in your own interest to do so if you want your cheque on time.

### **Prime Lambs (268) SQQ Average 227.24 p/kg.**

Again a larger number entry as numbers begin to come forward that met a blistering trade. All lambs forward sold to excellent demand and topped at £98.20 (overall average £93.74) and 242 p/kg. Buyers are looking for lambs and really want them between 38-40 kg. Heavier lambs will be discounted.

**\*WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF PHONE CALLS FROM BUYERS LOOKING TO SOURCE NEW SEASON LAMBS SO PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR NUMBERS \***

WEIGHT	NO LAMBS	TOP/KG. (p)	AVERAGE/KG. (p)	TOP/HEAD (£)	AVERAGE /HEAD (£)
<b>STANDARD (32.1 – 39 kg)</b>	28	242.00	238.31	93.50	92.00
<b>MEDIUM (39.1 – 45.5 kg)</b>	240	238.00	226.04	98.20	93.95
WEIGHT	MAX/HEAD	AVERAGE/HEAD	VENDOR		
38.1 – 39 kg	93.50	92.00	Messrs T G Mortimer & Son		
39.1 – 41 kg	97.00	93.21	Messrs T G Mortimer & Son		
41.1 – 43 kg	98.20	94.09	Messrs T G Mortimer & Son		
43.1 – 45 kg	95.80	95.68	Messrs A A & A G Hosegood		

### **Prime Hogs (1000) SQQ Average 174.08 p/kg. Overall price per head £75.18**

A better number entry this week sold to a slightly easier trade down just over 1 p/kg. on the week. The entry consisted of a number of lean under-finished and also very heavy hogs, bringing the overall average down. A lot of the well-finished handy weight hogs sold above the 178 p/kg, mark. Top price per kilo was 195p for a pen of light lambs from **Mr A Holman of Crediton** and top price overall was £89.00 for a pen of heavies from **Messrs D & G Tucker of Totnes**.

WEIGHT	NO LAMBS	TOP/KG. (p)	AVERAGE/KG. (p)	TOP/HEAD (£)	AVERAGE /HEAD (£)
<b>LIGHT (25.5 – 32 kg)</b>	39	183.00	174.34	54.20	51.15
<b>STANDARD (32.1-39 kg)</b>	127	195.00	174.83	70.00	60.29
<b>MEDIUM (39.1 – 45.5 kg)</b>	464	188.00	174.20	84.80	74.86
<b>HEAVY (45.6-52 kg)</b>	275	181.00	172.56	87.50	84.17
<b>OTHERS (Over 52 kg)</b>	95	169.00	163.56	89.00	87.23
WEIGHT	MAX/HEAD	AVERAGE/HEAD	VENDOR		
32.1 – 34 kg	65.50	53.54	Mr A Holman		
34.1 – 36 kg	67.20	63.70	Mr A Holman		
36.1 – 38 kg	64.00	60.82	Messrs A L Courtier & Son		
38.1 – 39 kg	70.00	66.10	Messrs LF & AJ Bartlett		
39.1 – 41 kg	74.00	70.02	Messrs NE & DM Chanin		
41.1 – 43 kg	78.20	73.46	Messrs DA & AP Gillbard		
43.1 – 45 kg	84.80	76.88	Mr D Tapp		
45.1 – 47 kg	83.50	81.23	Messrs DA & AP Gillbard		
47.1 – 49 kg	87.20	84.06	Messrs D & G Tucker		
49.1 – 52 kg	87.50	84.66	Mr G Tripp		
52 kg +	89.00	87.23	Messrs D & G Tucker		

**Ewes (705)** A really good number entry that consisted of a wide range of quality sold to a slightly easier trade. Strong ewes were most affected with the medium and plain ewes still very dear. Top price was £100 twice, firstly for a pen from **Mr A J Carter of Dawlish** and secondly for a pen from **Messrs Hockridge Bros of Coleford**.

Suffolks to £100.00. Border Leicesters to £100.00. Dorsets to £90.00. Texel to £100.00. Mules to £89.00. Dartmoor to £65.00. Scotch to £57.50.

**\*\* MORE EWES WANTED TO KEEP BUYER'S ORDERS FILLED \*\***

	EWES (£)	RAMS (£)	LEADING EWE PRICES (£)	VENDOR
<b>BEST to</b>	100.00	90.00	100.00	Mr A J Carter
<b>MEDIUM to</b>	75.00	70.00	100.00	Messrs Hockridge Bros
<b>PLAIN to</b>	63.50	60.00	99.00	Messrs E W Quick & Son
			98.50	Messrs Hockridge Bros
<b>OVERALL AVERAGE</b>	76.30	74.24	96.00	Mr D Treais
			95.00	Messrs E W Quick & Son
			LEADING RAM PRICES (£)	
			90.00	Mr S C Bellamy
			90.00	Messrs D P & W M Cox
			88.50	Messrs NE & DM Chanin

**FORTHCOMING SALES**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Sale of Store/Fat and Breeding Pigs and Barren Sows  
EASTER SHOW & SALE OF SUCK LAMBS  
Class 1 – Best Pair of Suffolk or Suffolk X Lambs  
Class 2 – Best Pair of Charollais Sired Lambs  
Class 3 – Best Pair of Continental Sired Lambs  
Class 4 – Best Purebred Poll/Dorset Horn Suck Lamb  
Prizes in each class – 1<sup>st</sup> £15, 2<sup>nd</sup> £8, 3<sup>rd</sup> £4  
(entry forms from the Market Office or Website)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Show & Sale of Continental Store Cattle  
Special Monthly Sale of Suckler Cows & Calves  
Monthly Show & Sale of Stirks  
Monthly Sale of Store/Breeding Cattle & Sheep  
GOOD FRIDAY – NO MARKET  
EASTER MONDAY – MARKET AS USUAL

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April