



REPORT FOR THE STORE CATTLE THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST 2024

The latest Store Cattle sale held on August 8th, 2024, showcased the strength and resilience of the Shrewsbury Auction Centre. The sale featured a well-rounded offering of Store Heifers, Steers, Bulls, In-Calf Cows, and Cows with Calves at foot. Buyers were keenly competitive, reflecting the strong demand for quality Cattle, which led to notable prices across all categories. The market remained positive, with averages reflecting healthy Seller returns, particularly for premium-quality stock.

Store Heifers: Robust Demand and Strong Averages

The store Heifer section delivered robust results, averaging 258 pence per kilogram (PPK) or £1,175 per head. A consignment from N G Annandale, and Son, who presented a standout Aberdeen Angus x Heifer, was topping the Heifer trade at 21 months old and weighing 630kg, this Heifer achieved an excellent price of £1,660, translating to a strong PPK of 263.5. C A and S Woodfield and Son followed closely with a Stabiliser x Heifer, aged 29 months and weighing 710kg, which fetched £1,540, yielding a PPK of 216.9. The competitive bidding on this lot reflected the ongoing demand for heavier Heifers with good conformation. R M Thelwell also saw significant success with a 19-month-old Belgian Blue x Heifer, weighing 545kg, which sold for £1,455, resulting in an impressive PPK of 267.0. This sale highlighted the continued market preference for British Blue x known for their superior muscle development and finishing potential. G and J E Hollinshead's Hereford x Heifer, aged 26 months and weighing 550kg, rounded out the top Heifer prices at £1,450, with a PPK of 263.6. This result underscored the reliability and market appeal of Hereford x.

Store Steers: Exceptional Prices for Quality Stock

The Store Steer category was particularly buoyant, averaging 251 PPK or £1,078 per head. The day's top price in this section came from I J Faulkner & Son, who presented a 17-month-old Charolais x Steer weighing 520kg. This exceptional Steer sold for £1,570, achieving a remarkable 301.9 PPK, reflecting the strong demand for young, well-finished Steers. I J Faulkner & Son continued to dominate the steer section with another Charolais Cross, aged 20 months and weighing 545 kg, which secured £1,560, yielding a PPK of 286.2. These results emphasize the consistent market preference for Charolais Cattle, renowned for their growth rates and carcass quality. N G Annandale and Son's 21-month-old British Blue x Steer, weighing 525 kg, also drew strong bidding, eventually selling for £1,540 with a PPK of 293.3. The British Blue breed once again proved its worth, particularly in the Store Cattle sector, where muscle development is highly valued. Monkhopton Estate's Hereford x Steer, aged 29 months and weighing 665 kg, also performed well, fetching £1,510 with a PPK of 227.1. This sale highlighted the steady demand for Hereford crosses, particularly when well-reared and finished.

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Store Bulls: Steady Interest and Consistent Prices

The Store Bull section showed steady interest, with an average of 208 PPK or £1,091 per head. M L and A G Evans topped this category with a 19-month-old British Blue x Bull weighing 590 kg, which sold for £1,370, achieving a PPK of 232.2. This sale underscores the ongoing demand for British Blue Bulls, prized for their finishing potential.

M L and A G Evans also presented two other British Blue x Bulls aged 16 and 18 months, which fetched £1,360 and £1,150, respectively, with PPKs of 217.6 and 215.0. These results reflect the consistent market demand for younger Bulls that can be finished efficiently.

R F and J B Ainsworth's Friesian Bull, at 15 months and 445 kg, sold for £825, showing the enduring market for Dairy crosses, especially when well-presented. Their 12-month-old Hereford Cross Bull, weighing 430 kg, fetched £750 with a PPK of 174.4, indicating that even lighter Bulls can find Buyers when they meet market requirements.

In-Calf Cows: Strong Performance Reflects Breeding Potential

The In-Calf Cow section was marked by strong prices, with T J & M Groves leading the way. Their 16-month-old Hereford x In-Calf Cow, weighing 470 kg, sold for £1,100. This sale highlighted the Buyers' confidence in young, well-bred In-Calf Cows. Additional entries from Groves, including a 17-month-old and a 16-month-old In-Calf Cow, fetched £1,050 and £970, respectively, these figures demonstrate the consistent demand for In-Calf Cows that promise good calving and maternal traits.

Cows & Calves: Premium Prices for Top-Quality Units

The Cow and Calves section witnessed some of the highest prices of the day, with J D Jones and Son setting the pace. Their 82-month-old Hereford x Cow and Calf unit fetched an impressive £2,250, reflecting the premium Buyers are willing to pay for well-matched pairs that promise both immediate and future returns. T J & M, Groves also achieved strong results with their British Shorthorn and Limousin x Cow and Calf units. Their 61-month-old British Shorthorn unit sold for £1,600, while their 88-month-old Limousin x unit fetched £1,500. Another British Shorthorn unit, at 78 months, secured £1,480, demonstrating the ongoing demand for high-quality Cow and Calf units.

Feeding Cows: Consistent Interest Ensures Competitive Prices

The Feeding Cows category saw consistent interest, with prices reflecting the market's steady demand for Cattle that can be brought on for finishing. T J & M Groves presented several British Shorthorn Feeding Cows, with their 63-month-old Cow weighing 740 kg, fetching £1,415 and achieving a PPK of 191. Their 61-month-old Cow, weighing 725 kg, sold for £1,260, with a PPK of 174. These sales underscore the Buyers' interest in Feeding Cows with good finishing potential.

Summary: A Resilient Market with Positive Returns

The Store Cattle sale on 8th August 2024 delivered positive results across all categories, with strong prices and high demand underscoring the market's resilience. The average prices reflected healthy returns for Sellers, particularly those offering premium-quality stock. The market's robustness, driven by competitive bidding and a consistent appetite for well-bred, well-finished Cattle, suggests continued optimism as the season progresses. Sellers are encouraged to continue presenting top-quality Cattle, as the market rewards excellence with strong financial returns.

**The Next Shrewsbury Store Cattle Sale is on Thursday 22nd August.
Entries for the Catalogue close on Friday 15th August at 11.00am.**

Please make sure that all Cattle arrive at the Market with a completed entry form.

MORE CATTLE PLEASE!!!!

STEERS PER HEAD

Aberdeen Angus

21mo	630kg	£1660	N G Annandale & Son
15mo	540kg	£1390	R M Thelwell
14mo	475kg	£1305	R M Thelwell
13mo	480kg	£1270	R F & J B Ainsworth
17mo	405kg	£1200	R J & G D Talbot
13mo	410kg	£1150	R F & J B Ainsworth

Stabiliser

29mo	710kg	£1540	C A & S Woodfield & Son
16mo	480kg	£1260	C A & S Woodfield & Son
17mo	435kg	£1180	C A & S Woodfield & Son

British Blue

19mo	545kg	£1455	R M Thelwell
23mo	515kg	£1400	G & J E Hollinshead
18mo	470kg	£1335	N G Annandale & Son
29mo	495kg	£1320	J W Morris & Son
24mo	480kg	£1210	J P Ratcliffe

Hereford

26mo	550kg	£1450	G & J E Hollinshead
17mo	510kg	£1360	T J & M Groves
16mo	440kg	£1210	T J & M Groves
22mo	465kg	£1170	R F & J B Ainsworth

Limousin

15mo	450kg	£1370	E O Hughes & Partners
15mo	430kg	£1300	E O Hughes & Partners
9mo	370kg	£1230	E O Hughes & Partners
16mo	390kg	£1190	E O Hughes & Partners
14mo	355kg	£1110	E O Hughes & Partners
15mo	360kg	£1090	E O Hughes & Partners

Simmental

31mo	475kg	£1255	J W Morris & Son
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Dairy

24mo	515kg	£1140	J P Ratcliffe
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STORE HEIFERS PER HEAD**Charolais**

17mo	520kg	£1570	I J Faulkner & Son
20mo	545kg	£1560	I J Faulkner & Son
17mo	520kg	£1520	I J Faulkner & Son
17mo	500kg	£1480	I J Faulkner & Son
16mo	500kg	£1460	I J Faulkner & Son
17mo	500kg	£1450	I J Faulkner & Son

British Blue

21mo	525kg	£1540	N G Annandale & Son
28mo	540kg	£1490	J P Ratcliffe
20mo	515kg	£1445	P A & J M Astley
22mo	490kg	£1440	N G Annandale & Son
24mo	445kg	£1390	J P Ratcliffe
21mo	505kg	£1310	J D Jones & Son

Hereford

29mo	665kg	£1510	Monkhopton Estate
29mo	600kg	£1410	J P Ratcliffe
27mo	575kg	£1410	J P Ratcliffe
18mo	520kg	£1350	R F & J B Ainsworth

Stabiliser

29mo	735kg	£1500	C A & S Woodfield
29mo	660kg	£1400	C A & S Woodfield

Friesian

27mo	625kg	£1360	N G Annandale & Son
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Aberdeen Angus

22mo	495kg	£1340	P Long
21mo	480kg	£1310	J D Jones & Son

Limousin

31mo	490kg	£1300	J P Ratcliffe
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STORE BULLS PER HEAD**British Blue**

19mo	590kg	£1370	M L & A G Evans
16mo	625kg	£1360	M L & A G Evans
18mo	535kg	£1150	M L & A G Evans

Friesian

15mo	445kg	£825	R F & J B Ainsworth
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Hereford

12mo	430kg	£750	R F & J B Ainsworth
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STORE STEERS PER KILO**Limousin**

9mo	370kg	332.4	E O Hughes & Partners
14mo	355kg	312.7	E O Hughes & Partners
16mo	390kg	302.1	E O Hughes & Partners
15mo	450kg	304.4	E O Hughes & Partners
15mo	360kg	302.8	E O Hughes & Partners
15mo	430kg	302.3	E O Hughes & Partners

Aberdeen Angus

17mo	405kg	296.3	R J & G D Talbot
13mo	410kg	280.5	R F & J B Ainsworth
14mo	475kg	274.7	R M Thelwell
13mo	480kg	264.6	R F & J B Ainsworth
21mo	630kg	263.5	N G Annandale & Son
15mo	540kg	257.4	R M Thelwell

British Blue

18mo	470kg	284.0	N G Annandale & Son
23mo	515kg	271.8	G & J E Hollinshead
29mo	495kg	267.0	J W Morris & Son
19mo	545kg	267.0	R M Thelwell
24mo	480kg	252.1	J P Ratcliffe

Hereford

16mo	440kg	275.0	T J & M Groves
17mo	510kg	266.7	T J & M Groves
26mo	550kg	263.6	G & J E Hollinshead
22mo	465kg	251.6	R F & J B Ainsworth

Stabiliser

17mo	435kg	271.3	C A & S Woodfield & Son
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Simmental

31mo	475kg	264.0	J W Morris & Son
16mo	480kg	262.5	C A & S Woodfield & Son

STORE HEIFERS PER KILO**Limousin**

14mo	370kg	317.6	E O Hughes & Partners
13mo	355kg	273.2	E O Hughes & Partners
10mo	295kg	267.8	E O Hughes & Partners
13mo	370kg	267.6	E O Hughes & Partners
31mo	490kg	265.3	J P Ratcliffe

British Blue

24mo	445kg	312.4	J P Ratcliffe
22mo	490kg	293.9	N G Annandale & Son
21mo	525kg	293.9	N G Annandale & Son
24mo	450kg	286.7	J P Ratcliffe
20mo	515kg	280.6	P A & J M Astley
24mo	450kg	277.8	J P Ratcliffe

Charolais

17mo	520kg	301.9	I J Faulkner & Son
17mo	500kg	296.0	I J Faulkner & Son
17mo	520kg	292.3	I J Faulkner & Son
16mo	500kg	292.0	I J Faulkner & Son
17mo	500kg	290.0	I J Faulkner & Son
17mo	490kg	289.8	I J Faulkner & Son

Aberdeen Angus

21mo	480kg	272.9	J D Jones & Son
22mo	495kg	270.7	P Long
22mo	450kg	266.7	P Long

Hereford

16mo	305kg	268.9	T J & M Groves
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Simmental

26mo	455kg	265.9	G & J E Hollinshead
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STORE BULLS PER KILO**British Blue**

19mo	590kg	232.2	M L & A G Evans
16mo	625kg	217.6	M L & A G Evans
18mo	535kg	215.0	M L & A G Evans

Friesian

15mo	445kg	185.4	R F & J B Ainsworth
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Hereford

12mo	430kg	174.4	R F & J B Ainsworth
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STORE SHEEP

A very nice entry of 835 Sheep this week, and Vendors were well rewarded for their attendance with a large crowd of Buyers filling the allies and ringside. There was an improved entry of Store Lambs and Breeding Ewes, with returns up perhaps £15 per head on the Store Lambs and perhaps £20-30 each on the Breeding Ewes.

Store Lambs were well sought after topping at £118 from DK & DG Goodwin for Suffolks with Texels from Ms Davies, Lane Farm to £113. A good run of Tup Lambs from John Phillips sold to £110. Smaller longer keep sorts saw even more interest trading £75-90 with only the smallest sorts below this.

Breeding Ewes kicked off with a bang with aged Texel Ewes from P & J Corfield to £175 and again at £174. Mules sold to £150 from R & GR Webster with the dispersal from JG Elkin selling to £146. Yearling Ewes hit the ground running with the first pen in the ring from NC Jones selling to £276, with his second pen at £274, both for smart Suffolk x Mules. Another great run of Suffolks from Will Dale sold well in excess of the last sale to £270 and then at £262. Mr Tyacke travelled with his lovely Suffolks and was well rewarded with a top of £258, with JR Lay topping at £256. The Texel trade just as well sought after, although returns not as high as the Suffolks, with JT & AR Frank selling to £243 and £240. NC Mules saw good representation and demand with the best returning £225 from SJ Yarnold with others topside and just below £200. Pure Suffolks stole the show this week however with a pair of pure Suffolk Ewes from MJ Davies, Yr Hafan selling to sensational ewes to £430 each.

Just a small entry of Rams sold to a top of £400 for a smashing Charollais Yearling from Grant Pink with Lambs from the same home to £380.

More Sheep already booked for a fortnight, more Ewes needed, especially with Store Lambs well in demand now. Please do get in touch to book your Sheep in and for any assistance.

Breeding Ewes

£175.00	P & J Corfield
£174.00	P & J Corfield
£160.00	S C Pearce
£154.00	P & J Corfield
£150.00	R & G R Webster
£146.00	J G Elkin
£142.00	R & G R Webster
£142.00	J G Elkin

Breeding Rams

£400.00	G D Pink
£150.00	S C Pearce (x3)
£140.00	S C Pearce

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Ewe Lambs

£120.00 J C French

Yearling Ewes

£430.00 M J Davies
£276.00 N C Jones
£274.00 N C Jones
£270.00 R T & T A Dale
£262.00 R T & T A Dale
£258.00 R T & T A Dale
£258.00 R Tyacke
£256.00 M J Davies
£256.00 J R Lay

Ram Lambs

£380.00 G D Pink

Store Lambs

£118.00 D K & D G Goodwin & Son
£113.00 L G D B & E A D Davies
£110.00 J E Phillips (x2)
£108.00 J C Taylor & Son
£100.00 L G D B & E A D Davies
£93.00 B D Lowe