

Bowman Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury, SY4 3DR**Tel: 01743 462 620 Email: market@halls.gb.com****MARKET REPORT FOR TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER 2024**

DAIRY (77)	Top Price	£3180 H	£3200 c	
SPRING LAMBS (633)	Top Price	£166	or 318pp	Ave:277ppk
CALVES (209)	Top Price	£408 (B)	£ 365(H)	
CULL EWES AND RAMS (430)	Top Price	£170(E)	£90(R)	
BARREN COWS/OTM'S (14)	Top Price	£1576.80	or 180ppk	

MARKET OPENING TIMES*****GATES ARE OPEN FROM 6.30AM*******AUCTIONEERS CONTACTS****CALVES 10am**

Nick Griffiths 07748 306442

LAMBS/HOGGETS 10am

James Evans – 07581 552 438

DAIRY & BARREN CATTLE 11am

Jonny Dymond 07803 412617

Henry Hyde 07398 137343

STORE CATTLE 10.30am**WEANLINGS 1pm**

Jonny Dymond 07803 412617

STARTING TIMES**LAMBS/ HOGGETS: 10AM****CALVES: 10AM****CULL EWES: TO FOLLOW LAMBS****BARRENS COWS AND BULLS: 11AM****DAIRY: 11.15 AM****WEANLINGS: 12.30- 1PM****STORE CATTLE FORTNIGHTLY****THURSDAY: 10.30AM**

******IMPORTANT INFORMATION ******

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77 DAIRY 11.15am

JONNY DYMOND – 07803 412617

Total		Ave (£)	Top (£)	Vendor
26	Freshly Calved Cow	1864.40	£3200.00	Seaton Farms
45	Freshly Calved Heifer	1938.18	£3180.00	Breeze Farms Ltd
4	Dairy Heifer in Calf	1130.00	£1250.00	Sunnyside Farms Ltd

77 DAIRY CATTLE

26 Fresh Cows to £3200 ave £1864

45 Fresh Heifer to £3180 ave £1938

4 In Calf Heifers to £1250 ave £1130

WHAT A SALE... PERHAPS THE SHARPEST HEFIER TRADE WE HAVE EVER SEEN!!

The stalls full of fresh milk today with a really mixed sample of everything from the very best to the rest! Buyers flocked to the market for a catalogue full of good pedigrees from our fantastic company of vendors. The pre-sale show for the Bill Higgins Cup, kindly Sponsored by NWF Agriculture was ably Judged by Graham and Lucy Warner of Weston Under Redcastle who awarded their prizes as follows: -

Cows

1st & Reserve Champion WISEMANOR DOC TUESDAY VG86 – A GOLDIE £3200

2nd BENTLEYFORD LIGHTHOUSE CASEY – DR & A Higgins £2480

3rd MILLENHEATH HOMETOWN MARIE – Millenheath Farms Ltd £2520

Heifers

1st & Champion GEUFFORD SECRETARIET VERONICA 3 – Breeze Farms Ltd £3180

2nd HURCOTT CHIEF VICK 2 GP83 – PB Sutton & Partners £2780

3rd HENNIKERS DEMPSEY G MATTIA VG86 – JG Morgan £2900

The entry overall today had something for everyone, from best Holsteins, Best Pedigrees, to $\frac{3}{4}$ light and British Friesian Cross Bred and mid lactation Cattle everything for every system was on offer. The cows led the way to £3200 for an absolutely tremendous cow from A Goldie with **WISEMANOR DOC TUESDAY VG86**, a cow which would have graced any show ring giving 54kg having calved on the 24th August she sold to a pedigree breeder from West Wales.

This was followed in the prices at £2800 for **HEATHLEIGH FITZ PRESENT VG86** from the dispersal of LF Horton & Sons, we were favoured with instructions to disperse the commercial dairy herd for Rob Hughes of Lower Halton, Chirk and he got off to a tremendous start with a 2nd lactation cow by Spock selling for £2680. In all 11 cows sold in excess of £2100 on the day, the second quality today look favourable for a milk and feed operation with $\frac{3}{4}$ cows starting from £780.

Heifers were a pleasure to sell with an army of buyers looking to make their impact at ringside, it was the champion on the day which rang the bell selling for £3180 for Breeze Farms Ltd, giving 36kg out of long lasting a productive dam she was purchased by the Judge.

Geoff Morgan made his return to the Shrewsbury ring with a tremendous heifer which generated both commercial and pedigree interest from the family of the great Mattia EX97, she sold to West Wales for £2900. A brown Swiss Heifer from Paul Stubbs giving 36kg sold for £2820, the same price achieved from RJ & RH Gadsby with FREEFOLD AVATAR BREEZE RED 3. Andrew Shakeshaft quality drew the bids today with heifers at £2550 and £2500, with the pick from Mick Gould at £2450. Friesian type heifers from Drury Lane Farms at £2400 and £2100

A run of in calf heifers for February peaked at £1250 for HOCLEW RAINSTORM POSSY 2 for Sunnyside Farm Ltd.

14 BARREN COWS/CLEAN: 11am

Henry Hyde – 07389 137343

Section	Breed	PPK	Price	Vendor
Cows	S/Dev	180ppk	£1576.80	JE & ER Dakin
	S/Dev	186ppk	£1543.80	JE & ER Dakin
	S/Dev	180ppk	£1450.80	JE & ER Dakin
	Frie	148ppk	£1124.80	M Chesters
	Frie	145ppk	£1070.10	SJ & MA Palmer
Steer	Hfd x	234ppk	£1553.76	JB Harper & Son
	Hfd x	240ppk	£1382.40	JB Harper & Son

Another Cracking run of quality in the Barren Cow Section this week at Shrewsbury with plenty of weight and shape forward in the cows and young steers. An excellent trio of young South Devon Cows J. E. & E. R. Dakin, Wackley Farm

topped at £1576.80 / 186ppk followed by a Young Friesian from B. P. Lewis and Son, Pentre at 176ppk. 5yr old Friesian Cows with a good weight on them topped at 148ppk / £1,124.80 from M. Chesters, Severnside and to 145ppk / £1,070.10 from S. J. & M. A. Palmer, Sutton Hill.

Aberdeen Angus Cows to 135ppk also from S. J. & M. A. Palmer, Sutton Hill.

A fantastic Run of Belting Hereford Steers from J. B. Harper and Son topped the steers at 240ppk / £1,382, 234ppk / £1,553 and 230ppk / £1,370

Trade on the Barren cows remain Buoyant so don't miss out on it at Shrewsbury – Bring them on down!

Any Questions contact Henry Hyde on 07398 137343

209 CALVES 10AM

NICK GRIFFITHS-07748 306442/ BEN DUTTON 07984 363287

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Breed	Bulls			Heifers		
	No	Ave	Top	No	Ave	Top
Frie	17	40.82	80.00			
BB x	77	277.44	390.00	57	191.28	£350.00
AA x	7	151.14	408.00	19	113.26	£210.00
Wag	2	165.00	185.00			
Swis	1	18.00	18.00			
Stab	1	80.00	80.00	1	90.00	£90.00
Hfd x	6	182.83	255.00	8	107.63	£270.00
Char x	2	196.00	200.00	2	352.50	£365.00
Sim x	3	189.00	222.00			
Lim x	2	161.50	268.00	4	136.25	£250.00

*****8 Week NON-Slaughter Declarations*** NO FORM NO DECLARATION**

In the interest of protecting your milk contract, Vendors are responsible for declaring their calves individually as not for slaughter, every week the auctioneer will declare at the point of sale and on invoice to our trusted buyers. Halls Holdings Ltd cannot be held responsible for the calf once it leaves the market where the onus transfers to the purchaser.

633 SPRING LAMBS (to be sold before Hogs)

JAMES EVANS 07581 552438

Lambs	Ave P/Kg	Top Ave	Vendor	Top Per Hd	Vendor
17-25.4kgs					
25.5- 32kgs	283.36ppk	284.00	JR & S Roberts	£91.00	DE & RM Williams
32.1 -39kgs	276.33ppk	318ppk	DE & RM Williams	£117.50	I Ainsworth
39.1- 45.5kgs	278.28ppk	306ppk	RS Smith	£127.00	DE & RM Williams
45.6- 52kgs	280.20ppk	299ppk	TJ Cork	£145.00	TJ Cork
52+ kgs	258.82ppk	296ppk	A Whiston	£166.00	A Whiston
Overall	277ppk				
SQQ	278ppk				

The October 29, 2024, sale at Shrewsbury Auction Centre saw an entry of 633 spring lambs, similar to last week's count of 639. Up to 1,000 lambs could have been easily sold. With the entry holding steady, buyer interest remained robust, with many remarking that the quality of lambs at Shrewsbury was among the best in recent months. This was reflected in sales averages as more fed lambs with good meat cover across all weight ranges were presented at the market. The quality of lambs on offer and buyer confidence in the trade both saw a boost, thanks to the growing use of the new Tuesday store lamb section for leaner lambs. This approach enhances the overall standard in the prime lamb sale, and we encourage vendors to continue utilising this section to get the most for the lambs they are bringing to the market.

This week's average price rose to 277p/kg from last week's 274p/kg and up from 272p/kg seen yesterday in markets, with the SQQ at 278p/kg, up from 275p/kg. The standard-weight lambs, weighing 32.1-39 kg, performed exceptionally well, emerging as the day's strongest category. Eight pens of these lambs achieved over 300p/kg, primarily due to their excellent finish and fat cover. Within this category, the average price remained steady at 276p/kg, while top prices climbed to 318p/kg, above last week's peak of 308p/kg. Top prices per head reached £117.50, reflecting sustained buyer interest in lambs with a strong finish in this weight range.

Medium-weight lambs, weighing 39.1-45.5 kg, also showed solid performance, with two pens reaching over 300p/kg. This category saw an average of 278p/kg, slightly improved from last week's 275p/kg. Buyer demand remained high, driven by Texel and continental lambs with good meat cover and conformation. RS Smith and DE & RM Williams led the category, with top prices per head reaching £127.

In the 45.6-52 kg range, 210 lambs sold at an average of 280p/kg, increasing from last week's 272p/kg. TJ Cork achieved the top price at 299p/kg and a high per-head price of £145, reflecting demand for heavier lambs with high meat yield. Though fewer in number, the heaviest lambs over 52 kg held value at 259p/kg, down slightly from last week's 267p/kg. However, A Whiston's entries fetched the top price of 296p/kg and £166 per head, underscoring continued interest in heavier lambs.

Overall, the Shrewsbury Auction Centre sale on October 29 maintained a resilient market across all weight ranges. Buyer confidence was strengthened by the clear segmentation of quality stock, with leaner lambs moving to the Tuesday store lamb section, encouraging more finished lambs in the prime sale. This, combined with buyers' continued willingness to pay premium prices, especially for well-finished lambs, highlights the robust demand in the prime lamb market. For further details on upcoming sales or to book entries, contact James Evans at 07581 552438.

******SHEEP LICENCES******

**ALL SHEEP LICENCES MUST BE FILLED OUT CORRECTLY.
WE ARE HAVING A LOT OF LICENCES NOT BEING FILLED IN CORRECTLY,
NUMBER OF SHEEP MISSING, CULL EWES NOT BEING ON SHEET, MISSING HOLDING NUMBERS ETC.
PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS IS DONE BEFORE HADNING IN YOUR LICENCE**

Lambs 32.1-39		
£117.50	318ppk	DE & RM Williams
£117.50	301ppk	I Ainsworth
£116.50	315ppk	R Herety
£115.00	303ppk	RS Smith
£114.00	300ppk	N & K Unwin

Lambs 39.1- 45.5		
£127.00	289ppk	DE & RM Williams
£124.00	295ppk	RS Smith
£124.00	282ppk	RM Taylor & Sons
£123.00	280ppk	SC Johns
£123.00	280ppk	RS Smith

Lambs 45.6-52		
£145.00	296ppk	TJ Cork
£143.50	299ppk	TJ Cork
£143.50	293ppk	GD Pink
£142.00	278ppk	D Penlington
£140.50	275ppk	RS Smith

Lambs 52+		
£166.00	296ppk	A Whiston
£163.00	247ppk	DE & RM Williams
£160.00	258ppk	A Whiston
£153.50	260ppk	G Watkins
£150.00	254ppk	SM Baylis

NOTICE TO PRIMESTOCK VENDOR

Due to the continuous increase in values of Primestock, abattoirs are demanding that the highest welfare standards be upheld. Sheep must be “fit to sell” in the market and be fit for human consumption.

Any Whole or Part of a carcass which is condemned is the responsibility of vendor and any deduction will be taken from your sale proceeds.

The Welfare of Animals in Markets Order 1990 states in order to be sold stock must not show any signs of being Diseased, Ill, Injured or Infirm. Anything that does not meet the standards will not be offered for sale and instead returned to its holding or origin.

342 STORE SHEEP

James Evans 07581 552438 or Tom Jerman 07948 080906

The store lamb sale at Shrewsbury Auction Centre on 29th October 2024 featured 342 store lambs, reflecting a growing interest in this segment of the market. The average price for store lambs was £88.50 per head, with the top price reaching an impressive £116, achieved by vendor H Potter. This week's sale indicates robust demand for store lambs, particularly as the auction continues to adapt its schedule to better meet vendor needs, having recently moved to a Tuesday slot as per vendor requests.

The variety of lambs on offer included short, medium, and long-term options, which attracted a wide range of buyers eager to acquire stock. This diverse selection provided opportunities for buyers looking for both immediate and future grazing prospects. The positive response to the Tuesday sale format suggests that vendors appreciate the increased competition and buyer presence.

Several notable prices were recorded throughout the sale. BC & DJ Edwards achieved a strong sale with a pen of lambs fetching £114, while a pen of Texel x ewe lambs sold for £112.50, demonstrating the premium that well-bred stock continues to command. VJ & VA Chidley also saw a pen of Texel x mixed and clean lambs reach £109, while GD Pink's mixed and clean lambs were sold at £108. GV Norris and I Ainsworth also contributed to the day's strong results, with ewe lambs selling for £104 and £103, respectively. R Rough rounded out the leading prices with a notable entry that fetched £99.50.

The sale highlights a trend of increasing support for the store lamb section, as evidenced by the variety of stock presented and the robust buyer participation. The move to Tuesday has evidently facilitated better trading conditions, allowing vendors to connect with buyers who are keen to secure quality lambs for various purposes, including finishing and breeding.

Overall, this week's store lamb sale underscores a positive outlook for the market. With strong average prices and competitive bidding, vendors are encouraged to continue bringing quality stock forward, particularly as the demand for store lambs is expected to remain high in the coming weeks.

For more information regarding upcoming sales or to discuss potential entries, please contact James Evans at 07581 552438 or Tom Jerman at 07948 080906. Shrewsbury Auction Centre remains a key destination for buyers and sellers in the lamb market, and with continued support for the store lamb section, future sales promise to deliver even greater opportunities.

430 CULL EWES AND RAMS: To Follow Lambs

TOM JERMAN :07948 080906

Ewes Top Price	Vendor	Ram Top Prices	Vendor
£170.00	J Higgins & Son	£90.00	Messrs Davies
£158.50	CCS Livestock		
£157.00	H Downes		
£150.00	EJ & SP Jackson		
£149.00	Harper Adams		
£148.00	J & T Powell		
£146.00	EJ & SP Jackson		

The sale of 429 cull ewes and one cull ram at Shrewsbury Auction Centre on 29th October 2024 demonstrated a remarkable improvement compared to the previous week's sale, which featured 259 cull ewes. This week's average price rose to £103, marking a significant increase of £7 from last week's average of £96 and £27 higher than two weeks prior. This upward trend is attributed to the stronger stock quality available this week, particularly with increased heavy, well-fleshed ewes. In terms of top prices, this week's highest ewe price reached £170, achieved by John Higgins & Son. This figure reflects a solid demand for well-finished ewes, and shows how the best ewes are getting dearer as last week's top price was £166.50. The overall strength of this week's sales is evident, with other strong results including £158.50 from CCS Livestock and £157 from H Downes. These figures emphasise the sustained demand for premium-quality ewes, particularly larger, heavier types such as Welsh Mules, Suffolk crosses, and Texel crosses, which consistently command prices well above £140. The ongoing scarcity of top-quality ewes means buyers are eager to pay a premium for well-fleshed animals. This presents a clear opportunity for vendors to capitalise by bringing more stock to market.

In contrast to last week's entry of 6 cull rams, this week's sale included one cull ram, with an average price of £90. While this number is down from last week's six entries, it reflects the ongoing need for quality stock. The top price for a ram this week was £90. Buyers are looking for rams suitable for immediate slaughter and those that could contribute to the 2024 breeding season. This ongoing demand suggests that vendors consider entering more rams in upcoming sales.

Overall, this week's sale underscores the market's continued strength for cull ewes and rams. The significant rise in the average price for ewes is driven by the availability of better-quality, heavier stock, which is consistently in demand. Producers are encouraged to bring more quality stock to meet the strong buyer interest, particularly for premium animals. With robust demand from slaughter and grazing buyers and the prospect of more opportunities for cull rams in the breeding season, next week's sale is expected to offer another competitive marketplace.

For further information about upcoming sales, please contact James Evans at 07581 552438 or Tom Jerman at 07948 080906. Shrewsbury Auction Centre continues to be a rewarding venue for buyers and sellers, and next week's sale promises even greater opportunities for achieving top-end results.

***** IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL VENDORS *****

VETERINARY ATTESTATION NUMBER (VAN) From the 13th December 2023 the European Union will not accept ANY part of a Carcass or Offal from UK livestock producers unless that have a Veterinary Attestation Number, this is relevant for Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Chickens and any other livestock in the UK.

IF YOU ARE FARM ASSURED your stock is considered to meet the requirements for export and you can ignore the rest of this statement.

IF YOU ARE NOT FARM ASSURED, please contact your Vets about getting a number.

While your stock can be sold at the market with or without a VAN Halls **STRONGLY ADVISE** getting one. The process from our experience is based on the health and well-being of your livestock, rather than paperwork. **OUR BUYERS REQUESTING THIS!** The meat industry is complex and when we trade in a world market ticking this box will be financially beneficial to you

FORTHCOMING SALE FIXTURE



SALE OF WEANLINGS & COWS & CALVES/YOUNG STORES

SHOW & SALE OF SUCKLED CALVES

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2024

Entries now being taken

BISHOPS CASLE STORE CATTLE SALE

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2024

SALE OF STORE CATTLE & YOUNG STORES

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2024

Upcoming Dates for Shrewsbury Plant and Machinery Sales for 2024

Friday 6th December Catalogue Closes Monday 25th November

ENTRIES MUST BE IN TO THE OFFICE BY THE CLOSING DATE TO BE PRINTED IN THE CATALOGUE. AFTER THAT DATE, ANY ENTRIES ARE BOOKED IN ON ARRIVAL AT THE SITE.

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Sheep Grazing required

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