



SHREWSBURY AUCTION CENTRE

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MARKET REPORT FOR TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2024



DAIRY (66)	Top Price	£3280c	£3200 H	
SPRING LAMBS (850)	Top Price	£180	or 385pp	Ave:306ppk
CALVES (228)	Top Price	£535 (B)	£405 (H)	
CULL EWES AND RAMS (520)	Top Price	£208(E)	£176(R)	
BARREN COWS/OTM'S (13)	Top Price	£1816	or 200ppk	
STORE SHEEP (205)	Top Price	£115.00		

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 12.30pm

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*******

**ALL PASSPORTS ARE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTRY FORM.
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66 DAIRY 11.15am

JONNY DYMOND – 07803 412617

Total		Ave (£)	Top (£)	Vendor
14	Freshly Calved Cow	2546.43	£3280.00	Millenheath Farms Ltd
44	Freshly Calved Heifer	2561.43	£3200.00	EE & M Williams
2	Dairy Heifer in Calf	1050.00	£1050.00	N Bennett
6	Dairy Calf	200.00	£200.00	RE Cookson & Son

MILLENHEATH SWEEPS THE BOARD AT RECORD BREAKING BRYAN CHALLENGOR CUP SALE

A wonderful day full of Christmas spirit the quality was exceptional and the demand at ringside resulted in a record £2557 average for the milking cattle with a top of £3280 and 7 over £3000 prices started for ¾ cows and heifer at £1450 with only 6 failing to exceed £2000!

14 Fresh Cows to £3280 ave £2546

44 Heifers to £3200 ave £2561

6 Heifer Calves £200 (6)

2 In calf Heifers £1050

ALL MILKERS AVERAGE £2557.... Every life £2297!!

The pre-sale show was very ably judged by **Mr James Meddins** who awarded his prizes as follows: -

Cows

1st & Champion – Millenheath Topshot Avery GP84

– Millenheath Farms £3000

2nd – Millenheath Topshot Lexine VG86 –

Millenheath Farms £3280

3rd – Meldamar Kimball Lady 86 – JM & D Shepherd
& Son £2750

Heifers

1st & Reserve Penwell Twinkle 287 – EE & M
Williams & Son £3200

2nd Overton Alcove Cheri – M J E Hughes £3120

3rd Dilandy Luster Marie – D & AC Shakeshaft £3080



The champion and Reserve today both came from Millenheath Farms, these 2 cows were producing 110 litres of milk a day and a picture of quality, congratulations to Rob, Jeanette, David and Sarah on breeding and turning these exceptional Animals on the day!! The trade was set from the moment the first cow stepped foot into the ring, a 3rd lactation commercial cow at £2000 for H Davies & Partners, after that only one cow sold for less than £2380, and she was a ¾ Holstein selling for £1550!!

Heifers were a rip-roaring trade throughout with £2000 a spot in the distant rather than a barrier!! Leading the trade at £3200 for the much-admired 1st prize winner from EE & M Winners sired by Seagull Bay Applejax. 2nd prize was a very, very fresh heifer from M J E Hughes of Criggion Hall. So so, so many highlights in the sale that I would be impossible to report them all, in total 25 heifers sold for £2500 or more with all 24 of the vendors in this section getting a slice of the big money!!

6 heifer calves sold for £200 each for Messrs Cookson, Dyffryn

Our final Dairy Sale of 2024 takes place next Tuesday 17th December, entries requested for cataloguing

13 BARRENS 11.00am
HENRY HYDE- 07398 137343

Breed	PPK	Price	Vendor
S/Dev	200ppk	£1816.00	MC & Miss WC Boston & Higgins
S/Dev	195ppk	£1528.80	MC & Miss WC Boston & Higgins
Hfd x	188ppk	£1357.36	W Middleton
Frie	169ppk	£1355.38	DR & A Higgins & Son
Hfd x	186ppk	£1342.92	SM Morgan
Frie	185ppk	£1050.80	JGP Lewis & Co

A Good entry of Barrens and quality forward at Shrewsbury this week with the trade still following the high trends seen around the region. Barren cows topped at 200ppk / £1,816 for a Belting Beast of a south Devon 9yr

old from M. C. & W. C. Boston and Higgins, Walford weighing a whopping 908kg!

Following on was another Cracking South Devon from the same home to 195ppk / £1,528.80.

Hefty Herefords topped at 188ppk / £1,357 for an 8yr old Hereford Cow from W. Middleton, Oakley House and to 186ppk / £1,342.92 for a 14yr old from Miss Sophie M. Morgan, Cefnog Farm.

Friesians topped at 169ppk / £1,355.38 for a for a 4yr old Tall Friesian with plenty of weight to her from D. R. & A. Higgins & Son Ltd, Bentley Ford.

Heifers sold to 263ppk / £2,146.08 for a 2yr old South Devon again from M. C. & W. C. Boston and Higgins for an excellently shaped heifer at 816kgs.

Winners of the Christmas Classes were:

Highest Price Per Head Beef Breed: M. C. & W. C. Boston and Higgins, Walford.

Highest Price Per Head Dairy Breed: D. R. & A. Higgins & Son Ltd, Bentley Ford.

Thank you to all that attended the Christmas sale, we look forward to seeing you all next week and wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



228 CALVES 10AM

NICK GRIFFITHS-07748 306442/ BEN DUTTON 07984 363287

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Breed	Bulls			Heifers		
	No	Ave	Top	No	Ave	Top
Frie	6	73.17	£196.00			
BB x	76	288.84	£455.00	80	254.31	£402.00
AA x	13	172.31	£345.00	12	103.33	£268.00
Mri	2	99.00	£158.00			
Hfd x	1	125.00	£125.00	7	121.43	£170.00
Char x	2	482.50	£535.00	1	320.00	£320.00
Sim x	3	289.00	£435.00	2	261.50	£318.00
Lim x	15	338.33	£495.00	8	215.38	£405.00



Great numbers forward this week for our Christmas Auction and all buyers were rewarded with a fantastic run of calves to get stuck into and all Vendors with an exceptional trade.

Our Christmas show was kindly judged by Barry Lewis, Woodside, who awarded the prizes to the following:

Champion Calf: Mr CT Pain Charolais Bull @ £535 (as Pictured Above)
Reserve Champion: Bowdler Farms British Blue Heifer @ £385
1st Prize –Native Calf: CT Pain, Angus Bull @ £345
2nd Prize – Native Calf: G Davies, Angus Heifer @ £268

A great selection of calves and a rip-roaring trade from the very start.

British Blues were something else, any number over £420 to a top of £455 from Bowdler Farms Ltd with Richard Bowdler selling his to £440. An overall average of £289 would merely represent the vast array of sizes on offer today with £405 being between the cheapest and dearest.

Charolais bulls sold to £535 for the Champion of the day from CT Pain with Messrs Davies selling his best to £430. Simmental Bulls to £435 from R & K Jones with others to £392 from C & J Tams. Limousins were a real trade with strongest types to £495 from DW David, who sold two others to £444 while J Corfield sold his two fantastic 1 month old types to £440. 15 Limousin bulls averaged £338.

Leading the way in the Heifers was DW David with strong Limousin Heifer at £405 while blues from Rochard Bowdler Ltd traded to £402. Any number of blue heifers £350 plus, with Bowdler Farms to £385 and £380. 80 Blue Heifers averaged £255 with aa range of £392 from top to bottom.

Charolais from WC Davies sold to £320 while the best of the Simmentals to £318 from CJ Tams.

Overall, a fantastic day s trading, more calves and buyers for next week please

****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.

570 SPRING LAMBS (to be sold before Hogs)

JAMES EVANS 07581 552438

Lambs	Ave P/Kg	Top Ave	Vendor	Top Per Hd	Vendor
25.5– 32kgs	304.37ppk	328ppk	SC Johns	£105.00	SC Johns
32.1 -39kgs	314.36ppk	385ppk	PC Dudleston	£150.00	PC Dudleston
39.1- 45.5kgs	308.04ppk	350ppk	PC Dudleston	£147.00	PC Dudleston
45.6- 52kgs	301.56ppk	360ppk	P C Dudleston	£180.00	PC Dudleston
52+ kgs	275.65ppk	293ppk	A Whiston	£176.00	A Whiston
Overall	306ppk				
SQQ	311ppk				

******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

The Christmas Fatstock Sale at Shrewsbury Auction Centre on December 10, 2024, delivered an exceptional trade for prime lambs, with 826 head forward, significantly surpassing last week's entry of 565. This larger turnout coincided with increased buyer demand, resulting in an overall market average of 306p/kg, up from 301p/kg last week, and an SQQ of 312p/kg, compared to 302p/kg in the previous sale. The festive atmosphere and strong competition ensured buoyant prices throughout the categories, with quality lambs achieving premiums as the season's demand peaked.

In the lightweight category, lambs weighing 25.5–32kg saw an average of 305p/kg, up from 297p/kg last week. SC Johns topped the section with 328p/kg and the highest price per head of £105, both improved from the previous sale. Although this remains a niche category, its strong trade highlighted the ongoing demand for lighter carcasses suited to specialist buyers. Two pens exceeded 300p/kg, matching last week's results, further emphasising the resilience of this category.

Standard-weight lambs, ranging from 32.1–39kg, were undoubtedly the most in-demand weights of the day, reflecting their popularity among buyers. Numbers in this category surged to 262 entries, a significant increase from last week's 157, highlighting vendors' confidence in this weight range. The average price climbed to an impressive 315p/kg, well above last week's 303p/kg, underscoring the strong competition for these lambs. PC Dudleston set a remarkable benchmark with a top price of 385p/kg and £150 per head for the champion pen of lambs in the presale show, far surpassing the previous week's highs of 329p/kg and £128.50 per head. Thirty-five pens sold above 300p/kg, with eight exceeding the 330p/kg mark, reflecting both the exceptional quality of the lambs and the consistent demand from buyers. These standard-weight lambs were sought after for their ideal balance of finish and size, making them a versatile option for buyers catering to various markets, including Christmas demand. The robust bidding in this category demonstrated that this weight range commanded premiums and drew the day's most consistent and intense interest.

Medium-weight lambs, the core of the sale at 39.1–45.5kg, maintained their position as the backbone of the trade. With 308 entries this category averaged 308p/kg, an improvement on last week's 302p/kg. PC Dudleston led again with a top price of 350p/kg and £147 per head, comfortably exceeding last week's top of 316p/kg and £137 per head. Thirty-seven pens surpassed 300p/kg, including three over 330p/kg, showcasing the continued demand for well-finished lambs in this weight bracket, which provides an excellent balance of price and volume.

Heavy lambs, weighing 45.6–52kg, saw a notable increase in numbers this week, with 219 entries compared to last week's 70. This weight category commanded significant buyer interest, averaging an impressive 302p/kg, up from last week's 298p/kg. The category's top performer was PC Dudleston, achieving a remarkable

360p/kg and £180 per head, a substantial improvement on last week's high of 304p/kg and £154. These results demonstrate the continued strength of demand for heavier lambs, particularly as the festive season drives the market for premium, well-finished stock. Buyers were eager to secure lambs of this calibre, with every purchaser having orders to fill for these larger carcasses. This was reflected in the competitive bidding, with 22 pens exceeding 300p/kg.

In the super-heavy category of lambs over 52kg, there were 41 entries, markedly up from just five last week. This section averaged 276p/kg, slightly ahead of the previous 274p/kg, with A Whiston achieving a top price of 293p/kg and £176 per head, surpassing last week's £161 per head. Four pens exceeded £160, reflecting continued interest in these larger lambs for specific market requirements.

This Christmas sale showcased a clear uplift in numbers and trade compared to last week. The overall market average increased by 5p/kg, and the SQQ rose by 10p/kg, reflecting the robust seasonal demand and competitive environment. The increase in entries brought greater variety and quality to the sale, which buyers met with enthusiastic bidding, particularly in the standard and medium-weight categories, where top-end lambs achieved significantly higher premiums than last week. The festive trade highlighted the importance of presenting well-finished stock, with prices reflecting the demand for lambs suited to Christmas orders.

This week's results reinforce the strength of Shrewsbury Auction Centre as a key venue for prime lambs, with buyers keen to secure entries in larger numbers. Several noted the yard could have handled well over 1,000 lambs, pointing to the untapped potential for vendors to increase their offerings. The market's strength and resilience indicate continued demand for quality lambs as the year progresses toward its close. For further details or to book entries for upcoming sales, contact James Evans at 07581 552438

Lambs 25.5-32		
£105.00	328ppk	SC Johns
£97.50	315ppk	RS Smith
£95.00	297ppk	J Axford
£90.00	295ppk	JR Ford & Daughter

Lambs 32.1-39		
£150.00	385ppk	PC Dudleston
£133.50	342ppk	SC Johns
£129.00	339ppk	WG & S Jones
£128.50	338ppk	Messrs Davies
£128.00	337ppk	PC Dudleston

Lambs 39.1- 45.5		
£147.00	350ppk	PC Dudleston
£145.50	346ppk	JH Jones & Son
£145.00	330ppk	JH Jones & Son
£144.00	327ppk	WG & S Jones
£140.50	319ppk	JH Jones & Son

Lambs 45.6-52		
£180.00	360ppk	PC Dudleston
£162.00	312ppk	PC Dudleston
£159.00	312ppk	FC Roberts
£152.50	305ppk	CJ & HM Evans
£152.00	304ppk	CJ & HM Evans

Lambs 52+		
£176.00	275ppk	A Whiston
£170.00	293ppk	A Whiston
£164.00	273ppk	WI Jones & Son
£162.00	231ppk	DW David & Sons

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.

520 CULL EWES AND RAMS: To Follow Lambs

TOM JERMAN :07948 080906

Ewes Top Price	Vendor	Ram Top Prices	Vendor
£208.00	JH Jones & Son	£176.00	SC Johns
£200.00	EJ & SP Jackson & Son	£176.00	CP Paddock
£200.00	DK & DG Goodwin & Son	£176.00	SC Johns
£200.00	JS & BM Vance & Son	£166.00	RT Edwards & Son
£194.00	HR Paddock	£141.00	JN & CG Campbell
£191.00	DK & DG Goodwin & Son	£131.50	CP Paddock
£190.00	EJ & SP Jackson & Son		
£188.00	TEA Owen		
£187.00	CR Paddock		
£184.00	FC Roberts		

The Christmas Fatstock Sale at Shrewsbury Auction Centre on December 10, 2024, welcomed a significantly increased entry of 520 cull ewes and 12 cull rams, a sharp rise from last week's 370 ewes and a slight drop from the 19 rams sold. This week's trade demonstrated a notable improvement, with cull ewe averages climbing to £122, up from last week's £88. The rise reflects the higher proportion of heavy, well-finished ewes

forward for the festive sale, driving demand and rewarding quality stock.

The top price for cull ewes surged to £208 for a Suffolk x from JH Jones & Son, a marked increase from last week's top of £179. Three vendors DK & DG Goodwin & Son, JS & BM Vance, and EJ & SP Jackson—achieved £200, showcasing the strength of trade for better-quality entries. These figures significantly outperform last week, where a higher proportion of plain ewes weighed down the overall trade. Pure Texels, Suffolk x, and Texel x types dominated the upper price brackets, frequently exceeding £170, while good-mated Welsh Mules fetched between £130 and £150.

In the cull ram section, 12 entries averaged £141, an increase from last week's £110. The top price of £176 was achieved by CP Paddock and matched by SC Johns, slightly below last week's top price of £160. Despite the reduced entry compared to last week's 19 rams, the strong demand persisted, with buyers actively seeking well-conditioned rams for slaughter and grazing purposes.

The overall improvement in trade from the prior week highlights the buoyant demand for quality stock as Christmas approaches. Last week's averages reflected a mixed offering with more plain ewes, while this week's larger entry of heavy, meaty ewes drew competitive bidding and impressive returns. The upward momentum in average prices since earlier in the season underscores the robust market for cull stock.

Buyers expressed an appetite for even greater entries, particularly well-finished and strong-framed ewes. Vendors are encouraged to capitalise on the current demand by bringing more heavy and meaty stock in the coming weeks. The festive season ensures continued high buyer interest, with the market showing resilience and rewarding quality. For more details or to book entries for next week's sale, contact James Evans at 07581 552438 or Tom Jerman at 07948 080906.

***** 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

205 STORE SHEEP

JAMES EVANS 07581 552438

Store Lambs	Vendor
£109.00	RJ Wilding
£115.00	CG & SR Davies
£111.00	D & S Lea
£111.00	PL Francis & Son
£100.50	BPH Llewellyn
£99.00	RJ Wilding

The store lamb sale at Shrewsbury Auction Centre on December 10, 2024, showcased an impressive entry of 205 lambs, attracting strong buyer interest despite the seasonal challenges. The sale achieved a commendable average price per head of £82, with a standout top price of £115 from CG & SR Davies, reflecting the ongoing demand for quality stock. Other notable prices included £111 for excellent entries from D&S Lea and PL Francis & Son, while BPH Llewellyn achieved £100.50, underlining the

competitive nature of the bidding throughout the sale.

This week's entry marked a significant increase in numbers compared to the previous sale on December 3, 2024, when 121 lambs averaged £103 per head. While the average price per head this week was lower, this reflects the larger entry and a broader range of lamb types offered. The strong top-end prices and keen buyer competition highlighted the demand for better-quality, short- and medium-term lambs, which secured premiums as in previous weeks.

Buyers remained active throughout, with many indicating they would have purchased additional loads had more lambs been available, particularly those suitable for quick finishing. Although a larger proportion of this week's entry consisted of smaller, long-term lambs, these still found homes as buyers sought to fill orders for both immediate grazing and longer-term feeding.

The demand for store lambs remains evident, even as the market adjusts to variations in quality and type week-to-week. Buyers continue to value well-presented entries that meet the criteria for finishing stock, ensuring competitive bidding for all types on offer.

As the lead-up to Christmas progresses, vendors are encouraged to bring forward additional entries to capitalise on the robust buyer interest. With strong demand persisting, the store lamb trade at Shrewsbury Auction Centre remains a reliable venue for achieving solid returns. For more information or to book entries for the next sale, contact James Evans at 07581 552438 or Tom Jerman at 07948 080906

FORTHCOMING SALE FIXTURE

BISHOPS CASTLE SALE OF STORE CATTLE
THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

SALE OF STORE CATTLE & YOUNG STORES
THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2024
Entries now being taken

SALE OF WEANLINGS & COWS & CALVES/YOUNG STORES
TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2024

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