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MARKET REPORT FOR TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025

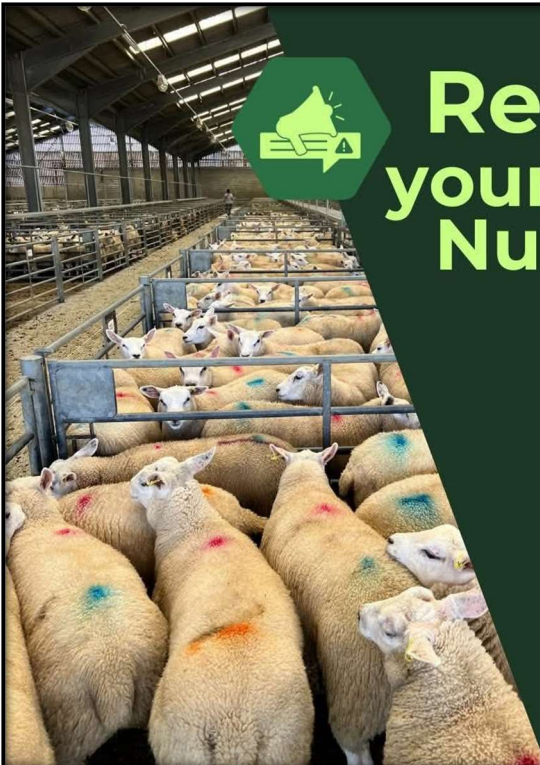


THE GROTON DAIRY DISPERSAL
165 IN MILK COMMERCIAL HOLSTEIN & BROWN SWISS
COWS & HEIFERS

On behalf of
T A Wainwright Son,
The Groton, Marton, Welshpool

Tuesday 20th May 2025 - 11.15am
(following the monthly Show & Sale)
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DAIRY (50) (Show & Sale)	Top Price	£3250 h	£2900 C	
DAIRY DISPERSAL (170)	Top Price	£3400 c	£2700 h	
PRIME HOGGETS (555)	Top Price	£162.00	or 308pp	Ave:273ppk
CALVES (118)	Top Price	£740(B)	£545(H)	
CULL EWES AND RAMS (275)	Top Price	£259.50(E)	£249(R)	
BARREN COWS/OTM'S (8)	Top Price	£1794.00	or 260ppk	
SPRING LAMBS (752)	Top Price	£151.50	or 371ppk	

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*******

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207 DAIRY 11.15am

JONNY DYMOND – 07803 412617

Total		Ave (£)	Top (£)	Vendor
8	Freshly Calved Cow	2018.75	£2900.00	D & AC Shakeshaft
24	Freshly Calved Heifer	2246.67	£3250.00	MW & JM Trevor Jones
1	Dairy Heifer in Calf	2180.00	£2180.00	R Fowler & Son
6	Maiden Heifer	1375.00	£1550.00	WL Jones & Co
3	Dairy Calf	360.00	£450.00	A & C Drinkall
1	Breeding Bull	2750.00	£2750.00	SL Titley

9 Cows in Milk to £3400 ave £2017

24 Heifers in Milk to £3250 ave £2246.67

6 Maiden Heifers to £1550 ave £1375

1 Angus Bull £2750

1 In Calf Heifer £2180

3 Dairy Calves to £450 (2) ave £360

An entry full of variety for the May Show and Sale, prices on the fresh still feeling the effects of seasonality, but as always, the cream rises to the top with fresh cows to £3400 and Heifers to £3250!!

The pre-sale show was very ably judged by James Williams of Nantwich who awarded his prizes as follows

Cows

1st & Champion – SUMMERFIELDS AWESOME CHEPPYCHIP RED – TA Wainwright and Son £3400

2nd PIMHILL TROPIC JUNIPER – D & AC Shakeshaft £2900

3rd STERNDAL TROPIC ASHLYN – WJ Nadin & Co £2450

Heifers

1st & Reserve CLWCH LAMBDA HELEN 3 – A&C Drinkall £3120

2nd CRACKING DALLIANCE BUNTY – CSA Brassington & Son £3100

3rd Red and White Heifer – MW & JM Trevor- Jones £3250.

A large crowd around the ringside today with a few more faces around the ring today looking for cattle now that the Silage has been made and the forecast is finally showing some rain. We are witnessing that 2-tier trade with the best sought after by everyone and those just half a step back in quality a way back in price.

Well balances powerful and milky cows all sold in excess of £1750, with the peak at £3400 in the prize winners detailed above, it is noteworthy the 6th Lactation cow **BEESTONVIEW GRAZIE LULU 2** who sold for £1750 for Lomas Farming Company.

Heifers are a pleasure to selling with averages safety over the £2000 at £2246 the better end if anything are sharper than 2/3 weeks ago, our Judge will be proud to have his prize winners claim the top 3 prices on the day, just behind them at £2950 was **STYCHE CHASE MEMORY**, the pick of 3 from Tony Scott. It was great to see the return on PB Sutton & Partners to our sale with their **HURCOTT ADORABLE BEECHLEAF** who achieved £2800. Heifer prices today started from £1300.

A single in calf heifers **HILLSUMMER ALTAIZZA MISSIE** due in June from R Fowler and Sons achieved £2180, while 3 commercial Bulling Heifers at 17mo from WJ Jones of Farlow hit £1550 (3). Heifer calves today very well sold to £450 on two occasions for A & C Drinkall. A lot of interest was seen for the young Angus bull from Ray Titley which sold for £2750, if you have any youngstock or stock bulls to sell please do not hesitate to get in touch.

GROTON HERD DISPERSAL SALE

A packed ringside made the journey to Shrewsbury Auction Centre for the dispersal of the Groton Herd with buyers in attendance from Cornwall, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Leicester, the border countries and Shropshire.

The herd was run commercially with 72 freshly calved since February and the trade raced away for the pick of these the hugely admired 2ND Calved Red and White SUMMERFIELDS AWESOME CHERRY CHIP RED, she in fact won the pre-sale show and sold freshly calved at 42kg for the day's top price of £3400

112	Dairy Cow in Milk	1903.39	£3400.00	TA Wainwright & Son
52	Dairy Heifer in Milk	1890.58	£2700.00	TA Wainwright & Son

8 BARRENS 11.00am

HENRY HYDE- 07398 137343

Breed	PPK	Price	Vendor
Frie	260ppk	£1794.00	RST & SA Morgan
AA x	279ppk	£1696.32	SH & JRF Gwyther
Swiss	235ppk	£1377.10	R & J Hill & Son
Frie	206ppk	£1293.68	JA Roberts
Char x	163ppk	£775.88	F Karle
Frie	338ppk	£2163.20	MW & JM Trevor Jones
AA x	362ppk	£1940.32	JW & J Richardson
AA x	346ppk	£1695.40	JW & J Richardson

A short but concise entry this week with plenty of weight and shape on offer. Cows seeing as higher trade pence per kilo as we have seen for the past few months. Cows topped at 279ppk for a 13yr old Angus cow weighing 608kg from S. H. & J. R. F. Gwyther, Llan Hall and to £1,794 for a 4yr old Friesian

cow weighing 690kg from R. S. T. & S. A. Morgan, Woodend Hall.

Prime Heifers topped at 362ppk for an 18month old Angus from J. W. & J. Richardson, Commonsides Farm and to £2,163.20 for a 31month old Friesian from M. W. & Mrs J. M. Trevor-Jones, The Elms.

Thank you as ever to our vendors and buyers, more barrens needed each week, please call Henry Hyde to discuss any entries or queries on 07398 137343.

118 CALVES 10AM

NICK GRIFFITHS-07748 306442

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Breed	Bulls			Heifers		
	No	Ave	Top	No	Ave	Top
Frie	2	135.00	160.00			
BB x	29	476.55	740.00	24	180.00	£540.00
AA x	15	451.67	640.00	13	180.00	£545.00
Hfd x	9	393.33	530.00	9	200.00	£410.00
Sim x	3	493.33	580.00	2	470.00	£500.00
Lim x	6	410.00	555.00	4	430.00	£490.00
B/sho				1	330.00	£330.00
Char				1	460.00	£460.00

A quality entry of 118 calves forward this week, slightly less numbers than last week but a lot of quality calves and still following the same fantastic trade. Plenty of continental types on show, less of the native breeds but still reflected well in the trade.

Top price of the day was had for a month-old British Blue Bull Calf from the Groton Herd Dispersal from T. A. Wainwright & Son at £740. Top Price for

a heifer calf was £545 for an 8month old Angus from D. J. Evans, Boycott Farm.

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.

555 PRIME HOGGETTS
JAMES EVANS 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 HANDING IN YOUR LICENCE**

Lambs	Ave P/Kg	Top Ave	Vendor	Top Per Hd	Vendor
17-25.4kgs					
25.5– 32kgs	277.97ppk	278ppk	J Pugh Ltd	£82.00	J Pugh Ltd
32.1 -39kgs	278.63ppk	297ppk	JN & CG & S Campbell	£110.00	JN & CG & S Campbell
39.1- 45.5kgs	280.46ppk	308ppk	J Pinner	£131.00	GV & JA Hardman
45.6- 52kgs	276.40ppk	296ppk	GV & JA Hardman	£147.50	GV & JA Hardman
52+ kgs	245.38ppk	276ppk	JH Fitton & Son	£162.00	James Moores Partnership
Overall	273ppk				
SQQ	280ppk				

There was a steadier feel to trade this Tuesday at Shrewsbury, with 554 hogs penned for sale—a slightly smaller entry than last week's 619. While overall averages eased back a touch, there was still good demand for well-finished lambs, particularly those with shape and cover.

The lightweight hogs (25.5–32kg) averaged 278p/kg, up from 268p/kg last week. J Pugh Ltd topped the section at 278p/kg and £82/head. Numbers were tighter in this weight range, and those with conformation and finish found keen interest.

The standard weights (32.1–39kg) came in at an average of 280p/kg, slightly softer than last week's 292p/kg. Quality still drew the bids, with JN & CG & S Campbell topping the section at 297p/kg and £110/head. Not quite at last week's highs of 322p/kg and £122.50, but still solid results for lambs ticking the right boxes.

Trade was consistent in the medium weights (39.1–45.5kg), averaging 282p/kg against last week's 297p/kg. Top price per kilo came from A Gwilliam & Son at 308p/kg, with GV & JA Hardman achieving the top per head value of £131. While slightly below last week's peak of 338p/kg and £146, demand remained firm for smart, square lambs with finish.

The heavyweight hogs (45.6–52kg) saw an average of 277p/kg, a minor drop from 293p/kg the previous Tuesday. Top prices of 296p/kg and £147.50/head went to GV & JA Hardman, who continue to be consistent performers in this category. These heavier pens still sold well when the quality was right.

For the superheavyweights (52kg+), 74 head were forward this week, with the section averaging 246p/kg, back from 268p/kg last sale. Despite the drop in average, J Moores topped at £162/head, and JH Fitton led the way on price per kilo. While not quite reaching last week's highs of 289p/kg and £168.50, the best of the big hogs still met demand.

Overall, the market average settled at 274p/kg, with the SQQ at 281p/kg—slightly easier than last Tuesday's overall 290p/kg and SQQ of 293p/kg. Even so, those with well-finished hogs were still well rewarded, and the sale maintained a solid level throughout.

If you've got hogs coming fit in the next week or two, it's a good time to move them. Buyers are still selective, but the appetite is there for quality. For any entries or questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

James Evans – 07581 552438

Lambs 25.5-32		
£82.00	278ppk	J Pugh Ltd

Lambs 32.1-39		
£110.00	297ppk	Jn & CG & S Campbell
£108.50	286ppk	J Pugh Ltd
£105.50	278ppk	J Pugh Ltd
£105.50	285ppk	J Pugh Ltd
£105.00	284ppk	HM Jones

Lambs 39.1- 45.5		
£131.00	291ppk	GV & JA Hardman
£130.00	295ppk	A Gwilliam & Son
£130.00	289ppk	HM Jones
£129.50	308ppk	A Gwilliam & Son
£129.00	287ppk	HM Jones

Lambs 45.6-52		
£147.50	284ppk	GV & JA Hardman
£144.00	282ppk	DW Roberts
£143.50	276ppk	HM Jones
£143.50	176ppk	DW Roberts
£142.00	296ppk	GV & JA Hardman

Lambs 52+		
£162.00	219ppk	James Moores
£150.00	242ppk	MG & MN Hanselman
£148.00	239ppk	DK & DG Goodwin
£147.00	223ppk	James Moores
£146.50	276ppk	JH Fitton & Son

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.

****** 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

275 CULL EWES AND RAMS: To Follow Lambs

TOM JERMAN :07948 080906

Ewes Top Price	Vendor	Ram Top Prices	Vendor
£259.50	RS & JA Gregory	£249.00	MJ Griffiths
£229.50	J Higgins & Son	£230.00	MJ Griffiths
£229.00	CR & JM Bowen	£168.00	AR Marsh
£227.00	MG & MN Hanselman	£150.00	Alderton Farming
£226.00	JH Jones & Son	£140.00	RJ & CM Randles
£220.00	A Cockayne	£131.00	C Powell
£218.00	Alderton Farming ptn	£120.00	T Davies & Partners
£192.00	DK & DG Goodwin	£117.00	F & FM Shingler & Sons
£190.00	J H Jones & Son		
£190.00	RST & SA Morgan		

Cull sheep numbers were tighter on Tuesday, with 273 forward made up of 252 ewes and 21 rams. Despite the smaller entry, trade remained firm across the board, and if anything, demand felt stronger than in previous weeks—particularly for the well-fleshed, heavier types. To put it simply: we

could've done with a lot more.

Ewes averaged a very healthy £149, showing once again that any ewe with size, weight and meat is in serious demand. The very best continental types were in a league of their own, with a pen of pure Charollais ewes from RS & JA Gregory topping the day at £259.50.

J Higgins & Son and CR & JM Bowen weren't far behind, hitting £229.50 and £229 respectively, while strong runs from MG & MN Hanselman and JH Jones & Son made £227 and £226.

It was clear that Texels, Charollais, and Suffolk-cross ewes with frame and finish were easily clearing £200, with some of the best pens pushing well above. The demand is there, and with numbers short across the board, more ewes are certainly needed to meet buyer appetite. If you've got well-covered sheep at home, now is the time to bring them in—trade is holding up very well.

Mules with good shape and finish were regularly selling from £145 to £180, with the leaner, plainer but still framed types not far behind at £120 to £140. Hill ewes also had a decent showing, with meated Welsh, Speckled, and Blackface types averaging £80 to £110, and even the leaner sorts to graze found a ready demand. There's a clear requirement not just for slaughter-fit ewes but also for plainer ewes to go back out onto grass.

Cull rams were a smaller entry again this week, with 21 penned. Plenty were leaner-bodied, which pulled the average back to £135, but the better types still sold extremely well. MJ Griffiths topped the rams at £249 and £230, while AR Marsh followed closely at £168. With more demand than supply in this section too, we'd encourage vendors with rams to consider drawing them sooner rather than later.

Overall, trade for all classes of cull sheep was brisk and competitive. With buyers eager for numbers, particularly stronger ewes and rams, there's a real opportunity for vendors to make the most of a firm trade. More could have easily been sold to advantage this week, and we'd certainly welcome larger entries next Tuesday.

If you're thinking of selling or would like any help sorting sheep beforehand, feel free to contact Tom Jerman on 07948 080906. We're more than happy to advise.

SPRING LAMBS

TOM JERMAN :07948 080906

Well, here we are again at Shrewsbury with 752 spring lambs forward this week — a solid entry that kept buyers busy and prices respectable. Compared to last week's 724 lambs on the 14th of May, numbers were slightly up, but the overall tone of the trade felt just as lively, especially for those lambs hitting the correct weights and finish.

Let's start with the medium-weight lambs (39.1–45.5kg) — as usual, they were the real highlight. Nearly 490 head went through this bracket, averaging 333p/kg. That's a tick off last week's sharp 376p/kg, but that's to be expected with a few more commercial sorts mixed in this time. The quality ones, though, certainly caught the eye. JK & LJ Bithell's lambs topped the section at 345p/kg, leading the pack on price per head with £150. If you've got lambs finishing in this weight range, you're sitting on a good opportunity.

Next up, the standards (32.1–39kg). We had 201 lambs in this category, averaging 350p/kg. GR & DG Jones saw their lambs hit a top of 371p/kg, and DJ Shakeshaft took home the top price per head at £138.50. Last week's top was a bit higher, with RT Edwards hitting 423p/kg and £156.50, so we're seeing a slight dip, but the trade is still firm. Buyers like neat, well-finished, and clean lambs – it pays to have them looking their best.

Regarding heavier lambs (45.6–52kg), the entry was tighter with 59 penned, averaging 310p/kg. The best on price per kilo came from JK & LJ Bithell at 319p/kg, while JB Morris & Son claimed the highest headage price at £151.50. Last week, these lambs fetched a little more, with averages around 305p/kg and a top of 355p/kg, but the market is still willing to pay for shape and finish in this heavier class.

Only a handful of superheavyweights (52kg plus) came forward—just 3 in total. They averaged 275p/kg, with GH Bruckshaw topping both p/kg and per head at 276p/kg and £149. Not many of these about yet, but when the quality is right, there's still demand.

Looking at the overall picture, the market averaged 338p/kg with an SQQ of 334p/kg. That's slightly back from last week's stronger 377p/kg average, but it's important to remember that a few more commercial lambs and a wider mix of weights were in today's sale. The takeaway is that good lambs still sell well.

One thing I always stress is how important presentation is. If you're mixing leaner lambs in with the well-finished ones, it drags the price down across the board. And if you've got ram lambs (tups) in the batch,

please keep them separate — they often command a better price when sold on their own, and it makes it easier to market them to the right buyers.

If you need help sorting or drafting your lambs, don't hesitate to call me. We're always happy to advise and ensure your stock stands the best chance in the market.

Trade remains strong for well-finished, well-bred spring lambs, especially those hitting the 38 to 42kg sweet spot. If you've got lambs in that weight range, now's a great time to bring them forward while buyers remain keen.

Lambs 32.1-39		
£138.50	355ppk	DJ Shakeshaft & Son
£137.00	351ppk	K & R Price
£136.50	355ppk	RT & TA Dale
£136.00	358ppk	TL & SO & PT Hayward
£135.00	346ppk	RT & TA Dale

Lambs 39.1- 45.5		
£150.00	330ppk	J Pinner
£148.00	340ppk	J Pinner
£148.00	344ppk	J Pinner
£146.00	340ppk	J Pinner
£145.00	322ppk	DJ Shakeshaft

Lambs 45.6-52		
£151.50	303ppk	JB Morris & Son
£150.00	319ppk	J Pinner
£150.00	313ppk	J Pinner
£146.50	312ppk	CR & JM Bowen
£146.00	304ppk	A Cockayne

Saturday 24th May

SHREWSBURY SALE OF HAMPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP

Tuesday 27th May 2025

SHREWSBURY SALE OF COWS& CALVES, WEANLINGS & YOUNG STORES

Entries Welcome

Thursday 29th May 2025

BISHOPS CASTLE SALE OF STORE CATTLE

Entries Welcome

Thursday 5th June 2025

SHREWSBURY SALE OF STORE CATTLE

Entries Welcome

Wednesday 11th June 2025

SHREWSBURY SALE OF TB RESTRICTED "ORANGE" CATTLE

Friday 13th June 2025

SHREWSBURY ON SITE PLANT & MACHINERY SALE

Tuesday 17th June 2025

SHREWSBURY DAIRY SHOW & SALE

Entries Welcome



THE LILLESHALL DISPERSAL SALE

Friday 30th May at 10am

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On Behalf of SM Gilman and Partners at

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