

SHREWSBURY AUCTION CENTRE

MARKET REPORT TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2026

EVERY TUESDAY – Gates Open 6.30am

Section	Top Prices				Averages
PRIME HOGGETS	1135	£241.00	478ppk		396ppk
CALVES	194	£800 Bull	£670 Hfr		
BARREN COWS / OTMS	13	£2128	£266ppk		227ppk/£1323.07 head
SPRING LAMBS	1363	£240.00	497PPK		
DAIRY	21	£3020 Cow	£3250 Hfr		
CULL EWES AND RAMS	662	£238 Ewe	£205 Ram		
STORE SHEEP	55	£305.00			
WEANLINGS	232	£3750 c/c	£1760 S	£1660 H	£1300 b
STORE CATTLE					

FORTHCOMING SALES

Next Sale of Weanlings, Young Stores and Breeding Cattle **TUESDAY 2ND JUNE**

Next Sale of Store Cattle **THURSDAY 28TH MAY**

Next Dairy Show & Sale & Hereford Bulls **TUESDAY 26TH MAY**

Shrewsbury Plant and Machinery Sale **FRIDAY 5TH JUNE**

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DAIRY – 11.15am

Auctioneer: Jonny Dymond – 07803 412617

Secretary: Annie Unwin – 07394 479668

TOTAL	SECTIONS	AVE	TOP	VENDOR
7	Freshly Calved Cow	£1528.57	£3020.00	LT Downes & Son
14	Freshly Calved Heifer	£2693.08	£3250.00	M & J & E Hughes

A small entry and more are certainly needed with great demand for quality milker's week in week out at Shrewsbury.

The trade today was topped at £3250 for a smart Heifer from Mark Hughes non pedigree but descended from the Hilgonda Family of Styche Holsteins giving 31kg a day by Secretariat. Next in the heifers were a pair from new vendors LT Downes of Longnor with two daughters of Hardball, medium sized and balanced giving 35 & 37kh both **LONGNOR HARDBALL VIOLA** and **LONGNOR HARDBALL POLLY** sold for an impressive £3150 a cow from the same home £3020, well done to all at Greystone Farm. Also achieving the £3000 mark was **ALDERBARROW LB TINA**, plenty of heifers over the £2500 mark today for quality, A faulted heifer with a light quarter sold for £1950.

Next week is the show and sale we look forward to receiving your entries.

13 BARRENS – 11am

Auctioneer: Henry Hyde – 07398 137343

BREED	PPK	TOP PRICE	VENDOR
Frie	1280.49	£1884.85	M & JC Gould
BB x	1019.15	£1019.15	SP Jones
AA x	1372.00	£1372.00	E O Evans & Son
Hfd x	1171.80	£1171.80	P & E Williams
Lim x	1543.63	£2128.00	Aston Hall Farms

CALVES -10am

Auctioneer: Nick Griffiths – 07748 306442

	BULLS			HEIFERS		
BREED	No	AVE (£)	TOP (£)	No	AVE (£)	TOP (£)
Frie	12	228.75	340.00	1	325.00	325.00
Blnd x	5	642.00	770.00	4	440.00	490.00
BB x	39	616.59	800.00	39	523.59	670.00
AA x	3	491.67	565.00	7	352.86	450.00
MRi	1	550.00	550.00	3	321.67	325.00
Cont	8	381.25	490.00	10	368.50	460.00
Hfd x	29	550.34	670.00	12	395.42	580.00
Char x	4	666.25	770.00			
Lim x	11	601.82	750.00	6	541.67	650.00

Another quality show of 194 Calves today and what a trade they were!!

Bowdler Farms topped the day with a tremendous 2mo Blue calf selling to £800, another younger bull calf at just 1mo from the same home £785. Topping the Charolais today was a fantastic 1mo bull from C T Pain selling to 770, not far behind was another Charolais bull from P & Mrs S Lloyd, Gwastad at £760.

Blues from the same home £750. Blonde Bulls sailed to £760 from L R & EH Yapp & Son, The Lawns Farm, with others from this home £720, £640. Next in the lineup was a smart limousine 1mo from R & E M Watson & Son, New House Farm selling to £750. Hereford Bull calves where a Flying trade, these topped at £670 for a cracking Bull from RD Thomas, Neuaddlwyd, more from this home selling to £640. Angus today to £565 from Scotts Farm, Hanmer Mill Farm, with more from this home £540. Friesian bulls an Outstanding trade with C S A Brassington and Son Topping the trade at £340, more from this home at £290. Not far behind was A C and A J Dale selling to £335 and £325. Friesian Bull calf's Averaged an impressive £228 and nothing below £140!! 112 Bull Calves averaged an outstanding £538!

Richard Bowdler Topped the Heifer trade with an impressive Blue sold for £670, more from this fantastic run £650, £640, £630, R & E M Watson wasn't far behind with his limousine Heifer selling to £650. More Limousines sold to £600 from J & R Corfield. Herford's were in big demand with the best of the Hereford heifers selling to £580 from B K Jones, more Herefords to £470 from R D Thomas. F G & A M Windsor had a Lovley Blonde Heifer selling to £490. A strong run of Stabiliser Calves from PL Oxdale, these topped out at £460 and more from this home selling to £440, £405. Angus Calves a good trade with the best topping to £450 twice from DI & D ELLIS more from this home selling to £440. MRI Heifers from E T & P Shingler & Sons selling to £325 & £320 twice! Friesian Heifer from H & E & J Vooght selling to £325. Heifers All in Averaged an Incredible £458 and nothing Below £200!!

Overall average today over the section Averaged £504.86!

Really good trade on all 194 calves today with a ringside full of keen and competitive buyers, more could have been sold.

More numbers needed every week please to Maintain trade.

1135 PRIME HOGGETS- 10am

Auctioneer: James F Evans- 07581 552438

Tom Jerman - 07948 080906

LAMBS (kgs)	AVG P/KG	TOP PPK	VENDOR	TOP PRICE	VENDOR
17-25kg					
25-32kg	367.54	409ppk	J Pugh Ltd	£131.00	J Pugh Ltd
32.1 -39kg	398.40	450ppk	R Holt	£171.00	R Holt
39.1-45.5kg	421.27	478ppk	CP Paddock	£215.00	CP Paddock
45.6-52kg	420.08	457ppk	GA Meredith	£210.00	GA Meredith
52kg +	355.65	396ppk	GA Meredith	£241.00	C I Thomas
OVERALL	396ppk				
SQQ	411ppk				

The hogg section was once again a real test of market depth, with over 1,100 forward, but it handled the pressure exceptionally well. The overall average lifted to **401.89ppk**, with an SQQ of **414.77ppk**, showing just how well the trade stood up under big festival numbers.

The **25.5-32kg hoggs** averaged **370.54ppk**, with Jim Pugh Ltd topping the section at 409ppk. It was a steady opening, setting the tone for what followed.

The **32.1-39kg hoggs** averaged **404.40ppk**, with Robert Holt topping at 450ppk. This was where the trade began to sharpen, with buyers starting to compete more aggressively as the sale-built momentum.

In the **39.1–45.5kg hoggs**, the festival effect really showed through. Averaging **424.30ppk**, this was one of the strongest sections of the day, with H Evans and Son topping at 461ppk and strong per head returns of £205. Demand here was consistent and confident.

The **45.6–52kg hoggs** continued the strong tone, averaging **424.75ppk**, with G A Meredith topping at 450ppk and C P Paddock achieving £217 per head. These heavier hoggs were keenly fought over, with buyers clearly wanting numbers secured.

Finally, the **52kg+ hoggs** averaged **360.67ppk**, with G A Meredith topping the section at 396ppk and PJ and FP Bridge achieving £232 per head. Even at the top end, there was still solid demand and no sense of weakness in the trade.

1363 SPRING LAMBS – 10am

Auctioneer: James F Evans – 07581 552438

Tom Jerman – 07948 080906

LAMBS (kgs)	AVG P/KG	TOP PPK	VENDOR	TOP PRICE	VENDOR
17-25kg					
25-32kg	344.83ppk	345ppk	BD Lowe	£100.00	BD Lowe
32.1 -39kg	474.90ppk	497ppk	GR & DG Jones	£193.50	Ward Partners
39.1-45.5kg	470.57ppk	495ppk	VJ Bromley	£212.00	G Evans
45.6-52kg	446.13ppk	457ppk	R Holt	£218.00	R Holt
52kg +	370.62PPK	413ppk	TS & C Powell	240.00	PW Poole
OVERALL	466.82PPK				
SQQ	471.18ppk				

The spring lamb trade was a direct reflection of the occasion, with strong demand right through the sale and an overall average lifting to **472.82ppk**, with an SQQ of **477.18ppk**. The atmosphere in the ring was competitive from the very first lot to the last, and buyers were clearly here to do business.

The **32.1–39kg lambs** set a strong early benchmark, averaging **480.90ppk**, with G R and D G Jones producing the top of the section at 497ppk. These lambs were met with immediate competition, and it was clear the festival trade was in full swing from the outset.

The real heart of the sale came in the **39.1–45.5kg lambs**, where volume and demand collided in the best possible way. Averaging **476.57ppk**, this section was hotly contested throughout, with V J Bromley topping at 495ppk and Gareth Evans leading the way at £214 per head. This was a proper commercial trade, driven by numbers and confidence in equal measure.

In the **45.6–52kg lambs**, the trade stayed remarkably solid considering the size of entry, averaging **452.13ppk**. Robert Holt topped the section at 457ppk, with V J Bromley again featuring strongly at £220 per head. These heavier lambs were well absorbed, showing the depth of buying strength present on the day.

At the top end, the **52kg+ lambs** averaged **376.62ppk**, with strong competition still evident for the right sorts. T S and Mrs C Powell topped the per kilo trade, while P W Poole led the per head returns at £242. Even here, demand held firm, rounding off a very complete spring lamb trade.

662 BUTCHERS, GRAZING EWES & CULL SHEEP-**To Follow the Hoggets****Auctioneer: James F Evans – 07581 552438****Tom Jerman – 07948 080906**

EWES	VENDOR	RAM	VENDOR
£238.00	JF Payne	£205.00	P Hughes
£230.00	RJ & B Ratcliffe	£202.00	H Hilditch
£230.00	RJ & B Ratcliffe	£200.00	S & SE Morris
£229.00	WV Davies & Co	£192.00	R Holt
£225.00	AW Jones	£185.00	R Ratcliffe
£220.00	BD Lowe	£170.00	WF Ridge
£218.00	RST & SA Morgan	£154.00	R Holt
£217.00	MRM Matthews & Co	£	
£215.00	C Whitticase & Son	£	
£212.00	BD Lowe	£	

The ewe section was one of the largest seen at Shrewsbury for some time, and it played its part in the festival atmosphere. Despite the sheer scale, the trade held together well, averaging **£171.26**, with J F Payne topping at £238. Rams averaged **£191.44**, topping at £205 for P Hughes.

Even with heavy numbers, there was clear demand for well-fleshed sorts, and clearance was maintained without difficulty. This was a strong, functional trade under pressure.

55 BREEDING AND STORE SHEEP- 12noon**Auctioneer: James F Evans – 07581 552438****Tom Jerman – 07948 080906**

EWES & LAMBS	VENDOR
£305.00	JR Jones
£295.00	West wood Farms
£290.00	West wood Farms
£275.00	Jr Jones & Son
£215.00	JR Jones & Sons
£190.00	L Page

Store Sheep – Steady Confidence in the Background

The store sheep section continued to reflect confidence from the prime rings. Ewes with lambs averaged **£266.61**, topping at £307 for J R Jones and Sons, showing that buyers remain willing to invest where quality is presented.

It is a quieter section in comparison, but still underpinned by the strength of the finished trade.

232 BREEDING CATTLE, YOUNG STORES & WEANLINGS – 12.30pm**Auctioneer: Jonny Dymond – 07803 412617****Cow & Calf £ 3750
Heifer £1660****Steer £1760
Bull £ 1300****Steers to £1760 Heifers to £1660 Bulls to £1300**

A hot hot hot trade for the weanling today with flurries of bids all over the ringside for what was undoubtedly a very high-quality entry of very genuine stock from vendors near and far choosing Shrewsbury!

The sale followed the cow and calf dispersal, reported separately, with a Heifer with Heifer calf who had stolen the bull and achieving £2400, and a wonderful Beef Shorthorn Bull, who would be too good for many, from MP Jones which sold for a tremendous £3000.

Trade raced away in the weanlings with 12mo Angus bulls from JRF Gwyther £1320m 12mo Simmental bulls from GK Harrett to £1300 Salers to £1180 for J Lewis, 10mo Angus from Anglo Welsh Trading, a shapely pen of 3 6mo blue bulls from DJ Evans sold for £1030, 5mo Angus from GW Watkin £880, 6mo Hereford bulls from RD Thomas £840(5).

The stronger store cattle always pleasure to sell at always with some strength about peaking at £1760 for Angus from AL & GM Pryce, and £1620 for 13mo Steers from SH & JRF Gwyther, a 14mo Blue Steers from Brian Price £1500 his Limousins £1300. A pair of Simmental Heifers from G Cop £1660 going to bull

Weanlings is raucous demand with a pen of 5 Saller steers from J Lewis 7mo sold for £1525, 7mo Charolais steers from Penybryn Farms £1500 & £1460, Heifers from this Home £1440, 6mo Blue steers from DJ Evans to £1210, SH & JRF Gwythers Hereford steer £1210, Herefords RW Williams of Meifod £1000 outliers from S Griffiths £940.

Red Blue Heifers from CG & SR Davies achieved £1310 (3) with angus from Anglo Welsh trading to £1330, a super pen of 8 from GW Watkin 6mo £1080 5mo Hereford Heifers to £880 for RD Thomas.

MORE MORE MORE MORE NEEDED PLEASE ON THIS SUPER DEMAND

Halls were favoured to disperse the commercial herd of South Devon x cows from N & R Owen and the sale drew a crowd to burst the ringside and a trade to blow the roof off the shed!

Cows with spring born calves at foot peaked at £3750 for a 4th calved cow with Heifer calf at foot, another 4th Calver sold for £3400 while a 8th Calved cow with bull calf at foot born April sold for £3000! The 9 spring calved cows, 4th to 9th calvers sold to aver £2977!!

The Summer calving cows due in July me strong demand with a 2022 born cow at £2700, 2018 born cows to £2500 with trade from £1900 for a 10-year-old cow. The calves these cows had reared were split in the ring and peaked at £1650 for steers and for Heifers. The sire of all the calves a purebred south devon bull sold for £3100

We would like to thank Nick and Ruth for their instructions and encourage any other prospective clients to get in touch if they are considering a dispersal sale!

BPS or SFS - What's the Right Choice for You?

With the opening of the Single Application Form (SAF) application window on 2nd March, the time has come for Farmers and Landowners in Wales to make an important decision, choosing whether to continue claiming under the legacy Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) or transition into the new Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS).

Understanding the differences between the two schemes and what they mean for your business is key to making the right decision. Early preparation can help ensure applications are submitted accurately and on time.

Associate Director and Rural Chartered Surveyor, David Bryan-Jones says "The transition to SFS is going to be a significant change for everyone whatever route is taken, but we are here to guide you towards making the most appropriate decisions for your business".

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