



MARKET DRAYTON LIVESTOCK MARKET

Barbers Auctions LLP report the following trade at Market Drayton Livestock Market :-

MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2007

67 BARREN COWS & OTMS

A long awaited return to Monday night sales brought a modest entry selling on an improved trade. With the introduction of green markets enabled a few more buyers to compete for grazing cows, thus pushing the grade four and plainer cattle. The trade would certainly be up on the week with all grades of cattle up nearly five pence and if export arrives you will see a bigger jump. The overall average returned at 55p and many more cattle could have been sold to vendors advantage. Top honours this week went to Messrs S.V. Taylor & Partners of Barns Farm, Rowton with a Limousin cross suckler cow to 81.5p. Dairies are still back as exports are yet to resume, this week averaging 52.5p and topping out at 69p for Messrs G.R. Warrender & Son of Lower Beighton Farm, Weston-Under-Lizard to gross £524.00. Please continue to pre-book cattle for Monday nights as we continue to return to normal. Please pre-book with Bernie Hutchinson on 07778 164274, Rob Lea on 07813 625787 or the Auctioneers office 01630 652926.

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2007

226 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS

It is fantastic being back to green markets and what a cracking trade throughout for all weights and grades. With the introduction of two more buyers around the ring and several more accounts the scene was set for a buoyant trade and many more cattle could have been sold to vendors advantage. The main grumble this week came from the buyers requiring more of your cattle to fulfil increasing orders. Leading prices returned at 145p for bulls, 137p for heifers and 135p for steers.

76 Bulls - A few more forward selling on a blistering trade with one of the highest averages this year returning at 112p. Heavies raced away to 144.5p for a Limousin weighing 584 kilo to gross £843.88 from Mr Rob Belfield, Upper Hulme and a further bull to 139p. In the heavies Mr Ian Mainwaring, Oteley had a cracking run of Continental bulls to 136p, 133p, 132.5p, 128.5p and 117.5p. Mediums topped out at 132.5p for a British Blue weighing 532 kilo to return £704.90 from Mr M.E.G. Bennett, Woodseaves. Mr Woolley, Great Bolas deserves a mention for his Limousins to 125.5p, 123.5p and 121.5p. Mr Woolley also topped the lights at 145p for a Limousin weighing 440 kilo to gross £638.00. An all time record for a Black & White bull weighing 592 kilo at 128.5p to generate £760.72 from Mr Ian Mainwaring. Native types reached 117.5p for a bull weighing 646 kilo to gross £759.05 from Mr Bennett. The overall average returned at 112p and many more could have been sold to vendors advantage.

64 Steers - Twice the number forward selling on a real flying trade, especially for well fleshed cattle. Entry was mainly dominated with heavier types and these peaked at 135p for a Limousin weighing 602 kilo to realise £812.70 from Messrs Oakley, Newport and it is nice to mention it was non farm assured. Other names to mention are Mr Williams, Stoke-On-Tern with a Limousin to 130p, Messrs Brown, Hixon with Continentals to 125.5p and 123p and Wheeldon Farms with British Blues to 122.5p x 2. Mediums came a very close second at 133p for a Limousin weighing 550 kilo to return £731.50 from Mr H. Cornes, Checkley. Friesian steers had a revival peaking at 113.5p for a beast weighing 618 kilo to generate £701.43 from a new vendor Mr Harris, Hartshill. The overall average returned at 111p and like the bulls more could have been sold.

86 Heifers - A few more forward selling on a corking trade throughout. The main grumble was from the butchers requiring more super star cattle. Please can you help next week? Mediums took pole position at 137p for a Limousin weighing 440 kilo to return £602.80 from Mr Phillip Plant, Sugnall and a further run of cattle to 129.5p, 117.5p and 116p. Heavies peaked at 128.5p for a British Blue weighing 540 kilo to gross £693.90 from Wheeldon Farms, Buxton and further cattle to 126p and 122p. Mr Dean, Eccleshall deserves a mention for his Continentals to 127.5p, 119p and 116p. The overall average returned at 110p and more well fleshed cattle required next week. Anybody uncertain about marketing please telephone me on 07778 164274 or at the Livestock Market 01630 652926.

46 DAIRY CATTLE

An excellent entry in numbers but a bit of a mixed day. Some first class heifers and young cows sold well to £1,580 for Messrs R.G. & E.A. Cornes of Onneley, £1,570 from Mr H. Lewis of Wolvey and £1,520 from Messrs P. & S.S. Lea of Tushingam. Second calf cows to £1,540 from Messrs D.J. Boulton & Son, Marston. Old cows to £1,180 for a fifth calver from Messrs A.J. Busby & Son, Billington.

78 STORE CATTLE

A good trade with plenty of bidders around the ring and some quality cattle selling to a top price of £538 per head for a bunch of British Blue steers from Mr B.R. Harper, Hinstock. Steers to 114p, heifers to 126p and bulls to 101p. Suckler Cow & Calves to £725.00 Messrs D.E. & SE. Furnival Ltd, Napley Lodge Farm.

Steers

British Blue 473kg £538.00 Mr B.R. Harper, British Blue 477kg £530.00 Messrs I.E. & M. Wilson,
Simmental 482kg £500.00 Messrs S.B. Holland & Son,
Limousin 520kg £480.00 Mr T.R. Meakin, Aberdeen Angus 412kg £445.00 Messrs R.D. & P.T.
Stubbs, Friesian 420kg £400.00 Messrs J.W. Cotton & Son.

Heifers

British Blue 470kg £528.00 Mr B.R. Harper, British Blue 455kg £478.00 Messrs S.B. Holland,
British Blue 408kg £430.00 Messrs R.D. & P.T. Stubbs, Limousin 415kg £400.00 Messrs J. & B.
Austin & Son,
Limousin 420kg £400.00 Messrs S.B. Holland, Aberdeen Angus 415kg £380.00 Messrs R.D. &
P.T. Stubbs, Saler 238kg £300.00 Cheshire Vendor.

Bulls

Limousin 496kg £500.00 Messrs D.J. & P.O. Smale, Limousin 406kg £350.00 Messrs D.J. & P.O.
Smale, Blonde D'Aquitaine 494kg £400.00 Messrs D.J. & P.O. Smale, Friesian 335kg £198.00 Mr
R.J. Fernihough,
Friesian 276kg £165.00 Mr R.J. Fernihough.

280 SHEEP

A tentative entry of lambs for the first green market, however, with trade very positive with the average up six pence on the week to 95p hopefully the first steps have been taken to returning to our original strength.

Top honours this week to Messrs C.L. Price & Co of Grafton Farm, Montford Bridge for a nice pen of Standard lambs reaching 108p with a gross of £41.15 per head. Also worthy of a mention is Mr D. Grigg of 44 Cambourne Close, Congleton who achieved 105p for a pen of heavy lambs grossing £43.09. All in all a positive week with trade for lambs being helped by the 'green' status and the prospect of meat exports returning on Friday. Please keep numbers of lambs coming in the next few weeks to feed increased demand. For advice on entries call the auctioneers office on 01630 652926 or Bernie on 07778 164274. New Season Lambs Graded :- Lights to 75p (£22.50) average 73p (£19.00). Standards to 108p (£41.10) average 99p (£37.00). Heavies to 105p (£44.00) average 94p (£40.00). Over Heavies to 83p (£44.00) average 72p (£37.00).

400 EWES

Ewes remained largely unchanged this week in terms of the overall average which this week fell by £1 to just over £28. However, to welcome back the green markets, a significantly larger entry than last week of four hundred ewes. At the top of the trade this week were a pen of ewes reaching £54 per head for Messrs D.F. & M.A. Craddock of Deepdale Farm, Chetwynd. Also entered this week were forty-seven breeding ewes as part of a flock dispersal, the ewes made between £10 and £35 averaging £29 for Messrs G.N. & M. Barnett of Lower Farm, Burleydam. Please keep numbers of ewes coming as we return to normal, for any advice on marketing please call the auctioneers office on 01630 652926 or Bernie on 07778 164274. Ewe averages as follows :- Heavies £48 to £54, cutting ewes £38 to 348, plain ewes £31 to £38 and lights £14 to £31.

383 CALVES

A good entry for the first week back in business since the Foot & Mouth Restrictions. Some very strong calves forward selling to a top price of £224 for a British Blue bull from Mr A.H. Vernon, Whitgreave. Close behind was Messrs A.D. & P.J. Moseley of Whitgreave also with a British Blue. Continental heifers topped out at £212 for a Simmental from Messrs S.P. & G.M. Edwards of Betton followed closely by a Limousin from Messrs Dutton Bros of Calverhall achieving £191. A huge entry of Friesian calves topped out at £130 for Messrs Seaton Farms, Audlem and returned an average of £15.08 which was well up on the national average. Please keep the numbers and quality coming to satisfy demand.

BULL CALVES

FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN (152 - AV.£15.08) £130 Seaton Farms & £98 Ryder Farms. HEREFORD (13 - AV.£109.31) £150 Messrs A.D. & P.J. Moseley & £146 Messrs A.D. & P.J. Moseley. CHAROLAIS (6 - AV.£148.17) £217 Messrs E.A. Wild & Sons & £190 Messrs E.A. Wild & Sons. SIMMENTAL (26 - AV.£156.08) £210 Messrs S.P. & G.M. Edwards & £204 Mr W.J. Lokier. LIMOUSIN (22 - AV.£136.73) £216 Dutton Bros & £208 Mr W.J. Lokier. BRITISH BLUE (28 - AV.£150.68) £224 Mr A.H. Vernon & £218 Messrs A.D. & P.J. Moseley. ABERDEEN ANGUS (10 - AV.£54.20) £120 Mr A.H. Vernon & £117 Messrs G.D. Dodd & Son. SWEDISH RED (2 - AV.£5.50) £7 Mr S. Pendlebury & £4 Mr S. Pendlebury. MONTBELIARDE (2 - AV.£4.00) £6 Mr D.F. Palmer & £2 Mr D.F. Palmer. JERSEY x 1 £1 Mr S. Pendlebury. SHORTHORN x 1 £49 Mr R.D. Kite.

HEIFER CALVES

HEREFORD (15 - AV.£54.53) £118 Messrs Newsholme & Bradley & £75 Mr R.D. Kite. CHAROLAIS (8 - AV.£126.13) £155 Messrs D.R. & S. Byrd & £152 Messrs E.A. Wild & Sons. SIMMENTAL (29 - AV.£111.00) £212 Messrs S.P. & G.M. Edwards & £190 Mr W.J. Lokier. LIMOUSIN (18 - AV.£105.11) £191 Dutton Bros & £178 Mr W.J. Lokier. BRITISH BLUE (42 - AV.£104.98) £190 Mr A.H. Vernon & £182, Mr A.H. Vernon. ABERDEEN ANGUS (7 - AV

£35.14) £60 Mr A.H. Vernon & £52 Messrs R.G. & E.A. Cornes. SWEDISH RED x 1 £2 Mr S. Pendlebury.