BRIDGNORTH LIVESTOCK MARKET WEEKLY REPORT

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Prime Cattle (Red)

Auctioneer - Mark Burgoyne 07831 192603

102 PRIME CATTLE

With a short pre-Easter week ahead there were fewer cattle forward and in truth, not too many more were needed. Trade was a little firmer with bulls and butchers heifers easiest sold. Once again, a two tier trade with heavy or out of spec sorts difficult to sell. The overall average of 175p/kg included several of these types.

Best heifers sold to 245p/kg with several others passed 230p/kg. Steers conversely only realised up to 203p/kg or £1306 in the lump.

Some decent meaty bulls forward met a tidy trade selling to 213p/kg for sucklers. The black and white contingent hadn't much shape generally but those with meat met plenty of interest.

10 COWS & 1 STOCK BULL SOLD TO 110P/KG

Once again, cows look well sold versus everything sold earlier. Blue cows at 37m sold to 137p/kg from Frank Millichamp, with older Blondes to 133p/kg from Brian Watkins. Steaking cows a good go to 110p/kg. Plain cows 60p/kg-70p/kg. Limousin stock bulls to 112p/kg for 972kg.

62CLEAN CATTLE

30 steers sold to average 179p/kg. 576kg and 660kg Limousin steers well-finished but lean from Brian and David Whiteman sold to 203p/kg and 198p/kg respectively. John Johnston's run of six was headed by his Charolais at 596kg achieving 201p/kg. 666kg Lims sold to 194p/kg from Pete Raybould. Handy Simmentals sold to 193p/kg for 508kg from Charlie Sandells. Hereford steers sold around the 160p/kg- 165p/kg mark.

32 heifers sold to average 186p/kg. Limousins from Matt Bower sold to 245p/kg and 237p/kg for 516kg and 462kg respectively. 508kg Charolais from Stuart Bebb sold to 243p/kg. Brian Watkins' handy Blonde sold to 233p/kg. Hereford heifers around 160p/kg unless too fat.

40 BULLS OV AV. 164P/KG

18 Holsteins were included plus suckler bulls well over 16 months. 640kg Lims from Andrew Craig topped at 213p/kg, closely followed by 612kg Lims from Ed Green at 210p/kg. Holsteins sold to 151p/kg for 718kg from Charlie Cadwallader.

STEERS				
203p/kg	576kg	21m	LIMx	BV & DT Whiteman
201p/kg	576kg	21m	CHx	JJ Johnston Farms
198p/kg	660kg	23m	LIMx	BV & DT Whiteman
195p/kg	616kg	20m	LIMx	JJ Johnston Farms
194p/kg	664kg	25m	LIMx	SJ Raybould & Sons
193p/kg	508kg	12m	SMx	KJ Sandells
<u>HEIFERS</u>				
245p/kg	516kg	13m	LIMx	MJ Bower
243p/kg	508kg	11m	CHx	RT Bebb Ltd
237p/kg	462kg	13m	LIMx	MJ Bower
234p/kg	534kg	15m	BRB	EP Parkes & Sons
233p/kg	456kg	13m	BAx	CO Watkins & Co
232p/kg	478kg	13m	LIMx	RT Bebb Ltd
228p/kg	526kg	22m	LIMx	MG Mottershead
227p/kg	498kg	13m	BAx	CO Watkins & Co
227p/kg	522kg	16m	BRB	EP Parkes & Son
227p/kg	542kg	13m	LIMx	RT Bebb Ltd
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213p/kg	610kg	12m	LIMx	TR Craig & Sons
210p/kg	612kg	14m	BRB	JB & EJ Green
209p/kg	590kg	13m	LIMx	TR Craig & Sons
207p/kg	620kg	16m	LIMX	RJ Skellern RT Bebb Ltd
206p/kg	640kg	13m	LIMx BRB	JB & EJ Green
205p/kg	622kg	13m 13m	LIMx	F Povall & Son
204p/kg 202p/kg	640kg 516kg	13m	LIIVIX	TR Craig & Sons
202p/kg 201p/kg	516kg 562kg	13m	LIMX	TR Craig & Sons
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OTM COWS				
137p/kg	526kg	35m	BRB	Millichamp Bros
133p/kg	634kg	85m	BAx	CO Watkins & Co
125p/kg	612kg	105m	BAx	Millichamp Bros
120p/kg	682kg	61m	BBx	Millichamp Bros
114p/kg	602kg	39m	BRB	FC Osborne & Son
110p/kg	640kg	104m	НО	D & M McCall & Sons
104p/kg	658kg	127m	НО	D & M McCall & Sons

1100 HOGGS

Auctioneer: Martin Clack 07977 067519

What a difference a week can make. After last week's exceptional trade, trade had eased probably due to the Bank Holiday weekend creating short working weeks, together with large numbers of sheep in the market place nationally.

Heavy sheep taking the biggest knock with out of spec hoggs harder to sell. This said, hoggs sold to £104.40 for 46kg at 227p/kg and 46.5kg at 223p/kg, but the majority of 46kg plus hoggs would trade under £2/kg.

The top price this week of 236p/kg for 40kg Texels from RM Colebatch, with lighter hoggs to 217p/kg for 34kg.

Twice as many spring lambs as last week selling to 309p/kg for 40kg from W Rodenhurst and to a top price per head of £126.40.

> MORE SPRING LAMBS REQUIRED EACH WEEK AS MORE CUSTOMERS ARE NOW LOOKING FOR LAMBS

406 EWES

Ewes averaged £83 selling to £125, with one of the best shows of ewes for some time. Continental ewes virtually all over £110 and Suffolks to £111. For the first time in several months, a pen of mules realised over £100. Hill ewes to £50 Swales and small Cheviots £64. Rams averaged £98 to £140 Charollais.

FODDER SALE – Every Tuesday at 11:30am

Fodder Beet sold to average £18/tonne If you are looking for Fodder Beet or need any Silage or Hay contact Mark Burgoyne 07831 192603

STORE SALE

200 Store Cattle Plus Ewes & Lambs and Calves & Weanlings THIS FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2014 AT 11:00AM

Catalogue & photos online

ANNUAL MAYFAIR PRIZE SHOW & SALE OF STORE CATTLE

FRIDAY 2ND MAY 2014

Sponsored by Yorkshire Bank

Entries for catalogue close Wednesday 23rd April at 5:00pm

35 ACRES GRASS EATING AT TRESCOTT

Available April to October 2014

Contact Rob McCabe 07970 981183

3.32 ACRES (1.34HA) PASTURE LAND & STABLES Off Folley Lane, Ackleton, Wolverhampton

A useful block of pasture land in a convenient location on the edge of Ackleton complete with stabling and ideally suited for equestrian use

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

(subject to conditions and/or prior sale)

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2014 AT 6:30PM

At Ackleton Village Hall

EUROPEAN FUNDING COULD PROVIDE TIMELY BOOST FOR THE REGIONS FARMERS

Farmers and food producers thinking of investing in their businesses could access discounted borrowing rates from the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (AMC plc).

AMC has negotiated access to a £multi million European Investment Bank (EIB) fund aimed at stimulating investment and job creation in small and medium sized businesses, including those in farming. This means that loans for eligible projects can be discounted by 0.8% below normal rates for 10 years.

Local AMC agent Robert McCabe says this is an exciting development and means that loans for a wide range of farm and diversification projects such as building works, livestock housing and crop storage, farm shops and farm energy schemes can be heavily discounted.

"At a time when interest rates are historically low this could represent a real opportunity to cost-effectively invest in the future of the farm." he says.

"The previous scheme met with strong farmer demand in the area with many using it as an opportunity to develop projects that improve efficiency, productivity or help to manage costs."

"For example farm energy schemes such as wind, solar or hydro, which are increasingly being seen as a way of mitigating rising energy prices, are likely to be eligible for the discount."

"With demand for food underpinning optimism across many sectors and challenges around managing production costs, this scheme offers a real financial boost at an important time for many farm businesses. I would urge anyone who is about to fund a farm improvement programme to find out how the EIB scheme could help reduce costs," concludes Rob McCabe.

For more information and to find out whether your project is eligible contact Rob McCabe at Nock Deighton Agricultural LLP on 01746 762666 or 07970 981183.