

MARKET REPORT FOR WHITLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET FOR
SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2017

Over 200 cattle forward met a blistering trade at Whitland on Saturday and the massive crowd in attendance bared witness to it all. Barren cows started the sale as usual and sold to a top price of £1090 (133ppk) before the store heifers set an incredible trade with the quality that was found throughout the cattle forward. Topping the trade were three cracking black Limousin heifers from Roberts, Parke at £1290. Heifers averaged £795/head. The trade picked up even more for the steers with prices crossing four figures on a more regular basis than has been seen for some time. Top price steers were two Charolais from Blethyn, Gelly Farm closely followed by a Welsh Black steer at £1205.

Two dispersals of suckler cows, Pedigree Herefords, from DH & SI Thomas, Doldderwydd, Whitland and the commercial cows from NJ & PE Harries, Gignog, Penycwm sold to a good trade also. The cows from the Derwydd herd were calving in the Spring and sold to a top of £1110 averaging £760/head while the commercial cows from Penycwm were a month from starting calving to the Simmental stock bull topped at £1100 averaging £880. The Simmental bull was 8 years old and sold for £1060 and his calves from the previous year were in very good shape and sold to a top of £775 averaging £671.

Store Cattle (227)

Averages	Ave.	Top
Heifers 0-15m	632	880
Heifers 16-24m	851	1290
Heifers 25-30m	710	830
Heifers 30m+	693	890
Steers 0-15m	702	1025
Steers 16-24m	906	1210
Steers 25-30m	959	1170
Steers 30m+	713	760

Breed Report

Heifers	Ave.	Top	Vendor
Blonde D'Aquitaine	690	690	Penisarcoed Ltd, Jersey Marine
Saler	530	530	Harries, Gignog Wen
Welsh Black	740	920	James, Cleddau View
British Blue	808	990	Thomas, Tir Isaf
Hereford	715	980	Gwynfro Farms Ltd
Aberdeen Angus	708	780	Edwards, Llandawke
Charolais	988	1145	Blethyn, Gelly
Simmental	608	705	Harries, Gignog Wen
Limousin	835	1290	Roberts, Parke

Steers

Friesian	635	760	Reynolds, Sarland
Blonde D'Aquitaine	1170	1170	Thomas, Carswell
Shorthorn	620	620	Brown, Ashbrook
Montbeliard	555	555	Frizell, Cwmgarw Woodlands
Saler	790	790	Harries, Gignog Wen
Welsh Black	718	1205	James, Cleddau View
British Blue	1030	1135	Gwynfro Farms Ltd
Hereford	734	1100	Gwynfro Farm Ltd
Aberdeen Angus	946	1170	Jameson, Cilhir Isaf
Charolais	1177	1210	Blethyn, Gelly
Simmental	797	1105	Davies, Bronygaer
Limousin	923	1175	John, Pensarn

Breeding Sheep (189)

The flock dispersal from Darran James, Rose Park were full of quality, well farmed, sheep that sold to very rewarding and deserving trade. Scanned at 180% to Beltex and Charolais Rams, due from March 1st onwards they sold to a top of £158 and averaged a very impressive £125 per head. It was a proud day for Darran seeing the number of buyers that were impressed with his excellent flock and if the new owners do half the job with the lambs that he did they will not regret their purchases one bit. Ewe and lambs couple numbers are also climbing and there is plenty of trade for these early lambs. Top price was £190 for a Texel Ewe with twins from Evans, Coedhowell and the section averaged an astounding £144/per ewe.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Calf Sales – Now **WEEKLY**, every Tuesday, 10am. Next sale: to include British Blue weaned calves from R. Cole, Horse Park. Contact Huw for further details and entries on 07976 328177

Next Dairy sales – Upcoming dairy sale – Tuesday 14th February, 11.15am.
Collective Dairy sale including consignments of fresh calved and incalf heifers.

Red Markets for cull cows and fat cattle for herds under TB restrictions. Last sale cows sell to £1100 and excellent trade throughout. Call Gareth on 07812 127824 or Huw on 07976 328177 to book. **Next sale will be Wednesday 8th February, 5.00pm. Entries by Monday 5th February please.**

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