

Dairy (5)

Whitland dairy saw some good quality heifers from Hackett Holsteins, Kilgetty sell to a respectable trade in line with national trends selling to an average of £1505 for heifers in milk and a top price of £1650 for Hackett Casual Bella, a super heifer bred from 2 generations of VG cows. Maiden heifers, also from the Hackett herd, sold to £580.

The next sale is scheduled for Tuesday 14th March. Numbers are essential to bring buyers and entering forward will allow us to give your cows and heifers maximum exposure, bring the buyers to ringside and get you the best trade. Call Huw now on 07976 328177 to pay you a visit.

Calves (59) 10.00am

Similar entry on the week and excellent quality once more selling to a fast trade. Friesian bull calves sold to a top of £105 and average of £56 in a very competitive trade. Many onlookers, hoping to buy beef and weaned calves went home empty handed after a shocking trade that saw top quality Charolais steer calves, only 8 months of age sell to £780. In the younger category British Blues dominated the prices with bull calves getting to £330 and heifer calves to £350. The averages below should hopefully be eye-catching enough to draw more entries as the section seeks to grow.

Breed Report

Bull calves

Breed	Ave	Top	Vendor
Friesian	56	105	Thomas, Plaspaun
British Blue	243	330	Cole, Horse Park
Hereford	108	160	Roberts, Brynaeron
Aberdeen Angus	133	158	Jones, Hackett Farm
Charolais	752	780	Harries, Wennant
Limousin	175	175	Jones, Shipping Farm

Heifer calves

Breed	Ave	Top	Vendor
British Blue	222	350	Cole, Horse Park
Hereford	230	340	Cole, Horse Park
Aberdeen Angus	162	300	Cole, Horse Park
Charolais	130	130	Tremellen Farms, Tremolet
Limousin	236	300	Cole, Horse Park

Fat Lambs (224)

Double the entry from the week before was a welcome sight, but with a good bulk of the entry in the lighter weight categories the average reflected this at 161ppk up to a top of 176ppk. Medium lambs sold to a better demand averaging 166ppk and top price of the day for the second week running was £90.

Quotations

Light Lambs (32.1-39.0)	max.	176ppk	ave.	159.42ppk
Standard Lambs (39.1-45.5)	max.	174ppk	ave.	166.02ppk
Heavy Lambs (45.6-52.0)	max.	169ppk	ave.	160.44ppk

Cull Ewes (142)

More ewes forward and a mixed run of prices due to the split in grade. Meated ewes, as always sold to a good trade averaging £56 and topping at £96 from Harry, West Pilton. Rams averaged £61.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Calf and Weaned Calf Sales – Now **WEEKLY**, every Tuesday, 10.00am.

Consistently fast trade with more and more buyers appearing every week. We need more calves to satisfy the growing demand and you will not be kept all day and you will not be disappointed with the prices.

Phone, text or email Huw with details and photos if available.

Contact Huw for further details on 07976 328177 or email – huw@jimorris.com

Whitland Dairy – next dairy sale, Tuesday 14th February, 11.15am.

Contact Huw with entries or any sales or special entries on 07976 328177.

Whitland Store – next sale **Saturday, February 18th 2017 - 10.15am**

Entires include: 26 Limousin Steers/Heifers 18-20 months; 25 Charolais/Hereford/Blue X Cattle 15-18 months; 200 other cattle from regular vendors. Breeding Sheep entries: 60-70 inlamb ewes, scanned from March 20th Onwards; 25 Texel/Suffolk Ewes and Lambs; 8 Ewes and Lambs; more entries expected on the day. Last sale saw heifers to £1290 and steers to £1210. Trade was fierce and ringside was packed full with buyers.

Entries and enquiries to Whitland Mart on 01994 240665 or Gareth on 07812 127824/Huw on 07976 328177

Whitland Red Market – Next sale Wednesday 8th March, 5.00pm.

More cattle needed for the red market to satisfy the buyers in attendance. The trade is also red hot and entries are taken from restricted and non-restricted holdings. The 6-day standstill does not apply for non-restricted holdings if you have moved on but we need to be informed of entries to keep all possible buyers informed. Last sale saw over age steers sell to £1400 (189ppk) and cows top to £950 (131ppk).