

Dairy (30)

Today's dairy entry consisted of yearling heifers only. Though milk is mainly in demand, the young stock trade is likely waiting for Spring to arrive and turn-out time. However quality always sells and though quite selective the best yearling heifers got to £580 an averaged £496 throughout.

The next dairy sales at Whitland consist of two dispersals. **Tuesday, March 28th** will see a herd dispersal of 35 British Friesian and Friesian Cross Cows from Phillips Bros, Mounon Farm. An all year calving herd with full details to come very shortly. **Tuesday, 11th April** is the next **Purely Pedigree Show & Sale** and will include the dispersal of the young stock from the Aberlleine Herd having taken the decision to convert to Pedigree Ayrshires.

Further entries for both these dates to come to Huw on 07976 328177.

Calves (93) 10.00am

Bull calves averaged £324 with Harries, Pantyffynnon topping the market for the second week in succession with another pair of Simmental Steers selling at £700. Heifer calves averaged £213 to a high of £335 for a Limousin heifer from Thomas, Lower Haythog. Friesian bull calf trade continues to flourish averaging £56 throughout and a top of £160 from Picton Castle Dairy Ltd. There is a need for dairy bull calves to be 10 days old to travel the distances necessary to get them to the outlets providing the demand and trade achieved. The top 20 Friesian bulls today averaged £78/head.

Breed Report

Bull calves

Breed	Ave	Top	Vendor
Friesian	56	160	Picton Castle Dairy Ltd
British Blue	266	300	Phillips, Swynant
Hereford	292	420	Anthony & Partners, Waun Fawr
Aberdeen Angus	163	275	Pearce, Glandwr Farm
Simmental	700	700	Harries, Pantyffynnon
Limousin	301	475	Thomas, Lower Haythog

Heifer calves

Breed	Ave	Top	Vendor
British Blue	155	198	Picton Castle Dairy Ltd
Hereford	241	285	Pearce, Glandwr Farm
Charolais	272	325	Phillips, Swynant
Limousin	265	335	Thomas, Lower Haythog

Fat Lambs (263)

A much improved entry of lambs and another good trade that averaged 175ppk to top price of £85/head from James, Cotts Park. Top price per kilo got to 185ppk from Thomas, Puntingbud Farm.

Quotations

Light Lambs (32.1-39.0)	max.	182ppk	ave.	171.49ppk
Standard Lambs (39.1-45.5)	max.	185ppk	ave.	175.49ppk
Heavy Lambs (45.6-52.0)	max.	173ppk	ave.	163.34ppk

Cull Ewes (182)

It was no surprise to see more ewes forward following last week's storming trade, which was matched this week also. More ewes brought a more varied entry and the overall average was £52 but top price this week got to an astounding £105 for ewes from Towns, Woodfield.

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Calf Sales – Now **WEEKLY**, every Tuesday, 10am. The trade we have been seeing at Whitland for both calves and weaned calves has been very competitive and is drawing the attention of new vendors and purchasers. We won't keep you all day and you'll go home with a smile. Last sale saw males top at £700 (10 months) and heifers £335 (4 months). To enter and allow us to market fully call Huw now on 07976 328177.

Next Dairy sales – Upcoming dairy sale – Tuesday 28th March, 11.15am.

Collective Dairy sale including consignments of fresh calved and incalf heifers.

Entries include the herd dispersal of 35-40 cows from Phillips Bros, Mounon Farm.

Strong British Friesian and Friesian Cross suitable for any system and that will go on to improve production from a low input system at Mounon Farm.

Further information and entries to Huw on 07976 328177

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

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