

Whitland Livestock Market Report - Tuesday 11/04/2017

Dairy (85) 10.00am

The hardship that dairy farmers have been enduring for going on 3 years now is definitely beginning to take its toll in the sale ring. In order to achieve the premium trades of old standards have risen and specification has gotten tighter. Nevertheless the Whitland trade was more than respectable in the current climate with cows getting to £1280 and incalf heifers to £1240. Milk is without a doubt a priority and quick return from fresh calved or due shortly animals is where the premium is at the moment. Quality youngstock will sell well with bulling heifers getting to £560, younger maidens to £400 and heifer calves selling to £170 from the Aberlleine dispersal. If milk is what you are after though Whitland will again be the place to be for the complete herd dispersal of 140 cows and 100 youngstock from Mesrs Davies, Plaindealings, Hayescastle on Tuesday 25th April.

Calves (116) 10.00am

Another decent entry over a hundred calves and weaned calves at Whitland and a good trade for all rearing calves. The black and white trade took a slight dent with some outlets not able to take them with the bank holiday looming. Averaging only £26 but getting to highs of £200 and £165 for the better ones. We're sure that the trade will return to its usual strong self from next week onwards. The beef trade remained brisk however with tops of £530 for Hereford steer calves and £590 for a Simmental heifer.

Breed Report

Bull calves

Breed	Ave	Top	Vendor
Friesian	26	200	Richards, Blaencedw
Shorthorn	251	285	Harry, Lanfro
British Blue	198	262	Jones, New House
Hereford	191	530	George, Ferryside Farm
Aberdeen Angus	340	340	Harry, Lanfro
Limousin	168	192	Jones, New House

Heifer calves

Breed	Ave	Top	Vendor
Frieisan	88	130	Richards, Blaencedw
British Blue	157	192	Hefin Davies Ltd, Bryntrogin
Hereford	127	390	George, Ferryside Farm
Simmental	590	590	Williams, Clomendy
Limousin	60	60	Jones, New House

Fat Lambs (392)

A much improved entry of lambs with new season averaging 212ppk to highs of 222ppk (£91) and old season holding firm at 174ppk average and top of 184ppk (£86.50)

Quotations

Light Lambs (32.1-39.0)	max.	222ppk	ave.	216.11ppk
Standard Lambs (39.1-45.5)	max.	212ppk	ave.	208.15ppk
Heavy Lambs (45.6-52.0)	max.			
Old Season (32.1-39.0)	max.	173ppk	ave.	167.01ppk
Old Season (39.1-45.5)	max.	184ppk	ave.	178.17ppk
Old Season (45.6-52.0)	max.	174ppk	ave.	163.52ppk

Cull Ewes (139)

The good trade is bringing cull ewes in droves and the best prices exceeding the hundred mark regularly getting to top of £115 for ewes from Law, Alltgaredig who also sold top price ram at £119.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Next Dairy sales – Upcoming dairy sale – Tuesday 25th April, 11.15am.

Including the complete herd dispersal from Mesrs Davies, Plaindealings, Hayescastle.

Further information and entries to Huw on 07976 328177.

Whitland Store – next sale **Saturday, April 15th 2017 - 10.15am**

Including the South Wales Limousin Club sale of bulls and females, special entry of 8 cows and calves from Absalom, Bush Farm and 350 store cattle currently entered.

Last sale saw steers to £1330 and heifers to £1190. Whitland's Saturday trade currently unrivalled.

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