

**MARKET REPORT FOR WHITLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET FOR**  
**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

Slightly disappointed with only 394 store cattle forward this week but the Whitland trade was burning as bright as ever. Barren cows sold to a top of £920 (164ppk) and averaged 131ppk throughout. Heifers were in good demand and topped at £1220 for British Blue heifers from Jones, Alltycordde. Every breed in the heifer section got to top prices over £900 and six out of the eight breeds represented crossing £1000. Heifers average £790/head throughout. Steers also sold well to a top price of £1240 also from Jones, Alltycordde for two Blue steers. Steers also averaged £800/head throughout. A special entry of 8 suckler cows from Huw Absalom, Bush Farm sold to a good trade averaging £1200 and topping at £1450. Mr. Absalom will be dispersing the cows at Whitland's first mid-month sale of Sucklers with a further 20 Hereford Cows and Continental calves on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**Store Cattle (394)**

<b><u>Averages</u></b>	<b><u>Ave.</u></b>	<b><u>Top</u></b>	<b><u>Averages</u></b>	<b><u>Ave.</u></b>	<b><u>Top</u></b>
Heifers 0-15m	647	885	Steers 0-15m	785	1125
Heifers 16-24m	859	1100	Steers 16-24m	773	1150
Heifers 25-30m	893	1175	Steers 25-30m	875	1100
Heifers 30m+	982	1220	Steers 30m+	1066	1240

**Breed Report**

<b><u>Heifers</u></b>	<b><u>Ave.</u></b>	<b><u>Top</u></b>	<b><u>Vendor</u></b>
Ayrshire	1010	1010	Burchmore, Upper Cowsland Farm
Welsh Black	841	905	Brechfa Farm Ltd
British Blue	738	1220	Jones, Alltycordde
Hereford	712	915	Davies, Bronygaer
Aberdeen Angus	825	1080	Phillips, Corner Farm
Charolais	875	1015	Bussell, Parcyrystrad
Simmental	838	1175	Beynon, Gwili Ar Uwch
Limousin	822	1100	Davies, Penlanwynt

**Steers**

Friesian	715	900	Dent, Maencoch/Thomas, Bronwydd Farm
Shorthorn	709	880	James, Bryngolau
British White	730	730	Thomas, Brynderwen
Montbeliard	995	1115	Jones, Alltycordde
Welsh Black	765	765	Brechfa Farm Ltd
British Blue	844	1240	Jones, Alltycordde
Hereford	771	1080	Davies, Bronygaer
Aberdeen Angus	878	1050	Roberts, Brynaeron
Charolais	988	1020	Evans, Ffynnondawel
Simmental	853	930	Hawkins, Blaenwenneirch
Limousin	888	1150	Thomas, Orllwyn

**Breeding Sheep (91)**

Few less forward but the improved quality brought with it a vigorous trade that saw an average of £151/couple and top price of £225 for super yearlings with twins from Jenkins, Lower House.

## South Wales Limousin Club Sale



The spring club sale from the South Wales breeders saw two females and eleven bulls entered. The two heifers were two quality heifers from the Treweryll Herd of Thomas, Dolau Newydd and sold for 1100gns each. Nine of the bulls forward sold and the trade was as good as has been seen in other breed sales. The first bull in the ring was top price of the day. Frewston Gargantuan, the six year old, Northern Irish bred bull from Phillips, Esgerddeugoed sold for 3350gns. Close on his tails was Rhonllwyn Jackthelad (pictured above) from DC & TD Ingram, Llandrindod Wells at 3300gns. Also over the 3000 mark was Cowin Llifon, not two years old yet, sold at 3100gns from WDD & C James, Blaencowin. The Cowin herd also sold at 2850gns for the Jan '16 born Cowin Black Moreo, while the Mynach herd of ED Griffiths & Co, Cilgryman Fawr sold at 2700gns for Mynach Limousin, 2450gns for Mynach Lionerchiel and 2200gns for Mynach Llanboidy.

### Averages

2 Heifers	£1155
9 Bulls	£2736

### 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 more numbers is definitely needed to satisfy the buyers in attendance and to draw even more buyers. To enter or for any information call Huw now on 07976 328177.

**Next Dairy sales** – Upcoming dairy **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – The complete dispersal of 110 milking cows and 100 youngstock from WJ & GM Davies & Son, Plain Dealings, Hayescastle.

**Whitland Machinery Sale** – next sale **Saturday, April 29th 2017 - 10.15am**

**Whitland Store** – next sale **Saturday, May 6th 2017 - 10.15am**

**Whitland Mid-Month Suckler Sale** – first dedicated monthly sale for Suckler Cows and breeding stock at Whitland Mart to include the dispersal of 20 Hereford Cows with Continental X calves from H Absalom, Bush Farm, Llangolman. **Tuesday, May 16th 2017 – 1.30pm.**

**Catalogue entries close on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Further entries accepted on day of sale.**

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