# Whitland Livestock Market Report - Tuesday 23/05/2017

# Calves (114) 10.00am

A much increased entry of calves that was full of quality that sold to what is now a typical fast Whitland trade. Less Friesian bulls included this week but what was there saw a very good trade that averaged  $\mathfrak{L}90$  and topped at  $\mathfrak{L}320$  from Birdcombe Farm Ltd. Top price beef calf was an Angus steer calf at  $\mathfrak{L}340$  also from Birdcombe Farms who also topped the heifer calves with an Angus at  $\mathfrak{L}375$ . There is an excellent following for the weekly calf sale at Whitland and the trade should attract more calves to fill the demand that there is week in week out.

# **Breed Report**

#### Bull calves

Breed	Ave	Тор	Vendor
Friesian	90	320	Birdcombe Farm Ltd
Brown Swiss	82	82	Llewellin, Cotland Farm
British Blue	205	260	Jones, Shipping Farm
Hereford	173	265	Brown, Lower Llantydwell
Aberdeen Angus	250	340	Birdcombe Farm Ltd
Simmental	77	222	Roch Bros, Kilanow
Limousin	246	308	Harry, Lanfro

#### Heifer calves

Breed	Ave	Тор	Vendor
Friesian	62	100	Harry, Lanfro
Jersey	55	70	Harry, Lanfro
Shorthorn	52	98	Harry, Lanfro
British Blue	188	288	Picton Castle Dairy Ltd
Hereford	150	270	Brown, Lower Llantydwell
Aberdeen Angus	241	375	Birdcombe Farm Ltd
Simmental	184	212	Thomas, Blaentidwell
Limousin	277	300	Howells, Manor Court

# **Fat Lambs (296)**

Slight increase in numbers on the week and a considerable jump in trade that saw hoggets average 180ppk and new season a very impressive 234ppk. Top prices got up over the £100 mark on many occasions and topped at £106 (247ppk).

### **Quotations**

Light Lambs (32.1-39.0)	max.	243ppk	ave.	229.88ppk
Standard Lambs (39.1-45.5)	max.	247ppk	ave.	233.93ppk
Heavy Lambs (45.6-52.0)	max.	225ppk	ave	220.05ppk
Old Season (32.1-39.0)	max.	184ppk	ave.	178.82ppk
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# **Cull Ewes (142)**

More ewes and better prices getting to top of £96 and overall average of £68.28 for the meated ewes.

### **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 sale – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 11.15am. Collective Dairy sale including the herd dispersal from DP & J Evans, Glancleddau, Dwrbach, Fishquard.

**Next Store Sale -** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10.15am. Barren Cows and Store Cattle with Breeding Sheep at 12midday.

# Mid Month Sucklers and Weaned Calves Sale - Tuesday 20th June, 1.30pm.

The second dedicated sale for Suckler Cows and Breeding Stock at Whitland Mart will also invite entries of weaned calves up to 12 months. The first sale saw an extraordinary trade with a ringside full of buyers there specifically for cows and calves. The trade topped at £1750 and averaged just short of £1400. Due to demand we will also take entries for weaned calves.

Entries for catalogue closes on midday Monday 12th June. Further entries taken on the day.

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