

## Whitland Livestock Market Report - Tuesday 30/05/2017

### Dairy (59) 11.15am

The dispersal of the entire dairy herd from David and Janet Evans, Glanleddau, Dwrbach brought a good crowd of eager buyers that provided a fast trade for good, hardy, long lasting British Friesian cows. Top price of the day was £1720 for a January calved heifer followed by a freshly calved heifer at £1600. The £1000 mark was surpassed regularly for a herd comprising of cows aging up to their 10<sup>th</sup> lactation. An overall average of £923 was achieved.

Three breeding bulls were presented with a 2 year old Hereford bull selling at £820, a British Friesian (non-pedigree) at £1250 and Red & White Holstein bull, Lyganlan Roj Red sold at £1200.

#### **Averages:**

<b>Cows in milk -</b>	<b>£923</b>
<b>Dry Cows -</b>	<b>£904</b>
<b>Incalf Heifers -</b>	<b>£1073</b>
<b>Friesian Bull -</b>	<b>£1225</b>

### Calves (72) 10.00am

Less calves forward on the week but the quality was good and the trade very sturdy. Best heifer calf sold to £430 from Thomas Ltd, Plas Farm and the best bull calf, also from Plas Farm got to £535. Dairy bull calves averaged £74/head to a top of £335 also from Plas Farm.

#### **Breed Report**

Bull calves

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
Friesian	74	335	Thomas Ltd, Plas Farm
Norwegian Red	120	120	Davies, Wallaston Farm
British Blue	247	535	Plas Farm Ltd
Hereford	172	208	Llewelin, Cotland Farm
Aberdeen Angus	268	268	Howells, Nantygof
Simmental	232	268	Jones, Heligenlas
Limousin	190	190	Jones, Tirlan Farm

Heifer calves

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
British Blue	198	430	Plas Farm Ltd
Hereford	161	170	Evans, Garn Fach
Aberdeen Angus	200	200	Howells, Nantygof
Simmental	151	180	Jones, Heligenlas
Limousin	217	230	Howells, Manor Court

### Fat Lambs (467)

A much increased number of lambs forward returning an average price of 218ppk and a high of 251ppk from Morgan, Myrtle Farm. The heavier weights got over £100 on more than one occasion and top price of £104 was achieved for 48 kilo lambs from Rogers, Giflachwen. A full market undoubtedly brings with it trade and similar numbers on a more regular basis would benefit vendors.

#### Quotations

Light Lambs (32.1-39.0)	max.	251ppk	ave.	215.21ppk
Standard Lambs (39.1-45.5)	max.	235ppk	ave.	220.46ppk
Heavy Lambs (45.6-52.0)	max.	218ppk	ave	207.22ppk

Old Season (32.1-39.0)	max.	187ppk	ave.	176.12ppk
Old Season (39.1-45.5)	max.	194ppk	ave.	185.78ppk
Old Season (45.6-52.0)	max.	175ppk	ave.	175.00ppk

### **Cull Ewes (207)**

More ewes brought more of a mixed quality and an overall average of £56/head to a top of £85 from Roberts, Parke.

### **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 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> June.** Further entries taken on the day.

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