

## Whitland Livestock Market Report - Tuesday 22/08/2017

A very busy Tuesday at Whitland, which is becoming a very regular state over recent times. The weekly calf trade is doing an excellent job and the section is thriving with the numbers of calves and weaned calves gradually increasing every week and with it the number of buyers getting higher and coming from a further to buy the Whitland calves.

The sheep sector also sees a strong trade, in line with national trends, week in week out. More lambs are definitely required every week and Farm Assurance is ever increasing in importance for the sale of Fat Lambs throughout the year.

The Mid-Month Suckler Cow and Breeding Bull Sale is also becoming a success with good numbers and big crowds of buyers returning a consistent trade.

We like to have as much as possible of the stock coming to Whitland mart to be entered forward as we are in constant conversation with all prospective buyers for all classes of livestock and if needed we will come out and visit and advise on your best options. Call Huw on 07976 328177 or Gareth on 07812 127824 with any queries.

### Mid-Month Sucklers (77)

A single breeding bull started the mid-month sale with a four year old Pedigree Hereford Bull. Lax Rival sold at £1520. Cow and calf trade could be seen as slightly tougher but the prices read every bit as well after the sale and the hard work proved well worth-while. An excellent entry, comprising the dispersal of 55 strong cows with quality, shapely Angus X and Lim X calves from Adrian Rees and Sons, Puncheston were met by a good crowd of bidders who came with particular specifications and needed a bit more inspiration to follow the auctioneer. A top price of £1700 was seen for Blue heifer with an Angus heifer calf from Adrian Roberts & Sons going to B James, Rhosgerdd, Glanrhyd. An average of £1330 was seen and this with many aged cows but a quality show of calves at foot.

### Calves (176) 10.15am

The largest combined entry of calves and weaned calves at Whitland for some time saw a ringside packed with eager bidders and another consistently fiery trade. Top price of the day went for a British Blue bull (10 months) from Hefin Davies Ltd. Bryntrogin at £630 while a Hereford calf (4 months) topped the heifer trade from Bowett Farms at £500.

### **Breed Report**

Bull calves

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
Friesian	56	210	Mcnamara Drim Farm
Norwegian Red	42	68	Clements, Broomhill
British Blue	306	630	Hefin Davies Ltd, Bryntrogin
Hereford	367	525	Hefin Davies Ltd, Bryntrogin
Aberdeen Angus	401	500	Bowett Farm Ltd
Simmental	460	460	Bowett Farm Ltd
Limousin	317	400	Roberts, Meadow View
Fleckvieh	242	242	Roberts, Brynaeron

Heifer calves

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
British Blue	228	490	Bowett Farms Ltd
Hereford	309	500	Bowett Farms Ltd
Aberdeen Angus	416	495	Bowett Farms Ltd
Charolais	328	460	Hirst, Brynbanc Farm
Limousin	400	400	Roberts, Meadow View

## **Fat Lambs (259)**

Lamb numbers were up and we have possibly entered the first week where there was a distinct drop in price. Although the better grades were selling over 180ppk and up to 212ppk while heavier lambs got to prices of £102 and £104/head.

The overall average came in at 175ppk.

## **Quotations**

Light Lambs (32.1-39.0)	max.	189ppk (£70.00)	ave.	174.11ppk
Standard Lambs (39.1-45.5)	max.	191ppk (£84.80)	ave.	176.00ppk
Heavy Lambs (45.6-52.0)	max.	212ppk (£104.00)	ave.	184.01ppk

## **Cull Ewes (87)**

Some more ewes forward and a similar trade on the week with a top of £75 and average of £55/head.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Calf Sales** – Now **WEEKLY**, every Tuesday, 10.15am. 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.

### **Breeding Sheep – Whitland, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. 11am:**

100+ Rams and over 1000 yearlings and ewes entered.

**Next Store Sale** - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 10.15am. The best trade in the west without a doubt. Book your entries in now. Phone Huw on 07976 328177 or Gareth on 07812 127824

**Mid Month Sucklers and Weaned Calves Sale** - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 12midday.

Last sale: Top price £1700 and average £1330. Get entries to Huw now on 07976 328177.

### **Whitland Dairy: Next Sale, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.15am.**

Entries to date include 50 Holstein Friesian heifers from 3 months to bulling ages. Get your entries in now to take advantage of the Whitland trade and buyer list. Phone Huw on 07976 328177.

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