

**MARKET REPORT FOR WHITLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET FOR
SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2018**

A jump up in numbers in response to the New Year trade at Whitland saw over 300 store cattle forward. The day was filled with quality and the strong trade was kept up. Top price of the day was £1140 for Angus steers from Lewis, Middle Hook and top price heifers were British Blue heifers from Morgan, Upper Bletherston at £1030. The ringside was jam packed again and the bidding was fast and furious from the ring rails right up to the top seated rows and everyone got home in time to watch the rugby.

Store Cattle (305)

Breed Report

<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Top</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
Saler	960	960	Jones, Bryn Farm
Welsh Black	750	970	James, Cleddau View
British Blue	842	1030	Morgan, Upper Bletherston
Hereford	664	990	James, Eithunduon
Aberdeen Angus	585	765	James, Bryngolau
Charolais	715	950	Blethyn, Gelly
Simmental	527	915	Davies, Fron Uchaf
Limousin	809	1010	Davies, Maesyrfhaf

Steers

Friesian	542	730	Reynolds, Sarland
Meuse Rhine Issel	565	565	Smedley, Blaengorwen
British Blue	935	1095	Morgan, Upper Bletherston
Hereford	873	1115	James, Eithunduon
Aberdeen Angus	877	1140	Middle Hook Farm Ltd
Charolais	951	1135	Blethyn, Gelly
Simmental	945	950	Hawkins, Blaenwenneirch
Limousin	926	1100	Davies, Bronygaer

Averages

	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Top</u>		<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Top</u>
Heifer 0-15m	530	890	Steer 0-15m	611	1030
Heifer 15-24m	801	1010	Steer 15-24m	905	1140
Heifer 24-30m	888	1030	Steer 24-30m	1048	1115

Breeding Sheep

Better weather on sale day meant better trade for the in-lamb ewes and couples forward. Two flocks, both with strong, deep bodied ewes saw an average £10/head up on the previous sale of £83 and top price of £110 for yearling ewes lambing in March from Price, Typicca.

Ewe and lamb couples also sold well averaging £130/set and topping out at £170 for a ewe and two good texel lambs from Maskell Partners, Cwmgest.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Calf and Weaned 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.

Next Store Sale - Saturday 3rd February, 10.15am. The best trade in the west without a doubt.

Whitland Dairy – Tuesday, 6th February, 11.00am. Dispersal of the entire Trefgarn Herd for Gerallt and Sarah, Miles, Home Farm, Treffgarne.

Machinery Sale – Saturday 24th February 10.00am. Due to popular demand JJ Morris will hold an additional Machinery Sale in February. All entries to Whitland on 01994 240665

To include over 200 in lamb ewes from three different consigners.

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