

**MARKET REPORT FOR WHITLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET FOR  
SUPER SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

What a day at Whitland mart on Saturday. Sky Sports and Premier League Football may have the Super Sunday but JJ Morris at Whitland Mart without a doubt now have the Super Saturday. Thousands of people over South Wales witnessed the earthquake from its epicentre in Cwmllynfell but hundreds more witnessed the whirlwind store cattle trade from the eye of the storm at Whitland Mart. Over 300 cattle forward once again in an entry full of quality farming cattle that met a trade that exceeded vendors and the auctioneers' expectations. 40 cattle from Russell Farms Ltd averaged £1000/head topping the steer prices at £1150 and the heifer prices at £1120. 15 top quality Angus steers from Middle Hook Farms Ltd sold to a top of £1040 and also averaged £1000 throughout. Cattle up to 15 months were in high demand and heifers and steers from this age group averaged an astounding £704 and got to highs of £900. The amount of buyers, both dealer and farmer, attending the Saturday sale at Whitland gets larger with every sale and provide a super trade for cattle of all age, size and grade. Tested barren cows are also in high demand and cows averaged 127ppk and sold to a top of £870 (146ppk).

Next Super Saturday is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Get your entries to Whitland Mart now on 01994 240665 or Huw on 07976 328177 and Gareth on 07812127824.

**Store Cattle (304)**

**Breed Report**

<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Ave.</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
Saler	920	960	Davies, Alltgoch
Welsh Black	580	580	Thomas, Park Farm
British Blue	871	1085	Russell Farms Ltd
Hereford	623	1050	James, Eithunduon
Aberdeen Angus	843	885	Jennings, Castellan
Charolais	956	1120	Russell Farms Ltd
Simmental	676	935	Russell Farms Ltd
Limousin	802	1080	Roberts, Parke

**Steers**

Blonde D'Aquitaine	920	920	Evans, Ffynnonwen
Montbeliard	950	950	Evans, Ffynnonwen
Saler	618	735	James, Crugllwyd
Friesian	769	910	Thomas, Bronwydd Farm
British Blue	877	1080	Russell Farms Ltd
Hereford	841	1025	Russell Farms Ltd
Aberdeen Angus	933	1040	Middle Hook Farm Ltd
Charolais	985	1150	Russell Farms Ltd
Simmental	839	1035	Russell Farms Ltd
Limousin	781	1115	Russell Farms Ltd

**Averages**

	<b>Ave.</b>	<b>Top</b>		<b>Ave.</b>	<b>Top</b>
Heifer 0-15m	641	900	Steer 0-15m	732	900
Heifer 15-24m	833	1120	Steer 15-24m	848	1115
Heifer 24-30m	903	1050	Steer 24-30m	899	1150

## **Breeding Sheep**

The sun shone on the sheep section for the second sale in succession and this helped the trade as well as the quality of the ewes from the flock dispersal of John and Fern Price, The Bill, Wolfscastle. A flock average of £95 inclusive of 30 Pedigree Jacob ewes and a top price of £122 for yearlings scanned to lamb in March to a Texel. A few more ewe and lamb couples coming out also and a stronger trade averaging £135 to a top of £198 for a cracking ewe with twin 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** - Super Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10.15am. The best trade in the west without a doubt.

**Whitland Dairy** – Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00am. including 20 fresh calved heifers from the Clynderwen Herd.

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

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