

Whitland Livestock Market Report - Tuesday 29/05/2018

Calves (30) 10.15am

Only 30 calves forward but what a trade!!! Truth be told, ordinary, but useful calves selling at extraordinary prices. Friesian bull calves averaged £70 per head and topped at £90 from Hefin Davies Ltd while a weaned Limousin heifer topped the day's trade at £530 from Davies, Rhydiau who also sold a Hereford heifer at £465. With the forthcoming dairy sales at Whitland the next two Tuesdays why not try some calves and go home with a cow or two.

Contact Huw with your entries: Mobile: 07976 328177 email: huw@jjmorris.com or message JJ Morris Auctioneers on Facebook with any photos to start marketing your entries as soon as possible.

Breed Report

Bull calves

| Breed | Ave | Top | Vendor |
|--------------|-----|-----|---|
| Friesian | 70 | 90 | Hefin Davies Ltd, Bryntrogin |
| British Blue | 172 | 465 | James, Gellyolau |
| Hereford | 145 | 145 | James Bros Enterprises, Clarboston Grange |

Heifer calves

| Breed | Ave | Top | Vendor |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| British Blue | 202 | 400 | Thomas, Deg Erw |
| Hereford | 308 | 465 | Davies, Rhydiau |
| Limousin | 523 | 530 | Davies, Rhydiau |

Fat Lambs (481)

Similar numbers with possibly the last big entry of old season lambs for the year. Trade has taken a recent drop but had producers been told they'd average over £90/head for new season and over £70/head for last year's lambs I'm sure they would be quite pleased. The fact that they've been £20-30 a head more until now has been an amazing bonus. Top prices remained in excess of the £100 mark and new season got to 246ppk and £109.50/head.

Quotations

New Season

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|----------------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|
| Light Lambs (32.1-39.0) | max. | 243ppk (£93.50) | ave. | 219.84ppk (£82) |
| Standard Lambs (39.1-45.5) | max. | 246ppk (£107.50) | ave. | 229.58ppk (£94) |
| Heavy Lambs (45.6-52.0) | max. | 222ppk (£109.50) | ave. | 222.00ppk (£107) |

Old Season

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|----------------------------|------|------------------|------|-----------------|
| Light Lambs (32.1-39.0) | max. | 179ppk (£67.50) | ave. | 163.97ppk (£60) |
| Standard Lambs (39.1-45.5) | max. | 197ppk (£87.00) | ave. | 177.77ppk (£74) |
| Heavy Lambs (45.6-52.0) | max. | 188ppk (£101.50) | ave. | 176.03ppk (£89) |

Ewes (179)

Ewe trade was up marginally £7/head to average £67 and topped at £107.50. Cull rams sold to £96.50 and averaged £74/head.

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 2nd June, 10.15am. The best trade in the west without a doubt. 300 cattle entered.

Whitland Dairy – Tuesday, 5th June, 11.15am. Collective dairy sale. To include 140 dairy cattle in total. 10 cows from David and Hazel Scourfield, Parcypwll; 40 pedigree cows in milk from the Flimstone herd of T O Morris, Flimstone Farm, Martletwy; 10 incalf heifers from Picton Castle Dairy Ltd; 20 British Friesian bulling heifers from Graham George, Mount Farm, Eglwysrwrw; 60 TOP QUALITY first cross Jersey x Friesian heifers consisting of weaned heifers, yearling heifers, bulling and incalf heifers from West Pool Farms Ltd. Further entries to Huw now on 07976 328177.

Dairy Herd Sale – Tuesday 12th June, 11.15am. 100 British Friesian dairy cows and 3 year old Hereford bull (non pedigree) from M & MA Harries, Bryngolau, Eglwysrwrw. All year calving, 8000kg average on low input from a hard place. Good strong, milky cows to suit any system. Catalogues available shortly.

Pedigree Herd Sale – Friday 15th June, 11.00am. **Llanewydd** herd of pedigree Holstein Friesians from Brian and Sian Phillips, Blaencwm, Trawsmawr, Carmarthen. 200 head comprising of the entire milking portion and incalf heifers. Catalogues available shortly.

Monthly Suckler Sale – Tuesday 19th June. To include final dispersal from Huw Absalom, Bush Farm of 10 Cows and Calves and Charolais stockbull. Further entries to Whitland on 01994 240665 or Huw on 07976 328177