

Dairy (189) Dispersal of Dairy Herd from Astridge Farms Ltd

The first instalment of cows from Astridge Farms Ltd impressed at Whitland mart with a fresh calved contingent starting the sale off well cows sold to £1650 and averaged £1250 in the first 20 lots. Top price of the day was £1820 for a cracking November calved red and white heifer. As the cows got further into the lactations the prices did not falter at all. The demand for seasonal milk to fit all calving patterns and the quality of the cows, which were still producing high quantities deep into their lactations, kept prices up with many selling between £1400 and £1700 right to the end of the sale. Dry cows were also in good demand and achieved similar prices with the first sale coming in at an average price of £1015 including cows at all lactation stages and cows with faults.

Next Dairy Sales:

Tuesday 24th March – Herd Dispersal Part II, 200 cows from Astridge Farms Ltd

Tuesday 31st March – Collective dairy sale. Catalogue entries close Wednesday 11th March.

Tuesday 7th April – Collective dairy sale. Catalogue entries close Wednesday 1st April

Tuesday 21st April – Collective dairy sale. Catalogue entries close Wednesday 15th April

Calves & Weaned Calves (304) 10.15am

Another bumper entry of calves met a good trade with the top bull calf at £360 and top heifer calf selling to £185. Weaned calves also sell well with some 8 month Charolais steers selling best at £690 and Charolais heifers at £590.

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	33	100	Leiws, Pentowin
British Blue	131	265	Astridge Farms Ltd
Hereford	81	128	Penlanargoed Farm Ltd
Aberdeen Angus	128	262	Evans, Cilhengroes
Charolais	229	360	Humphreys, Crachty Uchaf
Limousin	61	90	HLJ 27 Ltd
Fleckvieh	148	148	Williams, Fagwrgoch

Heifer calves

Breed	Ave	Top	Vendor
Friesian	74	74	Little Hasguard Farm Ltd
British Blue	96	185	Astridge Farm Ltd
Hereford	44	98	Penlanargoed Farm Ltd
Aberdeen Angus	86	152	Tedion Farmers
Charolais	101	140	Harry, Lanfro
Limousin	41	48	HLJ 27 Ltd

Weaned calves

Males

Breed	Ave	Top	Vendor
Aberdeen Angus	348	365	James, Gellyolau
Hereford	453	500	Rowlands, Llanmarlais Farm
Charolais	665	690	Harries, Wennant

Females

Breed	Ave	Top	Vendor
British Blue	322	335	Thomas, Degerw
Hereford	380	380	Scourfield, Parcypll
Aberdeen Angus	280	280	Glanville, Llwypinner
Charolais	590	590	Harries, Wennant

Fat Lambs (260)

Whitland lamb trade remaining very strong and competitive. An average of 226ppk, with highs of 258ppk and £133.50/head and many more lambs crossing over £100. Store lambs also selling to blistering trade averaging 218ppk. The first new season lamb of the year were also forward and averaged 271ppk and £115/head.

Averages

	Ave.	Top.	Vendor
Lambs 32.1-39.0kg	242.45 (£91.38)	265.00 (£103.50)	Morgan, Myrtle Hill
Lambs 39.1-45.5kg	236.83 (£99.33)	257.00 (£113.00)	Howells, Llettywilws
Lambs 45.6-52.0kg	230.99 (£111.21)	258.00 (£126.00)	Darley, The Beeches
Lambs 52.1+	213.70 (£125.25)	244.00 (£133.50)	Jenkins, Woodpark

Cull Sheep (81)

A few more sheep forward and another super trade the ewes forward averaging £91.20 and a top of £135 while rams sold to £82 and averaged £64.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Calf and Weaned Calf Sales – Now **WEEKLY**, every Tuesday, 10.15am. Excellent selection of baby calves and weaned calves with good numbers and a strong trade in each section week in week out.

To enter or for any information call Huw now on 07976 328177.

Next Store Cattle Sale - Super Saturday 21st March 2020. To include the dispersal of the Llanmorlais herd of pedigree Charolais cattle from M Swistun. The best trade in the west without a doubt. Entries to Whitland Mart on 01994 240665.

Whitland Machinery Sale: Saturday 28th March, 10am