



**MARKET DRAYTON MARKET LTD**  
**Market Drayton Market Report the**  
**following trade:**



**MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2025**  
**219 BARREN COWS, CULL BULLS &**  
**OVERAGE CLEAN CATTLE (Green Market)**  
**Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)**

What a truly fantastic start to 2025 and may I take this opportunity to wish all our vendors, buyers and supporters a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2025!!

Boom, what a sale with a tremendous number of cows forward selling on an absolute flying trade and seeing our very first dairy barren over £2,000!! And returning an overall average of £1,129.08!!!!

Please, please, please ask yourself the questions - are my cows averaging over £1,000? Are my heavy cows realising £1,500 to £2,000? If the answer is NO please try Market Drayton Market.

Highlights of the first 2025 sell returning at 297p or £2,120.58 for overage clean, 278p or £1,923.76 for sucklers, 274p or £2,438.40 for bulls and 262p or £2,065.40 for dairy. The overall market average returned at 183p or £1,129.08.

**150 Dairies** - Wow, what a trade absolutely electric and dare I say it many more could have been sold to vendors advantage on the day! New market record with a Fleckvieh from The Martin Family, Longford grossing £2,065.40 or 230p and further cattle to 197p (£1,725.72), 196p (£1,078.00) and 150p (£885.00). Pence per kilo Mr Dave Holt & Family, Middlewich saw their black and white to 262p (£1,378.12) and further cows to 213p (£1,205.58), 208p (£1,614.08) and 205p (£1,324.30), Mr R.H. Turner, Bradley cows to 258p (£1,511.88), 244p (£1,195.60), 230p (£1,099.40), 226p (£1,862.24), 225p (£1,890.00), 212p (£966.72), 210p (£1,398.60), 208p x 2 (£1,431.04 and £1,381.12) etc, R. & E. Ellis, Baschurch 250p (£1,515.00) for young black and white, JH. & J. Salt & Sons, Checkley cow to 220p (£1,548.20), Mr Sam Taylor & Family, Rowton 218p (£1,438.80) and Mr John Lutner & Family, Hinstock cow to 216p (£1,689.12) to mention a few. The section average returned at 168p (£1,035.52).

**47 Sucklers** - Blue Cross sold to 278p (£1,923.76) from PO. & S. Wild, Brown Knowl and their Charolais to 244p (£1,615.28) and further Blue to 244p (£1,586.00). Distant travellers ED.&J. Morris & Sons, Llangedwyn Blue Cross to 266p (£1,867.32) and J.W. Gosmore & Partners, Tattenhall Simmental to 248p (£1,740.96). Natives saw Herefords to 268p (£1,608.00) from Mr A.P. Kelsall, Adlington. The section average returned at 214p (£1,406.25).

**5 Bulls** - A young Angus sold to 274p (£1,441.24) from the ACA. & T.J. Ede, Uttoxeter and 238p (£1,109.08). Stock bulls to 254p (£2,438.40) for Blue from TE. & MA. Jerman, Castle Caereinion, 244p (£1,561.60) for Angus from Grafton Farms Ltd, Tilston and 192p (£1,712.64) again Angus from The Turner Family, Bradley. The section average returned at 237p (£1,652.52).

**17 Clean** - Blue heifer from Mr Phil Tushingham, Clotton to £2,120.58 and August to 271p (£1,864.48), 254p (£1,981.20) and 246p (£1,672.80). The Miller Family, The Moss Blue heifers to 286p twice (£1,716.00 and £1,853.28). Steers sold to 280p (£1,999.20) for a Limousin from Mr Nev Evans & Family, Winnington to mention a few.

**- RED MARKETS -**

**Red Market Will Be The Second Monday of Every Month ... Monday 13 January/10 February, 3.30pm. For all cattle including T.B. restricted holdings with a movement licence from Animal Health.**

**111 PIGS**

**Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)**

**12 Cull Cows** - Better to see a few more forward. Trade topped at 78p with better sows making 60p to 70p/kg.

**64 Fat Pigs** - A much sharper trade for the first sale back with best pigs selling at Christmas Market levels!! Best gilts 250p to 300p/kg topping at 355p and 340p from Mr Nigel Turner, Cleobury Mortimer. Medium pigs selling at 120p to 150p/kg.

	Av.	Top	Top
80-100kgs	197p	340p	£323.00
101kgs	128p	355p	£365.65
Sows	60p	78p	£205.50

**35 Store & Weaner Pigs** - A nice little entry of all weaners today topped at £50 from Mr C. Gittins, Ash Magna with others ranging from £40 to £46.

**- NEXT PIG MARKETS -**

**Monday 20 January/3 & 17 February 10.30am**  
**Cull Sows & Boars Followed by Prime Pigs**  
**All enquires to Ben 07791 791356.**

**188 WEANLINGS**

**Auctioneer : Jonty Cliffe (07595 453306)**

It's definitely been a happy new year for our weanling vendors with a very fast trade and some record prices seen! Only a small show of weanlings which was to be expected so early in the year and not forgetting the overnight snow. However, buyers travelled in their droves just showing the level of demand for weanlings right now. Unfortunately today there just wasn't enough to go around!! Confidence is certainly high with buyers bidding hard to secure a batch for all ages and sizes, particularly for the weight for age weanlings which look off the scale.

Only a handful of bulls on offer with a top spot of £860 for 7 month Angus from Ceri Powell, Whitchurch. Next were 6 month Blues at £710 from Mr M. Latham, Derby. Best of the younger types saw 4 month Blues at £415 from Marsh Farms, Shrewsbury.

The steers have been on fire with the youngest looking the dearest! Top call going to 7 month Blues from Mr M.A. Nicholls, Uttoxeter at £870 followed by 6

month Angus steers at £780 from Red Hall Farm, Betley.

Trade of the day went to 3-4 month old Blue steers at £720 from Red Hall Farm, Betley who sold a batch of 50 to average £680.

The heifers saw a strong trade similar to the steers with top spot going to J.W. Cotton & Son, Gratwich with 11 month Blues at £820. Followed closely behind by 7 month Blues from Mr M.A. Nicholls at £800. A group of 9-10 month Angus heifers from Mr K.J. Mansfield, Haslington sold for £745. Topping the younger end were 6 month Blues at £770 from R. Foxley & Sons, Stafford and 4 month Limousins at £730 from R.&K. Jones, Chirbury.

These weanlings are in high demand so get them tested ready for our next sale on Monday 20 January 2025! Please get your entries in to Ben or Jonty to ensure that we can advertise them in advance!

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## **WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2025**

### **190 CLEAN CATTLE & YOUNG BULLS**

**Auctioneer : Bernie Hutchinson (07778 164274)**

**Well, what a start to 2025!!** You had to have witnessed or been part of it to believe the trade! Cattle would be dearer than the Christmas Market and dare I say it many more could have been sold to vendors advantage. More buyers ringside requiring cattle as numbers seem tight nationally. The million dollar question is how long is this level of trade going to last and who knows? My only advise is to make sure you are part of it and sell your cattle to a national audience with twelve peoples opinion on price not just one persons!!

Again records keep falling with commercial cattle nearly breaking 400p, overall averages close to £2,000, averages in excess of 300p and black and white bulls over 300p on the day. Leading lights shone extremely brightly returning at 396p or £2,361.60 for heifers, 376p or £2,507.28 for steers and 376p or £2,636.48 for bulls. The overall market average returned at 310p or £1,902 and please remember this average would have a large contingent of very light and plain types in the mix.

**79 Bulls** - What an absolute flyer being one of the dearest trades I have ever experienced. Suckler bulls raced away to 376p (£2,616.96) for a Limousin from Mr Edward Evans & Family, Halfway House and further bulls to 374p (£2,057.00), 365p (£2,445.50) and 361p (£2,267.08). The Gosmore Family, Tattenhall saw their Limousins to 365p (£2,401.70), 351p (£2,042.82), 348p (£2,234.16) and 346p (£2,456.60) and 343p (£2,407.86), Mr Fred Watson & Family, Burston bulls sold to 354p (£1,932.84), 345p (£2,214.90) and 338p twice (£2,183.48 and £1,831.96), Mr Ralph Jones, Penkridge bulls to 358p (£2,212.44), 344p (£2,236.00), 339p (£2,210.28), The Warner Family, Stoke Heath Blue Cross to 338p (£2,507.96). Natives to 331p (£1,787.40) from ED.&J. Morris & Sons, Llangedwyn to mention a few. Breaking Records, Drayton specials saw black and whites to 326p (£2,034.24) from J. Proudlove & Partners, Baddiley. The section returned at 311p (£1,964.11).

**37 Steers** – Heavy weight cattle seemed to be the order of the day seeing the trade peaking at 376p (£2,398.98) for a Limousin from Mr Pete Moseley & Family, Allostock and further cattle to 360p (£2,397.60), 358p (£2,334.16) and 330p (£2,145.00), Mr Rob Claire, Adderley sold Bazadaise to 366p (£2,261.88) and Blue

Cross to 334p (£2,164.32). In the lump Mr Bob Yeomans & Family, New Street Lane saw their Simmental return £2,507.28. Natives sold to 318p (£1,844.40) for Angus from Mr M.G. Butler, Light Oakes to mention a few. The section average returned at 311p (£2,048.45).

**74 Heifers** - Extremely varied entry but all selling on an absolutely blistering trade especially well fleshed types. The magical 400p was nearly breeched with the trade topping out at 396p (£2,170.08) for corking Limousin from Edward Evans & Family, Halfway House and further heifers to 392p (£2,320.64), 391p (£2,291.26) and 373p (£2,148.48). RA.&NE. Binns, Stoke Heath Limousins sold to 376p (£2,256.00), 369p (£1,948.32), 364p (£2,125.76) and 352p (£1,978.24), Mr Rob Claire, Adderley Bazadaise to 374p (£1,922.36), The Gosmore Family, Tattenhall Limousin to 366p (£1,998.36) and Mr M.G. Butler, Light Oakes Limousin to 361p (£1,877.20). In the lump Mr Bob Yeomans & Family, New Street Lane Simmental generated £2,361.60. Natives saw Angus to 313p (£1,796.62) from DBR Farming Services, Rough Close to mention a few. The section average returned at 310p (£1,862.66).

**Thank you to all our vendors and buyers for braving the arctic conditions and making a memorable day at Market Drayton Market. Huge thank you for your support!!!**

### **61 DAIRY CATTLE**

**Auctioneers: Gwilym Richards (07768 020393) & Jason Brown (07774 816384)**

#### **£3,050 COW TOP – £2,318 HEIFER AVERAGE**

The first milker to enter the ring in 2025 set the trade off with a bang at a price of £3,050, the second calver was one of two heavy milking cows from Mrs J.E. Milner, Dilhorne, with the fourth calver that followed making £2,700.

Calved heifers sold to £2,950 from T.G. Phillips & Co, Llanymynech with others at £2,850 and £2,700 to average £2,833 for all three.

Other heifers over £2,500 were £2,780 and £2,600 Mr R. Taylor, Somerset, £2,750, £2,650 and £2,600 MW. & JM. Trevor-Jones, Oswestry, £2,750 and £2,500 RA.& JE. Williams & Son, Hay-on-Wye, £2,600 J.L. Atherton & Co, Baldwins Gate, £2,500 Mr R.J. Rees, Brecon.

In-calf heifers sold to £1,950 and heifer calves to £250..

#### **Averages:**

29 Fresh Heifers (all breeds and faults) £2,318

5 Fresh Cows (all breeds and faults) £2,030

**The Next Monthly Show & Sale supported by the Western Holstein Club will be on Wednesday 29 January 2025.**

### **168 STORE CATTLE**

**Auctioneer : Ben Baggott (07791 791356)**

First sale back and a Hapy New Year to one and all. Good numbers forward and a fantastic trade throughout. On today's trade 300 plus head could have been sold with ease!!

Great to see more Friesian steers in today trading at £1,000 to £1,200 topping at £1,240 from Mr I.C. Edwards, Bronington. Trade very sharp indeed at 250p/kg average.

Yarding cattle simply the trade of the day!!

Best cattle at £1,500 to £1,700 topping at £1,830 for Hereford steers from J. Gatehouse & Son, Bitterley. The dearest cattle are the £1,300 to £1,450 range of cattle with 290kg to 310kg a regular occasion. Native heifers selling at 260p to 280p/kg in the main or at £1,100 to £1,300

Steers average £1,210 or 270p  
Heifer average £1,120 or 274p

Plenty of demand for cattle - all store enquiries to Ben 07791 791356.

### Steers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Friesian	£1,240.00	481kg	Mr I.C. Edwards
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Blonde	£1,230.00	428kg	Mr Jeremy Price
British Blue	£1,690.00	564kg	EV&B.Boughey&Son
British Blue	£1,650.00	536kg	Mr J.D. Sinclair
Angus	£1,570.00	536kg	EV&B.Boughey&Son
Angus	£1,380.00	461kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small
Angus	£1,300.00	498kg	Mr I.C. Edwards
Hereford	£1,830.00	613kg	J. Gatehouse & Son
Hereford	£1,390.00	454kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small
Hereford	£1,225.00	452kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small
Simmental	£1,840.00	598kg	J. Gatehouse&Son
Simmental	£1,040.00	364kg	PE.&JM. Cawser
Limousin	£1,305.00	446kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small
Limousin	£1,270.00	429kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small

### Heifers

Breed	Price	Weight	Vendor
Blonde	£1,000.00	352kg	Mr Jeremy Price
British Blue	£1,680.00	520kg	F.H. Davies & Son
British Blue	£1,580.00	527kg	F.H. Davies & Son
British Blue	£1,490.00	473kg	J. Gatehouse&Son
British Blue	£1,450.00	480kg	James Brothers
Angus	£1,400.00	536kg	EV&B.Boughey&Son
Angus	£1,380.00	566kg	EV&B.Boughey&Son
Angus	£1,295.00	450kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small
Angus	£755.00	319kg	Hilditch And Wood
Hereford	£1,290.00	452kg	Mr I.C. Edwards
Hereford	£1,245.00	456kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small
Hereford	£1,100.00	414kg	N. Dakin & Sons
Hereford	£660.00	291kg	Mr F.H. James
Charolais	£1,250.00	436kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small
Simmental	£1,810.00	680kg	EV&B.Boughey&Son
Simmental	£1,180.00	447kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small
Simmental	£960.00	331kg	PE.&JM. Cawser
Limousin	£1,355.00	455kg	DL.EF.&SD. Small
Limousin	£700.00	253kg	Mr F.H. James

### 1,601 PRIME HOGGETS

**Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)**

Hoggets sold to a flying trade from start-to-finish for all weights and grades to return an overall average of 341p.

Lights sold to 332p for 30kgs to return £99.60 for Mr Guto Davies, Bettws-y-Coed.

Standards hit 360p for 34.3kgs to realise £123.48 for Mrs Jackie Matthias, Pewitt Lane. Top price in the lump was £138.10 for 38.9kgs for Mr G.M. Brown, Leigh.

Mediums raced away to 375p for 43.6kgs to generate £163.50 for Messrs J. & JA. Venables & Son, Lower Withington. Top price in the lump was £166.99 for 45.5kgs from A. Mitchell & Son, Knutsford with others as follows:- £165.15 (45kgs) A. Mitchell & Son, £163.00 (43.7kgs) Mr G.H. Stevenson, £162.95 (44.4kgs) A. Mitchell & Son, £161.98 (45.5kgs) GH.&J. Cork, £158.04 (43.9kgs) L.J. Plant & Son and £156.64 (44kgs) JE.&JM. Salmon to mention a few.

Heavies peaked at 390p for 46.1kgs to gross £179.79 for J.&JA. Venables & Son, Lower Withington. Top headage was £206.64 for 63kgs from Mr R.T. Williams, The Outwoods. The vast majority of heavies traded between 335p and 350p or £150 to £170. If you have sheep to sell please contact Mark 07813 625787 - thank you.

	Sold	Av.
Premium	189	364p
Prime	1001	341p
Other	411	324p

**Lambs Graded :-** Lights 332p (£102.40) average 325p (£97.75). Standards 360p (£138.10) average 338p (£121.22). Mediums 375p (£166.99) average 343p (£144.05). Heavies 390p (£206.64) average 338p (£161.78).

### 337 BUTCHERS EWES

**Auctioneer : Mark Jones (07813 625787)**

Ewes sold on an blistering trade with the best to £270 for Texel ewes from Mr K. Thomas, Sarn. Rams to £222 for Texel rams from Mr J. Smith, Moseley Lane. Light ewes sold from £60 to £90, plain ewes £90 to £110, cutting ewes £120 to £140 and heavy ewes sold £150 to £170. An overall average was returned at a staggering £137.99!!

### 761 REARING CALVES

**Auctioneer's : Ben Baggott (07791 791356) & Jonty Cliffe (07595 453306)**

A huge entry as expected following the Christmas break and a fantastic trade to go with it! The quality was phenomenal today and it's been evident that many calves were older and stronger than usual. I hope some sellers have been pleasantly surprised with the prices achieved for keeping the calves an extra week, and they might consider keeping them to that age more often. Buyers have flocked to Drayton from across the UK today with new faces from Cumbria, Anglesey, Devon & Norfolk. If you're after calves don't hesitate to get in touch.

Onto the section round up starting with the Friesians and another record broken as we average £151!! Top price of £230 from Hilltop Farming Company, Aston-by-Budworth. Best bulls £180 to £220, mediums £130 to £170, smalls £70 to £120.

The native bulls have been off the clock with both breeds averaging £245! Top spot was £475 for an Angus from TS.&AE. Hartley, Mere, with 28 over £340! Best types £320 to £380, mediums £230 to £290. Smalls £140 to £210.

The Continental bulls have included some stunning calves and had we've had a proper trade for all grades. Top spot was £530 for a Charolais from A.&I. Crowther, Shrewsbury and Blues to £468 for Moreton Wood Farm Ltd, Calverhall. In total 34 bulls sold for over £400. Best at £350 to £440, mediums £270 to £330, smalls at £180 to £250.

A very fast trade for the native heifers with all grades through the roof, more smalls today than we expected which kept the averages lower. Top spot was an Angus at £365 from Marsh Farms, Shrewsbury. Best types at £250 to £320, mediums at £160 to £240, smalls £70 to £140.

The Continental heifers have been on fire with a cracking average in the Blues of £252 but some stunning calves which deserved the prices achieved. Top price was £465 from Mr G.B. Warner, Shrewsbury. Best types £280 to £350, mediums £230 to £270, smalls £140 to £220.

A handful of weanlings included 3 month Friesian bulls to £325 from DJ.&KL Leadbetter, Sudbury and £505 for a 3 month Blue bull from CD.&SE Malkin, Cotwalton. All calf enquiries to Ben or Jonty.

## BULL CALVES

### FRIESIAN/HOLSTEIN

(36 - AV.£151.28)

£230 Hilltop Farming Com.

£195 G. Ward Farms Ltd

### ABERDEEN ANGUS

(82 - AV.£245.91)

£475 TS.&AE. Hartley

£385 DJ.&KL. Leadbetter

### OTHERS

(4 - AV.£175.00)

£200 P.E. Bailey & Sons

£185 P.E. Bailey & Sons

### MONTBELIARDE

(5 - AV.£211.00)

£290 Halton Farms Ltd

£240 Martin Partners

### SIMMENTAL

(17 - AV.£348.76)

£405 E.W. Moss & Son

£405 DV.&DA.Cliffe&Sons

### SHORTHORN x 1

£295 Mr M. Kulik

## HEIFER CALVES

### BRITISH BLUE

(194 - AV.£252.02)

£465 Mr G.B. Warner

£430 CD.& SE. Malkin

### HEREFORD

(68 - AV.£167.21)

£355 Mr P.D.T. Lokier

£295 Mr M.P. Mason

### SIMMENTAL

(10 - AV.£269.20)

£325 Mr Robert Butterworth

£320 Mr Robert Butterworth

### WELSH x 1

£330 G.A. Hargreaves & Sons

### BRITISH BLUE

(156 - AV.£311.44)

£468 Moreton Wood Fm

£455 Marsh Farms

### WELSH

(2 - AV.£292.50)

£335 GH.&J. Cork

£250 G. Thomasson&Son

### HEREFORD

(51 - AV.£244.61)

£395 RJ.&DJ.Clement x 2

£390 RJ.&DJ.Clement

### CHAROLAIS

(14 - AV.£377.50)

£530 A.&I. Crowther

£480 Mr M. Kulik

### LIMOUSIN

(10 - AV.£303.00)

£365 E.W. Moss & Son

£350 Mr S. Harding

### ABERDEEN ANGUS

(76 - AV.£152.54)

£295 Moreton Wood Fm

£280 DJ.& KL. Leadbetter

### CHAROLAIS

(10 - AV.£290.50)

£380 Mr VG. McNaugher

£330 RJ. & RH. Gadsbey

### LIMOUSIN

(13 - AV.£250.15)

£385 Mr G.B. Warner

£355 Allen Family Fm Ltd



FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2025

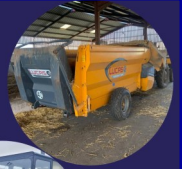
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ORANGE MARKET  
THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2025

TB Restricted Orange Sale

Calves 1pm, Weanlings 3pm and Store Cattle  
& Feeding Cows 3.30pm

Please notify the office of entries for cataloging purposes.

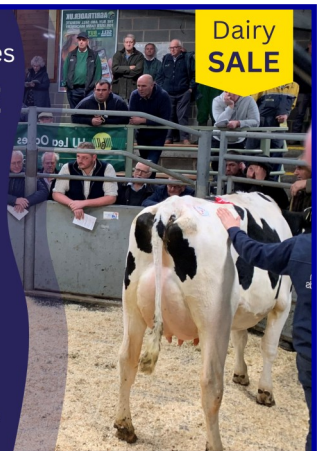
Market Drayton Dairy Sales

SHOW AND SALE

WEDNESDAY  
29 JANUARY  
2025

Entries to Jason or the Office

For more details, please speak to  
Gwilym, Jason or Jonty



Dairy  
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Market Drayton Dairy Sales

DAIRY  
YOUNGSTOCK  
SALE

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY  
2025 @ 10:45AM

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Dairy  
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9.68 ACRES (3.92 HA) OF PASTURE LAND

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