

KINGTON MARKET
STORE CATTLE REPORT
TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2020

McCartneys report a good entry of store cattle at Kington Market for their first sale of the New year held on Tuesday 14th January 2020.

We had a good entry of cattle, which sold to a very good trade throughout and a good number of buyers.

The ages of the cattle ranged from 9 to 23 months and weights from 250kg to 580kg.

The well-bred and good confirmation cattle which were farm assured and would hit supermarket specs sold to premium prices and these sold up to £2.16ppk for some Charolias x heifers from VT Jones & Sons

The store cattle sold to a good trade and up to £1145 per head for some British Blue x heifers from VT Jones & Son

January Cattle prices were as follows.

All steers averaged £2.01ppk up to £2.10ppk from TJ & S Croose

The steers averaged £998 per head and sold up to £1130 per head from TJ & S Croose

All heifers averaged £1.91ppk up to £2.16ppk from VT Jones and Son

The heifers averaged £895 per head up to £1145 per head from VT Jones & Son

All cattle forward at the sale averaged £948 per head from the smallest to the largest in the market.

Farm assurance is very important on store cattle and premiums were also being paid for those cattle which would meet the supermarket specs when finished.

In our February sale of Store Cattle, Feeding Bulls, Cull Cows, which will be held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 2pm with catalogue entries closing on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 5.00pm we expect a good trade and guaranteed support from buyers for this forth coming sale.

Please note all cattle over 42 days of age will need to be pre-movement tested for TB purposes within 60 days prior to their movement.

FEBRUARY SALE OF STORE CATTLE,
FEEDING COWS & BULLS, COWS & CALVES
ON TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2020 at 2.00pm.

We write to invite your entries for our next Store Cattle Sale to include Feeding Bulls and Cows plus Cows with Calves. We have a number of buyers looking for Store Cattle and Cows with Calves, please can we ask for your support with entries for this sale.

We can offer a free on farm inspection and valuation at your convenience.

Catalogue entries close Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 5.00pm

COLLECTIVE MACHINERY SALE TOGETHER WITH POULTRY AND PLANT SECTION.

We will be holding our collective machinery sale together with plants and poultry on **Saturday 29th February 2020** at 11.00am at The Beech sale ground, Ludlow. We invite your entries for this sale.

FARM ASSURANCE AND GREEN FORMS

Please could all livestock entries be accompanied with a completed green form with correct and up to date farm assurance details on. If you are selling livestock which is stated that it is farm assurance then the details must be valid and up to date. Some sheep buyers can only buy farm assured stock and if they are found to be not assured after the sale or worse in the abattoir they will not process the sheep nor pay for them. If you have a farm assurance inspection and further information is required then please forward that information to the relevant office as the farm assurance schemes will suspend farm assurances and this then makes the livestock non farm assured.

READING SHEEP TAGS

Please be aware of the Defra requirements for reading ear tags. There is a disclaimer as far as McCartneys is concerned concerning tags that don't read, tags that have come out and dare we say sheep that are not tagged. Ultimately the vendor is responsible to ensure that he has 100% records to meet Cross Compliance requirements. We can only read what we can read! Please take note of the disclaimer which states

"McCartneys have taken all due care and diligence in reading the EID sheep tags shown in this document but will not accept any failure resulting from the tags themselves either because of tag malfunction or installation error and will not accept any financial consequences from such error. Vendors/Purchasers must satisfy themselves as to the correctness of information shown in relying upon it to meet their regulatory responsibilities."

Please take note we will do all we can to help you and not shirk our responsibilities. We can do no more than this. Please see on our website www.mccartneys.co.uk the Defra Q&A Sheep Electronic Identification (EID) CPRCs & Record Keeping Tolerance.

SHEEP TAGGING AFTER 1st JANUARY 2016

We can accept all sheep tags for cull sheep at Kington Market at our weekly sale.

If you have any queries regarding this please give us a call for guidance.

All sheep BORN in England and Wales after the 1st January 2016 must be EID tagged either by a single or double tag depending on whether the animal will be a store/fat sheep or breeding sheep.

AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL FINANCE

McCartneys can offer access to competitive finance from a number of lenders for the purchase of land and property, development opportunities, poultry buildings and renewable energy projects ect. Please contact Gareth Wall for further information.

FARM BUSINESS COMPLIANCE SERVICE

McCartneys are launching a new farm business compliance service to assist farmers regarding the completion of records and documentation required for Basic Payment Scheme Cross Compliance, Farm Assurance and other statutory requirements.

This service will include the completing of the following documentation for the RPA and Welsh Assembly.

- * Records and documentation for BPS cross compliance.
- * NVZ documentation
- * Personal Guidance and support during inspections
- * Under taking appeals against RPA and Welsh Assembly
- * Mapping Issues
- * BPS applications
- * Greening and EFA advice and calculations
- * Agreements for the letting of land
- * Countryside Stewardship, Glastir and other grant scheme applications
- * Farm assurance documentation.
- * Environment Agency/ Natural Resources Wales issues

For further advice please contact

Gareth Wall, Beth Hanson or Amelia Crofts Hill on 01544 230316

FARMS AND LAND WANTED

We have a number of enquiries for potential purchasers to buy farms and land in the Herefordshire, Shropshire and Mid Wales area. If you are considering selling please contact us for a confidential appraisal. Please contact Gareth Wall on 07974 143336.

ELECTRIC CABLES AND WATER PIPE LINES

The utility providers are under taking works of repair and renewal of electricity and telephone lines in the area and also water pipe lines. As a landowner or tenant of land which is affected you are entitled to compensation. If you are affected we can undertake the compensation claim on your behalf and the utility company also pays our fees in addition to the compensation claimed on your behalf.

C OVIS IN SHEEP

We are having a lot of problems with C Ovis in sheep when they are slaughtered. This condition is picked up from mainly dog muck when dogs have not been wormed. The abattoirs are condemning whole carcasses because of this as they are not allowed to enter the food chain. The cost of these deductions is becoming excessive. Please can you ensure dogs are wormed and we appreciate it is difficult to control dog walkers where you have foot paths going over your land. The abattoirs have now agreed to give us ear tag numbers of the affected sheep so we will be able to identify where problems are arising.

**Further enquiries regarding the above please contact:
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