

## BRECON MARKET CATTLE REPORT FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

### 425 STORE CATTLE

Following the most taxing and possibly surreal week in 30 years as a livestock auctioneer we conducted the monthly cattle sale at Brecon under the new regulations associated with Coronavirus. The market premises was assessed on Tuesday to confirm that regulations could be adhered to. Urgent phone calls were made:- vendors were contacted to ensure supply, purchasers were contacted to ensure demand. Rules and regulations were confirmed with regard to 'drop off and go'.

Extra staff were organised for unloading, ticketing, manning the phones etc. Guides and reserves were discussed at length and considered.

475 stores and 40 culls came forward out of the catalogued entry of 525.

Buyers arrived and sat on stools and chairs at 2m intervals in the ring.

The trade for most types was far ahead of our expectations and vindicated the decision to carry on with the sale, steers averaged £2.20p/kg (2ppk down on the February sale) while heifers averaged £2.16ppk (a penny/kg less than February).

This produced an overall average for 425 cattle sold of £2.18ppk.

The only category of stores that we struggled with was young steers forward in condition and Vendors may consider selling these older and in less form especially in spring prior to turnout.

We already have a good entry for April and expect a good demand from our valued purchaser contingent.

Catalogue entries must be received by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

*Trade was as follows:*

#### Store Steers (per head)

Lim x	700kg	£1380	EL+JD Jones, Neuadd Fawr
Lim x	695kg	£1345	EL+JD Jones, Neuadd Fawr
Lim x	660kg	£1335	EL+JD Jones, Neuadd Fawr
Lim x	630kg	£1310	EL+JD Jones, Neuadd Fawr
Lim x	650kg	£1285	EL+JD Jones, Neuadd Fawr
Lim x	585kg	£1225	EL+JD Jones, Neuadd Fawr
Lim x	615kg	£1220	EL+JD Jones, Neuadd Fawr
BB x	605kg	£1220	T Davies + Co, Llwyncadwgan
Lim x	570kg	£1220	EL+JD Jones, Neuadd Fawr
Lim x	675kg	£1215	DJ Powell & Son, Neuadd

#### Store Steers (per kilo)

BB x	345kg	318.8p/kg	CM+WC Phillips, Batch
Lim x	365kg	276.7p/kg	TE Jones + Co, Bailea
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Limx	310Kg	261.3p/kg	TB+CD Griffiths, Brynderi
BB x	330kg	254.5p/kg	CM+WC Phillips, Batch
Lim x	370kg	254.1p/kg	TE Jones + Co, Bailea
Lim x	395kg	253.8p/kg	TA + AA Hughes + Son, Cwmhendryd
Ch x	400kg	252.5p/kg	DT Richards + Son, Lletybrongu
Lim x	395kg	250.6p/kg	Edwards Bros, Pencraig Fawr
Lim x	360kg	250p/kg	BG Brace, Rhiwlas

### Store Heifers (per head)

Lim x	590kg	£1250	DT Richards + Son, Lletybrongu
Lim x	585kg	£1220	T Jenkins + Son, Torycoed
Lim x	555kg	£1175	C Thomas + Co, Coedmawr
Lim x	505kg	£1170	DG+SJ Davies, Cwmgwilym
Ch x	550kg	£1170	PW Jones + Son, Cwmrhibyn
Lim x	545kg	£1160	T Jenkins + Son, Torycoed
Ch x	485kg	£1160	PW Jones + Son, Cwmrhibyn
Ch x	605kg	£1150	C Thomas + Co, Coedmawr
Lim x	485kg	£1150	DG+SJ Davies, Cwmgwilym
Lim x	530kg	£1150	DI Davies + Co, Rhydywernen

### Store heifers (per kilo)

Lim x	350kg	265.7p/kg	CM+WC Phillips, Batch
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Lim x	320kg	262.5p/kg	AE Jones, Coedmore Hall
Lim x	405kg	256.8p/kg	MH+EH Owens, Glantre
BB x	350kg	254.3p/kg	TE Jones + Co, Bailea
Lim x	340kg	250p/kg	T Jenkins + Son, Torycoed
Lim x	365kg	246.6p/kg	TG Morgan + Co, Cwmclyd
Lim x	365kg	246.6p/kg	AE Jones, Coedmore Hall
Lim x	400kg	242.5p/kg	BT Jenkins, Caerhodyn
Lim x	355kg	239.4p/kg	RJ Mawby, Fields Farm

## 40 CULL COWS & BULLS

The barren trade was very much in line with the stores even with Ronald Macdonald closing all his stores. It seems that the modern housewife can turn a pack of mince or diced beef into all sorts of culinary treats; but give her a steak or joint and she looks at it in vacant disbelief.

The overall average was 140p/kg only 6p/kg back on February and this with the entry including several lean grazing cows.

*Top prices were as follows:*

Lim x	880kg	£1340	E+S Layton, Knoakes Court
Lim x	915kg	£1310	MH+EH Owens, Glantre
Lim x	840kg	£1240	E+S Layton, Knoakes Court
Lim x	780kg	£1110	AE Jones, Coedmore Hall
Lim x	750kg	£1090	T Jenkins + Son, Torycoed
Lim x	715kg	£1080	Gurnant Jones + Co, Dolderwen
Lim x	760kg	£1060	Gurnant Jones + Co, Dolderwen
Salx	900Kg	£1060	P+M Davies, Tirmawr
Lim x	625kg	£1000	T Jenkins + Son, Torycoed
Lim x	760kg	£990	Gurnant Jones + Co, Dolderwen
Lim x	720kg	£980	Gurnant Jones + Co, Dolderwen

## FORTHCOMING SALES

**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 1.00pm**  
**Brecon Supplementary Cattle Sale**  
Entries now being taken

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 9.30am**  
**Brecon Sale of Store Cattle, Cull Cows & Breeding Stock**  
Entries now being taken

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