



AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

# THAME FARMERS AUCTION MART LTD

## Deadweight Report – August 2024

### Stock sold: 645 Cattle & 1554 Sheep

**\*Please book in stock by Thursday tea time so we can ensure with our best endeavours that they move the following week\***

### Clean Cattle (486)

Fewer placed in August after bumper numbers in July. Producers had in their minds to have yards empty pre-harvest. As numbers tighten, up go prices with commercial R grades finishing the month at over 500p/kg. Several weeks saw 5p/kg increases – a lift of 15-20p/kg through the month.

With cereal prices low, grass disappearing and pleasing returns for finished beast's producers are housing cattle earlier than normal. This will pay dividends in terms of performance and speed up finishing. Cattle coming in with interna; fat always perform quicker having not lost it walking around for a mouthful of grass until October. Commercial R grades finish the month at 500-505p/kg, Aberdeen Angus 510-515p/kg, Young Bulls 495-500p/kg and Beef Shorthorns 517p/kg.

Pleasing to see cereal prices exceeding 500/kg again, long may it continue. Processors reporting good sales but a lot of top sides and silversides in store – this will probably be sold on promotion later on in the year. Last year trade dropped rapidly in July and lifted in September, trade is lifting from a much higher level this year – will we see 530p/kg? Young bulls coming to an end – we will now see a few over 16 months come forward which have not got fit before the deadline. Grass cattle are extremely short this year.

If you have stock, you would like us to view or for up-to-date professional advice, please call Daniel Slade (07815 495210). We would like to thank our valued customers for their continued support as we endeavour to achieve the best returns for you from the 9 abattoirs we supply.

- Please order replacement ear tags allowing plenty of time for them to arrive before your stock goes.
- Please check breed & sex on passports
- All stock must have two ear tags on leaving the farm - if they only have one and they lose one that equals none and that equals the bin
- Please ensure stock is ready to load before lorries arrive it is not fair to have drivers waiting making them late for next collections.
- To comply with the Welfare of Animals in Transport Act any un-sound stock will require a vet certificate before loading.
- **Young bulls must be 12 months + one day of age.**

	Commercial Steers/Heifers	Young Bulls U16M	Aberdeen Angus	Beef Shorthorn
E to	525p	520p		
U+ to	520p	515p		
-U to	510p	505p	520p	
R to	500p	495p	510p	517p
O+ to	490p		500p	507p
-O to	470p			

### OTM Clean, Mature Bulls, Barren Cows (159)

A few more dairy cows placed as grass starts to disappear, some tremendous beef cows placed this month – proper fed examples over £2100.00 for pure Charolais & Limousins. Prices up through the month with more demand for mince. Cows have more mince and less topside aiding the carcass balance. A number of stock bulls placed again this month as they come out of work. Producers should keep an eye on cattle ages with a 10p/kg deduction on OTM's now imposed – if cattle are fit under 30 months don't let them slip over!

**Cows wanted – Good, best, bad or ugly why not give us a try! Non-UK tagged and non-FABBL (subject to VAN) catered for.**

	Best Beef Cows	Dairy Cows	OTM Clean
U+	430p		
U-	420p		
R	410p	400p	490p
O+		395p	480p
O-		380p	
P		370p	

### New Season Lambs

Numbers harder to find with lambs struggling to perform unless fed. A lot of grades for finish & producers finding they need heavier live weights to achieve a 20kg carcass.

Trade found a level through the month at 670p/kg.