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## Bluetongue update

Load planning and stock collections have been impacted with Bucks & parts of Berkshire entering the restriction zone (10.10.24). Stock from Bucks & all other restricted zones cannot be collected with stock from Oxon & any area outside of the zone. Please bare with us while we do our upmost to make sure things work to your best advantage. Movements to designated abattoirs outside the restriction zone from inside the restriction zone must be accompanied by a licence. We will attach these with the FCI forms when sent if required.

## Deadweight Report – September 2024

**Stock sold: 920 Cattle & 658 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 (696)

Trade romps away through the month of September with prices up 15 P/KG over the period. Commercial R grades finished the month at 515 P/KG. Demand was ahead of supply for the first two thirds of the month but the constant wet weather at the end of the month has increased supplies preventing further price rises in the later half of the month.

A number of producers have housed cattle earlier this year due to the wet weather, but also more confidence of better returns spurring producers on with low real prices. Processors attention will soon be focusing on Christmas kills, will they need to bid more money to secure suppliers?

A number of big units reporting they are full of cattle. Commercial R grades finish the month at 515 P/KG. Angus to 520-525 P/KG. young bulls to 510 P/KG. Beef Shorthorns to 521 P/KG. Several runs of super cattle placed a credit to Consignors. Numerous cattle over £2000 through the month and best U grades over £2200. A few producers have averaged over £2000 head with their consignments. Weighed black and whites also tallying up well with several £1800-£1900.

Bazadaise steers to £2126, £2060, £2116, £2075, Charolais heifers to £2184, Charolais steers to £2184, Limousin steers to £2199, £2129, £2120, £2155, £2184, Aberdeen Angus heifers to £2152, Aberdeen Angus steers to £2109, £2103, £2181, £2205, South Devon steers to £2142, Simmental steers to £2000, Limousin heifers to £2184 x2, £2126, £2047, £2038, £2018, Hereford young bulls over 16 months to £2154, Charolais young bulls over 16 months to £1984, £1869.

	Commercial Steers/Heifers	Young Bulls U16M	Aberdeen Angus	Beef Shorthorn
E to	540p	535p		
U+ to	535p	530p		
-U to	525p	520p	535p	
R to	515p	510p	525p	521p
O+ to	505p		515p	
-O to	480p			

## OTM Clean, Mature Bulls, Barren Cows (224)

A large number of stock bulls placed through the month and several in the pipeline for early in October. Bulls 320 P/KG with several to £2000-£2200

A large number of non-assured or VAN accompanied cows placed as more store breeders drop out of assured schemes

A slight reduction in price but still close to 400 P/KG achieved and happy vendors. As the month went on more dairy cows came forward. Prices obtained level through the month with R grades 410-415p.

Price reduction likely as we enter October as more numbers come forward plus processors attention turns to clean cattle for Christmas. Producers are urged to keep an eye on cattle ages with a 10P/KG deduction on OTM's now implemented. If cattle are fit under 30 months, don't let them slip over.

Best cows to £2223, £2121 & £2107 for best Limousins, dairy cows to £1796 (Swedish red), £1640 (Brown Swiss), £1615 (Holstein), overage Aberdeen Angus steers to £2142, £2009, £2120, Charolais steers to £2100, Holsteins to £2012, Aberdeen Angus heifers to £2039 & Limousin steers to £2184.

	Best Beef Cows	Dairy Cows	OTM Clean	M.Bull	Angus
U+	430p				
U-	420p				525p
R	410p	410p	500p	320p	515p
O+		405p	490p		505p
O-		395p			
P		380p			

## New Season Lambs (658)

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 eased from 670-630p/kg at the end of the month.

- Please order replacement ear tags allowing plenty of time for them to arrive before your stock goes.
- Please check breed & sex on passports before the day the cattle go
- 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.**
- **Please keep aware of Bluetongue areas. Stock from restricted areas cannot be loaded with stock from outside the restricted area. Stock from within the restricted area must be accompanied by the relevant Bluetongue movement licence.**
- **Producers under TB restrictions should make sure they are issued with an AMENDED TB24C LICENCE authorizing general movement of bovines directly to a licensed slaughterhouse or via an approved TB slaughter gathering (Tuesday collection center)**

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