



AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

# THAME FARMERS AUCTION MART LTD

### Bluetongue update

Load planning and stock collections have been impacted with the Blue Tongue Restriction zones. Stock from the restricted zone cannot be collected with stock from any area outside of the zone. Please be aware of what zone you are in particularly with some of Oxfordshire in and some outside of the restricted zone.

Please bear with us while we do our utmost 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 attach these with the FC7 forms when sent if required.

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

### Deadweight Report – October 2024 Stock sold: 1123 Cattle & 1369 Sheep

#### Clean Cattle (784)

Trade remained relatively level through October with a 5p increase reported at the end of the month. Producers selling cattle to make room to house off sodden fields leading to a short-term increase in suppliers in the first 2/3 of the month. This should make supply short in November when processors are boxing for Christmas. Watch out for big price increases! Cattle can only be sold once.

Commercial R grades 520 p/kg. Angus 525-530 p/kg. Beef Shorthorns to 525 p/kg.

Cattle doing well in yards with producers waiting to feed maize if they have managed to get it in the camp with the constant wet weather.

Several runs of tremendous cattle placed with £2000 beasts becoming more numerous with 390kg R grades now achieving the magic figure. Weighted black and whites now achieving £2000. A good load of averaged weighted bulls saw Charolais to £2268. Angus to £2250 and Limousins to £2345, £2260. Best Limousin steers to £2205.

	Commercial Steers/Heifers	Young Bulls U16M	Aberdeen Angus	Beef Shorthorn
E to	545p	540p		
U+ to	540p	535p		
-U to	530p	525p	540p	
R to	520p	515p	530p	525p
O+ to	510p		520p	
-O to	490p			

#### OTM Clean, Mature Bulls, Barren Cows (339)

More cows placed in October as dairy farmer remove unproductive cows at housing and suckler producers have a tidy up at weaning and scanning. Trade follows the usual patten of slipping through the month but with an increase of clean price at the end of the month trade should hold. Cows back 10/15p through the period with some firms dropping 10p in one week.

Again, a large number of non-assured or VAN accompanied cows placed as more store breeders drop out of assured schemes. Cows finished the month at 395 p/kg with better fleshed cows 400 p/kg.

Producers are urged to keep an eye on cattle ages with a 10 p/kg deduction now implemented. 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 Fable (subject to VAN number) catered for.

	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 (1369)

A few loads placed this month with lambs starting to perform a bit better and especially if fed.

Trade remained level through the month with R grades to 620 p/kg. unless lambs are well fleshed, they don't weigh heavy and producers are finding they need heavier liveweights to achieve a 20kg carcass. A number of producers have sold as stores.

- 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.**
- **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)**