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THAME FARMERS AUCTION MART LTD

Deadweight Report – June 2025

Stock sold: 1168 cattle & 1819 Lambs

Prime cattle trade eased significantly through the month of June, with drops of 10-15 P/KG per week reported. Trade finished the month 80 P/KG behind the April peak. Trade found a level by July with Commercial R Grades 625-630 P/KG with Angus achieving 640-645 P/KG.

Sellers of home-bred stock are delighted with how much more their stock is coming to on the year (up 150 P/KG). However, store sellers feeling the pinch with drops of £35-40 per head per week, denting profitability. The speed of drop, forced more suppliers onto the market, so this compounded the problem. However, by July numbers have ran shorter. Abattoirs reporting poor retail sales and lots of meat stocks being held. Retail prices have lifted significantly since Easter with some cuts up 50% and taking affect on demand.

Producers are expecting prices to rise with lighter numbers and having seen 700 P/KG expecting it to get back to there. Processors are nervous of slow retail sales and a fear of high prices drawing in imports and causing lasting damage. If price point increases and demand drops less cattle are required to fulfil requirements.

Cows have eased slightly through the month with R Grades slipping from 585 P/KG to 540 P/KG with a slight rally in early July to 550 P/KG. Manufacturing meat seemingly more in demand for mince and BBQ trade than prime cuts.

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.

Prime Hoggetts + New season Lambs

Hoggetts were wanted all through June and are still a trade in July! Spring lambs started the month at 720 P/KG and finished at 750 P/KG. Lambs are coming exceptionally well if creep fed and really ripening in the sunshine! Some producers creeping their March born lambs to keep them going with the lack of grass and to help the ewes. If the trade stays above 700 P/KG this may look like a good decision.

If you have stock, you would like us to view or for us up to date professional advice, please call 07815495210. We would like to thank our customers for their continued support as we endeavour to achieve the best returns for you from the 9 abattoirs we supply.

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