



AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

# THAME FARMERS AUCTION MART LTD

**Deadweight – Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
to Week Ending 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Stock sold: 1140 Cattle & 1044 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 (809)**

Trade appears to have found a level with R grade 495-302p/kg. Cattle are doing extremely well in yards – ample feed supplies and increasing day length helping animals to really do well and good performance levels are being seen.

- 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 unsound stock will require a vet certificate before loading.
- **Young bulls must be 12 months + one day of age.**

Retail meat sales are reported to be strong and supplies from Ireland are lower, resulting in processors competing strongly for British cattle. That said however, temporarily increased supplies of cattle mean some processors are full for the week and muttering that if supply levels there may be a price reduction. If this was enacted, supplies would tighten very quickly as producers would hold off selling, as long-term supplies are short; 175,000 fewer ear tags were sold last year than the previous year.

Some terrific cattle were sold over the past few weeks with £2,000 plus now common for the best bred and fed types.

Aberdeen Angus Steers to	£2226, £2163, £2147 & £2142
Aberdeen Angus Heifers to	£2095 & £2082
Blonde D'Aquitaine Steers to	£2163
British Blue Steers to	£2121, £2109, £2097 & £2072
British Blue Heifers to	£1988

Charolais Steers to	£2142 & £2121
Limousin Steers to	£2205 & £2184
Limousin Heifers to	£2136
Longhorn Steers to	£2091
South Devon Steers to	£2062

Commercial R grade 495-502p. Aberdeen Angus 505-510p, Beef Shorthorns to 517p/kg. Young bulls to 495p/kg. A load of over 16-month bulls placed achieving fantastic returns with Beef Shorthorns to £2337, Limousins to £2426 and £2053. Herefords to £2004 and £1991.

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.

	Commercial Steers/Heifers	Young Bulls U16M	Best Heifers	Aberdeen Angus	Beef Shorthorn
E to	525p	520p			
U+ to	515p	515p	525p		
-U to	510p	505p	517p	520p	
R to	500p	495p	507p	510p	517p
O+ to	490p			500p	509p
-O to	470p				

**OTM Clean, Mature Bulls, Barren Cows (331)**

Cow trade appears to have found a level, with R grades 380-390p/kg. More dairy cows placed over the period but mainly plainer parlour cows as expected at this time of year. A few fed beef cows placed to a top price of £2274 for a tremendous U grade Limousin. Aberdeen Angus cows to £2109. Charolais to £1879. OTMs to £2184 for Limousin heifers. Charolais to £2025.

**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+	410p		
U-	400p		
R	390p	385p	490p
O+		380p	480p
O-		370p	
P		345p	

**Lamb (1044)**

Good numbers placed with a few off roots. R grades to 640p/kg.

A few lean light lambs have been coming forward – be sure to handle docks and loins to assess meat and finish, not just weight.