



AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

THAME FARMERS AUCTION MART LTD

**Deadweight – Week Commencing 4th March 2024
to Week Ending 29th March 2024**

Stock sold: 1032 Cattle & 811 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 (749)

Trade has eased through the period up to Easter with more numbers forward. Processors have dropped the price and remained full with producers keen to sell as rents are due and room is needed for calving and lambing due to the continued wet weather. The grassy autumn meant cattle were left out longer, leading to a short term increase in supplies and a slight oversupply over the period. However, longer term supplies look tight and processors are well aware of this. Towards the end of the period one processor bucked the trend and lifted prices over and above their competitors – the advantage of TFAM's service is having several processors at our fingertips!

R grades 485-495p/kg. Aberdeen Angus 495-504p/kg. Beef Shorthorns to 512p/kg. Best heifers to 502p/kg. Cattle still performing well. Producers are desperate for some drier weather to get the muck out and this should help boost performance again and cleanliness.

Top prices:

Simmental Steers	£2265, £2211, £2129, £2084, £2009	Limousin Steers	£2116, £2104, £2053
Charolais Steers	£2137, £2074, £2069, £2053	Limousin Heifers	£2095, £2094
Aberdeen Angus Steers	£2102, £2090, £2071, £2053	South Devon Steers	£2087, £2057, £2028, £2027
Beef Shorthorn Steers	£1916	South Devon Heifers	£2115

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	520p		
-U to	505p	505p	512p	524p	
R to	495p	495p	502p	514p	512p
O+ to	485p			504p	504p
-O to	460p				

OTM Clean, Mature Bulls, Barren Cows (283)

The cow trade firms with R grades to 400p/kg. OTM deductions have increased from 5-10p/kg so check cattle ages – they would need to put on significant weight to cover the price reduction. Some tremendous beef cows have been placed with no issues with weight.

Top prices:

Blonde D'Aquitaine Cow	£1976	Limousin Cow	£2717, £2368, £2294	Charolais Cow	£2129, £1746
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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+	420p		
U-	410p		
R	400p	400p	480p
O+		395p	470p
O-		385p	
P		365p	

Lamb (811)

A stratospheric sheep trade, with R grades to 840p/kg – numbers are short!

Producers have been pleased with their returns, with Ramadan, Easter and Eid creating a perfect storm.

- 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.**