

THIRSK: Thursday 9 May 2008

Forward 2857 head of stock comprising 444 cattle inc 126 young bulls & 34 cows & OTM's. 2269 sheep inc 377 spring lambs & 254 ewes. 144 pigs inc 75 sows & boars.

A slightly smaller entry of clean cattle with the overall quality better than last week were a much improved trade resulting an overall average of 158.7 being achieved. Top price of the day was 200.5 for a limousin x heifer from B Bowman, Roecliffe purchased by J Robertshaw, Bradford. Steers sold to 199.5 for a belgian blue x from G W Hammond & Son, Kirby Fleetham purchased by J Penny & Sons, Rawdon. Young bulls were forward in much smaller numbers and trade was also considerably better with a top price of 175.5 for a belgian blue x from CW Johnson & Son, Ripon sold to Cleveland Meat Co, Stockton. Cows & OTM's would also be a little dearer making up to 140p for OTM's and 131p for cows.

A larger entry of sheep than anticipated were an extremely good trade particularly for better quality lambs and hogs. Spring lambs sold to a top of £93 for texel x from D & J Bailes, Elwick purchased by R Horner, Kilburn while hogs made up to £96.50 for texel x from D J Wilson, Harome sold to Kurpas Meats, Manchester. Ewes were also dearer on the week selling to £74. More pigs forward were easier to sell with prices about 5p better selling to 97p while sows were also dearer.

Averages steers light 175.5 (701.51 per head) 154.6 ave, med to 187.5 (988.13 per head) 157 ave, heavy to 199.5 (1,334.66 per head) 164.4 ave, hfrs light 170.5 (682.00 per head) 161.6 ave, med to 190.5 (902.97 per head) 156.4 ave, heavy to 200.5 (1227.74 per head) 157.2 ave, Young bulls light 134.5 (624.08 per head) 133 ave, med to 165.5 (894.08 per head) 137.3 ave, heavy to 175.5 (1373.63 per head) 143.9 ave, OTMs to 140 (1124.77 per head) 131.6 ave, cows 131 (946.70 per head) 102.7 ave, hogs std to 176.9 (69 per head) ave 150.4, med to 172.6 (77.50 per head) 155.3 ave, heavy to 186 (93 per head) 153.2 ave, overweight to 175.5 (96.50 per head) 148 ave, spring lambs std to 223.6 (84.50 per head) 198.8 ave, med to 216.3 (93 per head) 199.4 ave, heavy to 189.3 (92 per head) 173.8 ave, ewes light to 43, 29.85 ave, heavy to 74, 55.89 ave. Pigs porkers to 97 (72.75 per head) 87.4 ave, cutters to 96 (82.56 per head) 89.7 ave, bacon to 94 (92.12 per head) ave 89.3, sows to 63 (199.71 per head) 61.4 ave, boars to 46 (167.90 per head) 45.6 ave.