

THIRSK: Thursday 13 March 2008

Forward 4641 head of stock comprising 473 cattle inc 142 young bulls & 36 cows & OTM's. 4007 sheep inc 203 ewes & 2 Spring Lambs & 161 pigs inc 77 sows & boars.

Slightly larger numbers of cattle on offer with the overall quality not as good as last week resulting in a fall in the average price of about 4p taking quality into consideration. Top price was 174.5p twice for Belgian Blue x Heifers from CR & CL Donaldson, Huby purchased by J Penny & Sons, Rawdon and Woolley Bros, Sheffield. Steers made up to 167.5p for Limousin x from D & J Bailes, Elwick sold to J Penny & Sons.

Young bulls were also forward in slightly larger, again with quality overall poorer and trade would follow a similar trend to clean cattle. Top price was 163.5p for Belgian Blue X from CR Close & Sons sold to Cleveland Meat Co, Stockton.

Cows and OTM's were a little dearer on the week.

The largest entry of sheep this year were a much improved trade for all weights resulting in an overall average of 141.7p per kg. Top price was £82 for Texel X from EW Coultman, Helperby and to 176.2p for Texel X from TW Parkinson, Thirlby. Ewes were also much dearer selling to £76.

Pigs were a better trade on the week selling to 90p while sows were a similar trade making up to 54p.

Averages steers med to 164.5 (909.69 per head) 143.6 ave, heavy to 167.5 (1054.44 per head) 140.1 ave, hfrs med to 174.5 (811.58 per head) 138.7 ave, heavy to 174.5 (1097.78 per head) 143.1 ave, bulls med to 149.5 (824.18 per head) 125.9 ave, heavy to 163.5 (1227.83 per head) 134.2 ave, OTMs to 130 (908.62 per head) 119.5 ave, cows & bulls to 122 (748.98 per head) 87.3 ave, hoggs std to 171.6 (64.20 per head) 139.3 ave, med to 176.2 (77.50 per head) 148.2 ave, heavy to 162.5 (78.00 per head) 140.8 ave, overweight to 150.9 (82.00 per head) 136.0 ave, ewes light to 46, 37.73 ave, heavy to 76, 53.73 ave. Pigs cutters to 90 (74.36 per head) 86.6 ave, bacon to 89 (85.14 per head) ave 81.5, sows to 54 (189.21 per head) 49.9 ave, boars to 41 (123.82 per head).