

THIRSK: Thursday 14th February 2008

Forward 3565 head of stock comprising 458 cattle including 122 young bulls and 52 cows and OTM's, 3019 sheep including 153 ewes and 88 pigs inc 64 sows and boars.

Similar numbers of clean cattle were again an exceptionally good trade with averages on the week with just over 1p up. Top price was 178.5 for a limousin x heifer from B Bowman, Roecliffe which was purchased by J Penny & Sons, Rawdon, while steers sold to 165.5 (twice) for limousin x from JB Marwood & Son, Leyburn and CR & CL Donaldson, Huby purchased by Worsley Wholesale Butchers, Wakefield. 31 cattle made prices of 160ppkg & above with 17 cattle making over £1000. The young bulls on offer were a poorer show for quality & although the average price was less than last week, taking quality into consideration trade would be equally as good. Top price was 159.5 for blonde x from TS&PA Knox, Patrick Brompton which sold to J&B Fitton, Oldham. 5 bulls realised prices above £1000. Trade for cows & OTMs was dearer on the week particularly for cows with OTMs making up to 137p and cows 120p.

Another very good entry of sheep were a very good trade with best quality & heavier weights maintaining last week's rates. Poorer quality hoggs would be a little less on the week. Top prices were £71.50 for texel x from S Lancaster, Easingwold & 149.2ppkg also for texel x from A&R Wilson, Nunthorpe. Ewes were a similar trade making up to £56. A small entry of pigs were a firmer trade making up to 83p. Sows were dearer by 3ppkg on the week.

Averages steers med to 164.5 (898.17 per head) 146.9 ave, heavy to 165.5 (1121.25 per head) 141.4 ave, hfrs med to 163.5 (722.67 per head) 137.4 ave, heavy to 178.5 (1030.25 per head) 142.9 ave, bulls light 147.5 (651.70 per head) 132.2 ave, med to 157.5 (806.40 per head) 124 ave, heavy to 159.5 (1067.72 per head) 129.3 ave, OTMs to 137 (934.34 per head) 124.8 ave, cows to 120 (914.40 per head) 92.7 ave, hoggs std to 149.2 (58.20 per head) 121 ave, med to 144 (60.50 per head) 122.1 ave, heavy to 145.9 (71.50 per head) 123.2 ave, overweight to 124.5 (68 per head) 116.1 ave, ewes light to 30, 17.95 ave, heavy to 56, 34.65 ave. Pigs cutters to 83 (71.38 per head), bacon to 83 (75.53 per head), sows to 45 (147.84 per head) 41.7 ave, boars to 34 (125.46 per head) 33.3 ave.