

THIRSK: Thursday 21st February 2008

Forward 3702 head of stock comprising 449 cattle inc 166 young bulls & 51 cows & OTM's. 3182 sheep inc 145 ewes & 71 pigs inc 50 sows & boars.

A smaller entry of cattle were an exceptionally good trade with no less than 50 cattle making 160ppkg & above of which 15 made 170 & above with a top price of 177.5 being realised for a limousin x heifer from CR & CL Donaldson, Huby which sold to Woolley Bros, Sheffield. While steers sold to 170.5 for limousin x from GW Hammond & Son, Kirby Fleetham purchased by Worsley Wholesale Butchers, Wakefield. The overall average for clean cattle was 146.3. Young bulls were forward in larger numbers & trade was better than last week resulting in an overall rise of 61ppkg. Top price was 167.5 for Limousin x from CR & CL Donaldson which sold to Cleveland Meat Co, Stockton. Friesian bulls sold to 138.5. Cows & OTM's were dearer with OTM's selling to 134p & cows 130p,

Another very good entry of sheep were dearer on the week & again heavier hoggs were more in demand selling to £72 for suffolk x from Chester & Dale, Boroughbridge with texel x selling to £72 from TJ Dennis & Son, Sutton Howgrave. Top price per kg was 154.8 for Beltex x from A Lancaster, Easingwold. Ewes were also dearer making up to £53. Pigs & Sows were easier to sell to 96p & 44p respectively.

Averages steers med to 168.5 (855.98 per head) 142.6 ave, heavy to 170.5 (1163.52 per head) 143.2 ave, hfrs med to 169.5 (808.52 per head) 140 ave, heavy to 177.5 (1106.33 per head) 148.8 ave, bulls light 128.5 (537.13 per head) 128.5 ave, med to 162.5 (864.50 per head) 126.2 ave, heavy to 169.5 (1086.95 per head) 136 ave, OTMs to 134 (986.30 per head) 118.6 ave, cows to 130 (1134.60 per head) 97.8 ave, hoggs std to 144.2 (56 per head) 122 ave, med to 154.8 (65 per head) 125.3 ave, heavy to 150 (70.80 per head) 126.1 ave, overweight to 133.3 (72 per head) 123.1 ave, ewes light to 37, 22.72 ave, medium to 53, 41.55 ave. Pigs cutters to 96 (79.36 per head) 87 ave, bacon to 90 (86.76 per head) ave 80, sows to 44 (143.99 per head) 41.8 ave, boars to 33 (105.60 per head) 32.1 ave.