



EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

MARKET REPORT JANUARY 2025

Friday 3rd January – Store Stock Market



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184 STORE CATTLE & SUCKLED CALVES – 10:00 AM

Auctioneer: Simon Alford 07789 980203

Store Steers to £2020

Store Heifers to £1840

We spent the back end of 2024 deliberating how it would be nigh on impossible to see the usual uplift in store cattle prices in the New Year as we have become accustomed to....but then what do we know about it? as the first Friday sale of 2025 saw all on offer move up another gear or two with a red hot trade and some eye watering returns right across the board. Top of the day was £2020 given for an outstanding Simmental bred steer (26m) from Tom Pascoe up from West Cornwall followed by a tremendous run of stores from John Ridd and Family of Alverdiscott, North Devon who saw their very best, a pen of five stand out Charolais steers (21m) ease to £2000 apiece. The Ridd Family weren't finished there as they saw further pens of strong Limousin and British Blonde steers of a similar age rise to £1920 and more Charolais draw £1890. Derek Pyle in from Clyst Honiton chipped in with his usual smart, forward stores when parting with a mixed trio of British blues and British Blonde bullocks (30m) for £1905 whilst John Ridd and Family were back for more when seeing a brisk trade for a bunch of five rangy British Blues steers (22m) which went on to draw £1880 apiece. Younger Blue steers (16m) from Bob Colbear, Northlew looked as dear as anything sold on the day when rising to £1150 as did yearling Blue bullocks from William Hosegood and Family in from Zeal Monachorum when reaching £1100. The latter also saw four yearling Friesian steers reach a head scratching £1040 a head. Pairs of smart Aberdeen Angus and Limousin steers (26m) ran to £1650 and £1570 respectively for Tom Pascoe followed by Hereford steers (22m) at £1110 for Graham Westaway of Poughill. The store heifer section was headed by John Ridd and Family with a couple of super Charolais bred sorts (25m) rising to £1840 a piece with their pair of Limousin females (28m) drawing £1580 each, although they were eclipsed by a sublime red Limousin heifer (29m) from Geoff and Nicky Arscott in from Chagford which came back at £1700. Graham Hawkins in from Thorverton saw a lovely run of shapely heifers rack up £1520 for a couple of British Blues (24m) followed by Aberdeen Angus of the same age at £1370 and £1360 whilst Fred Chanin who resides in the same parish saw cracking South Devon bred heifers (20m) reach £1245 for two. JC Palmer in from Chawleigh saw a brisk trade for a pen of three Holstein freemartins (26m) which picked up £1050 apiece whilst the better of the younger store heifers came from Roy White of Coleford when a single Hereford (14m) reached £900 followed his Simmentals (23m) also at £900. Just a few grazing cows on offer this week and what a trade they were too! Terry and Jenifer Arscott of Chagford sold a tank of a Charolais for £1680 whilst son and daughter in law Geoff and Nicky parted with a well-covered Salers cow for £1360, also, three strong South Devons from Eric Palmer up from Thurlstone realised £1410 a life. Eric also saw his three South Devon cull bulls draw keen demand when grossing £1150, £1400 and £1310.

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50 STIRKS & SUCKLED CALVES

Auctioneer: Ian Caunter 07813 068935

Younger cattle looking an exceptional trade with yearling Devon crosses from J Blake of South Molton hitting £810 with Herefords off the same holding (9m) realising £760. Diepenbroek Farms of Searton presented dairy bred Angus steers (10m) which achieved £675 whilst the Darley Family of South Molton saw dairy Hereford cross steers (6m) race to £610. Heifers topped out at £900 for J Blake, selling Limousin cross yearlings with Blues and Charolais' of a similar ilk to £840 & £835 and younger Limousin heifers (9m) to £775. Paul Wakeham of Totnes sold South Devon heifers (10m) which levelled out at £700 whilst dairy bred stirks from Diepenbroek Farms saw Angus heifers attain £610 and £500 (9m) and Hereford heifers hit £480. RC Pratt down from Nomansland presented Blue bulls which achieved £860 (9m) whilst Besley Dairy of Wellington presented Swedish Red bulls which realised £500. Younger cattle in real demand. Numbers kindly requested in the coming weeks.

135 CALVES 10.15 AM

Auctioneer: Mark Davis 07773 371774

A cracking entry to start to year at Exeter with 135 calves forward! A very decent trade for the time of year topping at £430 x 2 for some weaned Limousin bulls from William Hosegood & Family of Zeal Monachorum who sold others to £400. British Blue bulls topped at £410 for Gerald Emmett of Cullompton who sold others to £370 & £350. Other young Blue bulls to £395 for Ali Pratt of Tiverton, £370 for Ross Govier of Longdown, £342 for GE Ellett & Son of Exmouth, £315 for Suddon Grange Farm Ltd of Wincanton and £305 for Towhill Farm Ltd of Broadclyst. Simmental bulls sold to £380 for Ros Govier & £330 for William

CALVES - 10.15 am						
Auctioneer: - Mark Davis – 07773371774						
CALVES	Bulls			Heifers		
Breed		TOP	AVE		TOP	AVE
British Blue	32	410	274	30	300	195
Limousin	5	430	346	4	218	180
Simmental	6	380	311	3	250	226
Charolais	1	350	350			
Hereford	13	370	272	6	190	167
Aberdeen Angus	12	365	200	15	162	121
Swedish Red	3	70	62			
Friesians	3	145	86	1	25	25

Hosegood. Charolais bulls to £350 for Les & Tracy Rockett of Bridestowe. Hereford bulls sold to £370 x 2 & £340 x 4 for Diepenbroek Farms Ltd of Seaton who also sold Aberdeen Angus bulls to £310. Other Angus bulls to £365 for Gerald Emmett and £225 & £212 for Messrs AR Hooper & Partners of Spreyton. Heifer calves topped at £300 for a British Blue heifer from Gerald Emmett who sold others to £275 & £265. Others sold to £285 for Martin & Caroline Greenslade of Cullompton, £272 for Towhill Farm Ltd, £252 for Messrs GE Ellett & Son, £250 for RAP Grant of Cruwys Morchard and £245 for Messrs RH & MJ Hurford. Simmental heifers to £250 & £230 for Ross Govier and Limousin heifers to £218 for Ian Pincombe of Crediton. Hereford heifers to £190 x 2 for Besley Dairy of Holcombe Rogus. Friesian bulls sold to £145 for Gerald Emmett & £80 for Towhill Farm Ltd.

PIGS

Auctioneer: Andrew Varney 07771 885586

Only a small entry of pigs with pork pigs to £125 from CM Gordon from Silverton. Weaners to £52 from AH & M Ware of Silverton and £40 for P & H Sample of Launceston.

Next Pig Sale here at Exeter will be held on **Friday 17th January**, it is vital that you let us know of your potential entries in plenty of time so we can advise vendors together with prospective purchasers of expected numbers forward.

Orphan Lambs to £70
In Lamb Ewes to £242

Store Hogs to £161
Single Couples to £255

Grazing Ewes to £168
Double Couples £325

13 ORPHAN LAMBS

A great start to 2025 in the sheep pens today with nearly 2700 head forward and sold seeing strong trades in all sections. Orphan's kicked things off well with the best weaned sorts at £70 for a trio from Ian Pincombe of Kennerleigh who sold another pair at £65 and Alan Bickley of Puddington sold his well at £60 ahead of Michael Ayre of Thorverton with a young setting on sort at £40. All others from £15 to £35 to give an overall average of £46.

1912 STORE LAMBS

A very pleasing entry of 1912 store hogs met with much demand from a packed alley of buyers that saw the better bred mediums looking the trade of the day with plenty of these sorts £120 to £137 with a few pens of killable hogs up around £150 to a top of £161 for Brian Palfrey and Family of Stoodleigh, £156 & £148 for the Palk Family of Blagdon, £155 & £153 for David & Lynda Pellow of Sourton, £150.50 for Keith Rowell of Crockernwell and £150 for the Winzer Family of Ivybridge. Short keep hogs all in the late £130's and £140's with lesser bred mediums from £100 to £120 and several hill bred hogs and tiny tots in the £70's, £80's and £90's all included in the overall average of £116.64.

85 GRAZING EWES & RAMS

The 85 grazers met a roaring trade too with the Winzer Family reaching £168 with their best ewe and £149 of a Greyface Dartmoor descendant as David & Sylvia Grant of Morchard Bishop sold a pair of Charollais crosses at £160 and ME Stevens & partners of Okehampton sold a pen of ewes at £150. Several rams about today, with the Baker Family of Kennford reaching £159 with their Dorset, Mary Yorke of Cadeleigh claimed £147 of a Zwartbles, Mark & Rita Dunn sold a crossbred well at £140 and Mark Northmore of Yelverton sold a lean Scotch tup very well at £88.

591 BREEDING EWES

Almost 600 in-lamb ewes for the catalogued January sale met with a decent trade for the mixed quality forward, all but three pens found new homes and they averaged in excess of £186 per head throughout. Andrew Mabin of Gara Bridge sold an eye-catching run of mid February lambers that saw Texel x Mules sell at £242 x3 and £240, the Walter-Symons Family of Churchstow sold Charollais cross ewes at £230 as well as others at £215 and Ollie Cleave of Bude sold his Texel crosses at £228. A super run of 3 crop NC Mules from Henry, Mark and Dan Johnson of Bridport started off at £202 and just went dearer and dearer selling three pens at £220, another at £219, two at £214 and numerous around £210 with an overall average of £208 for their 167 sold. Martins Farming of Dunkeswell sold March lambing Suffolk crosses at £220 & £210, £210 also for the Parker Family of Ashburton with two pens of 6T aged Mules and Liam Spry of Parracombe sold his best two pens of flock aged Mules at £205. More common sorts and later lambers, including a few unscanned from £150 to £190 with leaner and lesser things back at killing money but all included in that very respectable average of £186.40.

12 EWES & 20 LAMBS (32 LIVES)

Ewes and lambs remaining hard to find and trade staying hot, especially for the better sorts which are few and far between. A nice Dorset double from young shepherds Bert and John Steer of Ashburton sailed to £325 and £108/life with Alex Lawler of Nomansland selling similar at £318 (£106/life) as well as the top priced single at £255 or £127.50/life. Housed older ewe Dorset doubles at £278 for the Gutteridge Family of Weymouth who also had singles at £220 & £190 and a few second quality sorts around £70-80 per life and third quality sorts £50-£60 leaving us with an overall average of £234 per outfit or £96 per life. More needed each week please, call Russell or Sam with entries.

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FORTHCOMING SALES

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Sale of Dairy Cattle

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Monthly Catalogued Sale of Beef Breeding Stock & Fortnightly Pigs

MONDAY 20TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

TB Restricted Sale of Prime, Cull & Store Cattle

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Catalogued Show & Sale of Stirks & Suckled Calves plus Sale of Dairy Cattle

MONDAY 27TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle and Sheep and Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc February Sale of In Lamb Ewes

MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

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