



## EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

# MARKET REPORT

# JANUARY 2025

Friday 17<sup>TH</sup> January – Store Stock Market



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**379 STORE CATTLE & STIRKS – 10:00 AM**

*Auctioneer: Simon Alford 07789 980203*

### **Store Steers to £2200**

### **Store Heifers to £2190**

Unprecedented numbers coming forward for the time of year with the 400 store cattle penned and sold here at Exeter this week mostly attracted by the incredible rise in demand seen since the turn of the year. A host of buyers present again this week with plenty of local, South West based purchasers competing well with those from away and sparking an colossal trade and giving us some mouthwatering returns to report on. Plenty of store steers passing that £2000 a mark again this week with the very best reaching a mammoth £2200 given for a pair of outstanding Salers cross Charolais bullocks (18m) from Michael Vooght of Hennock closely followed by a trio strong Charolais's (20m) which were just a bid behind when reaching £2190 for David Mingo in from Fenny Bridges. Plenty of further Charolais bullock prices to shout about on Friday and included smart bunches making £2000 (18m) for Peter Hendy up from Plymouth and pens of quality bred and fed ones (22m) rising to £1910 and £1900 for Alan Hembrow and family of Lostwithiel. Grand Aberdeen Angus steers next up when a couple (20m) drew £2180 for J & K Northcott of Tideford with their later born sorts (16m) still realising £2130 together with others (19m) coming back at £1880 for Matt and Kate Reeve of Halwell and £1820 for Alan Hembrow and Family. Several of those first rate red Limousin steers about again this week with one (33m) easing to £2040 for Simon Bettison of Bolventor whilst John Ridd and family Alverdiscott parted with four smart Limousins (20m) for £1970 apiece and John and Helen Keep in from Moretonhampstead saw another bunch of four (18m) return £1960 a life. Younger (15m) suckler bred red Limousin bullocks with great potential looked well sold when three came back at £1600 a life for Chris Chudley of Torbryan whilst dairy bred type Limousins with the same favourable comments from David Burrough and Family of Chardstock sold to £1470 for a pen of six. John Ridd and Family were back and seeing a brisk trade for a couple of Simmental bullocks (22m) which picked up £1890 apiece whilst the same sellers sold top priced British blue steers (22m) when their pen of six ran to £1790 a head, also, Graham Hawkins of Thorverton saw Blue steers of a similar age and quality rise to £1760. Other steer prices worthy of a mention included Herefords (30m) at £1840 for Welstor Farms of Ashburton and Mervyn Way of South Molton sold Montbeliarde steers (24m) to £1655. On to the store heifers, with an entry littered with well bred and grown sorts seeing demand motoring on and topping out at a vast £2190 for a powerful beef bred British Blue cross Limousin (20m) from Gary Dunn of Okehampton followed by his next best, a pen of three likewise sorts also reaching the £2000 mark whilst younger, dairy cross Blues (15m) ran to £1180 for Matthew Wilson of Dunsford. Charolais heifers once again on the wanted list when five (18m) from Peter Hendy easily reached £1925 apiece whilst a well-covered Charolais matched up with a Limousin (26m) from James and Jasmine Irish of Broadhempston hit £1800 each, also, an eye catching bunch of very young (13m) Charolais from Phil and Tom Cleave of Holne drew a deserved £1580 a life. J & K Northcott back when selling more grand Aberdeen Angus stores with groups of their heifers (18m) selling away to £1810 and £1750 whilst the many Limousin heifers on offer saw the very best (21m) rise to £1730 and £1700 for the returning John Ridd and Family followed by a couple of snorters (19m) from Chris Chudley which sold readily and to £1600, also, Phil and Tom Cleave saw more of those head turning young heifers reach £1500 for a pen of four Limousin yearlings. Hereford heifers of some substance (20m) from Chris Dunn in from Winkleigh saw his bunch of six rise to £1550 apiece and five decent Simmental females (19m) sold on behalf of Bernie Serpell of Plympton raced away to £1340 a head. To finish with, a mixed pen of Fleckvieh and Friesian heifers (21m) from William Hosegood and Family of Zeal Monarchorum looked as dear as anything sold on the day when reaching £1260 apiece.

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## 107 STIRKS & SUCKLED CALVES

Auctioneer: Ian Caunter 07813 068935

Trade ballistic! What a day in the stirk and suckled calf pens with all types looking exceptionally dear. FE Tucker & LM Parkhouse of Pennymoor smashing records with Limousin steers (11m) topping at £1460 with others a little younger to £1320 & £1200. Terry & Jean Tall up from Modbury presented Limousin cross steers (10m) which raced to £1280 whilst a super run of dairy bred stirks from William Hosegood & Family down from Zeal Monachorum saw Blue steers (10m) realise £970, Angus steers achieve £940, Limousin cross steers (9m) to £920, Simmental cross steers (11m) obtaining £910 with further Blue steers (10m) levelling out at £900. EJ & JCJ Brook of Doddiscombsleigh presented South Devon steers (9m) which attained £950 whilst further dairy bred Hereford cross steers, this time from EC Mills & Son of Sampford Peverell sold to £920 (10m). The same figure was achieved for Melanie Forward of Talaton selling Hereford cross steers (10m). Best of the Friesian steers saw William Hosegood & Family top out at £630 (10m). Not too much strength forward in the heifers but what a trade. EJ Cumming of Honiton leading the way with South Devons (10m) realising £1060 with other pens to £950 & £905. Limousin cross heifers from FE Tucker & LM Parkhouse topped out at £780 whilst EJ & JCJ Brook saw South Devon heifers (8m) attain £770. Dairy bred Limousin cross heifers from William Hosegood & Family looked a wonderful price at £630 (10m) whilst Dairy Cross Shorthorn heifers from H & M Dunn of Drewsteignton levelled out at £540. More young stock desperately needed to fuel current demand.

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## 78 CALVES 10.15 AM

Auctioneer: Mark Davis 07773 371774

A much smaller entry of Calves sold to a flying trade! Tow month old Charolais bulls from John Simmons of Poltimore were off the clock at £490 & £480! Young British Blue bulls to £380 for David & Adrian Cole of Bradninch with others Blues to £342 for Stuart Dagworthy of Woodbury Salterton, £320 x 2 for Towhill Farm Ltd of Broadclyst and £302 for Messrs RH & MJ Hurford of Axminster. Limousin bulls to £370 & £365 for Ian Pincombe of Crediton and £312 for Chirs Lee of Exeter. Native calves saw Aberdeen

CALVES - 10.15 am						
Auctioneer: - Mark Davis – 07773371774						
CALVES	Bulls			Heifers		
Breed		TOP	AVE		TOP	AVE
British Blue	9	380	302	11	390	271
Limousin	5	370	298	8	302	229
Simmental				1	230	230
Charolais	2	490	485	3	340	303
Hereford	7	300	192	7	180	150
Aberdeen Angus	10	312	174	6	295	239
Shorthorns	2	255	205	1	138	138

Angus bulls to £312 for Messrs AR Hooper & Partners of Spreyton and Hereford bulls to £300 for Messrs J Cornish & Sons of Tiverton and £290 for David & Adrian Cole. Shorthorn bulls to £255 for Harold Dunn of Drewsteighton. Heifers a cracking trade when young British Blue heifers sold to £390 & £360 for Andrew, Rose & Mark Retter of Honiton with others to £340 for David & Adrian Cole. Charolais heifers to £340 & £320 for John Simmons and Limousin heifers to £302, £282 & £280 for Ian Pimcombe. A very young Simmental heifer sold well at £230 for Messrs MR & KM Pring of Broadclyst. Aberdeen Angus heifers to £295 & £282 for Messrs AR Hooper & Partners.



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**3656 SHEEP – 10.45 AM**  
Auctioneer: Russell Steer 07788 318701

**Orphan Lambs to £45**  
**In-Lambers to £165**

**Store Hogs to £171**  
**Single Couples to £295**

**Grazers to £170**  
**Double Couples £385**

*What a day! Another massive entry of sheep here today following on from our unprecedented market on Monday and when added to Steve's tremendous day in Hallworthy yesterday, we as a firm have sold just 200 short of 10,000 sheep this week, in our three markets spread across four days. A marvelous effort for mid January and a massive thanks to all our vendors, drovers and staff and of course buyers.*

**12 ORPHAN LAMBS**

The orphan's were a sharper trade this week with the best at £45 for Derek & Martin Cole of Bradninch as Tom Clarke of Crediton reached £42 and both the Gutteridge Family of Weymouth and Brian Palfrey of Stoodleigh made £40 of young setting on types. Nothing less than £20 and an overall average of £32.33 was achieved.

**3233 STORE HOGGS**

Onto the monster show of hogs and an almost unprecedented number saw plenty of demand from start to finish for once again a fairly mixed show resulting in a pleasing average of £115. The Hill Family of Stockleigh Pomeroy selling strong stores at £171, £167 & £160, Richard Greed of North Molton making £159 of his best, Brian Vallance and Family of Bickington made £156 and Sylvia Toms of Cheriton Bishop made £155, £154 & £154 of her fine run. Messrs White and Tucker of Cheriton Fitzpaine reached £153 as David & Sylvia Grant of Morchard Bishop made £150 & £149.50 with plenty of good short keep hogs and better fleshed medium sized hogs selling in the £140's. Still a big number of hill hogs forward and these if anything meeting less demand as the quality depletes each week and likewise several odds and ends forward including many sold with faults all included in the average of £115 up £2 on the week.

**121 GRAZING EWES & 27 BREEDERS**

Grazers peaked at £170 for a pair from Mark Kimber of Merton, £159 for a pair from David Skelley of Wotter and £152 for a penful from Ian Trenaman of Hatherleigh. Plenty of business done between £100 and £145 with hill ewes to £87 for Messrs Coaker and Geen of Princetown. Just one consignment of breeders saw TC Steed up from Davidstow sell full and broken mouthed homebred Mules due March to the Texel at £165 for the two pens of scanned doubles and £145 for the single bearing ewes.

**111 EWES & 152 LAMBS (263 LIVES)**

The first real good show of couples for the season met with a good crowd of enthusiastic buyers who really created an inspiring trade leaving us with impressive averages of £266 per outfit and £112 per life. Three Dorset doubles led the way when realising £385 (£128/life) for Peter Vooght of South Brent who also sold singles at £285 or £142/life, similarly Derek & Martin Cole sold large lots of Dorset ewes with smart young Suffolk sired lambs that saw their doubles reach £378 & £340 whilst singles peaked at £280 & £270. Alex Lawler of Nomansland sold doubles to £372 and singles to a top of £295 or a sale topping £147.50/life, as the Hill Family sold a strong Dorset double at £355 and R Sanders of Barnstaple reached £345 with his best, a price matched by the Gutteridge Family who also sold singles at £270. Younger doubles on older Dorset ewes to £330 for doubles from Brian & Clare Westcott of Exford who also sold several pens of singles with the same comments, lambs less than a fortnight old but regularly £220 to £250 and also worthy of a mention were crossbred singles from Jethro Kimber of Merton, selling to £285 and £260. Still some leaner and plainer ewes forward and a few lambs looking short of milk, with often £60 to £80 per life, hence the averages of £112 per life and £266 per outfit.

## FORTHCOMING SALES

### **FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

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

### **MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Sale of TB Restricted, Cull, Prime and Store Cattle*

### **FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Sale of Dairy Cattle. Show & Sale of Stirks & Suckled Calves*

### **MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

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

### **MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

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

### **MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc St Valentines Fair of Store Cattle, Sale of Dairy Cattle and Fortnightly Pig Sale*

### **MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

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### **MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

### **FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle & Sheep, Sale of Dairy Cattle and Fortnightly Pig Sale*

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