



# EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

# MARKET REPORT FEBRUARY 2025

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Prime Stock Market**



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**PRIME CATTLE & CULL COWS – 10:45 AM**

Auctioneer: *Simon Alford – 07789 980203*

## Prime Cattle to 367ppk & £2229 - Cull Cows to 210ppk & £1634

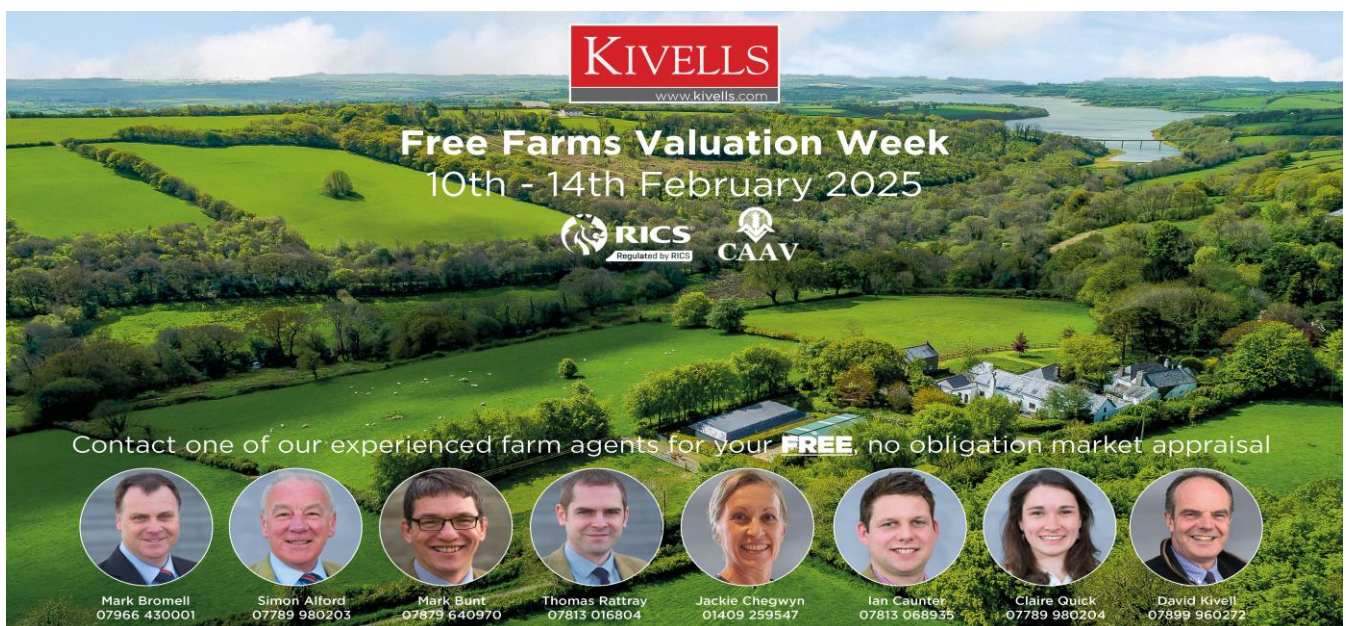
A brisk trade in the prime cattle and cull cow pens again here at Exeter on Monday with prime heifers rising to £2229 (638kg x 350ppk) given for a nicely covered British Blue (21m) from David Slade in from Chagford whilst Welsh Black over thirty month heifers (both 32m) from Bill Hobbs of Moretonhampstead eased to £2219 (646kg x 344ppk) and £2153 (642kg x 336ppk). Finished steers saw South Devons lead the way when a well fed sort from Rosie Fishleigh of Sourton Cross came back at £2219 (628kg x 354ppk) followed by a further shapely South Devon bullocks from Steve Cane of Spriddlestone, Plymouth which returned him £2147 (586kg x 367ppk) for his best. David Slade was back when parting with another well rounded British Blue, this time selling a steer for £2098 (604kg x 348ppk) so was Steve Cane who saw his best Hereford bullock realise £2093 (606kg x 346ppk). Also, over thirty month Welsh Black steers (32m) from Bill Hobbs ran to £2089 (634kg x 330ppk). Plenty of other prime steers and heifer over that £2000 mark and not getting a mention, which goes to show how far this finished beef price has come of late. Cull cows thin on the ground this week here at Exeter with that section topped by an aged (2007 born) Charolais from William Bromell of Chagford which left owing him nothing when drawing £1634 (780kg x 210ppk) whilst cull bulls peaked at £1893 (908kg x 209ppk) for grand Dudley Luxton bred Aberdeen Angus from John Reddaway and Sons of Cossick Cross.



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**Prime Hogs to £194 & 329ppk      Spring Lambs to £166 & 359ppk**  
**Cull Ewes to £278 & Rams to £158**

**2006 PRIME HOGGS & 93 SPRING LAMBS**

A big show of sheep again today as replicated up and down the country last week put pressure on hogg prices with all weights and grades back varying amounts on the week whilst ewes were a continuingly strong trade but without the fire highly anticipated running up to Ramadan.

This week saw the opening sale of spring lambs with 93 forward from nine individual vendors selling to average £152 per head or 337ppk with an SQQ of 349ppk. This compares favourably over the same sale last week where they averaged £141 per head, 336ppk for the SQQ and 331ppk overall. Top money to overweight being 55kg pure Dorset's from Gareth and Jess Hutchings of Launceston that realised £188 as Emma Crosfield trading as Lower Langham Farm, down from Gillingham sold 56's at £174 as well as 50's at £160. A single 52kg lamb also at £160 for Roger Huxter of Sandford as smart 48kg pure Dorset's from Gareth & Jess Hutchings sold to £166 with 46's then at £165 or a market topping 359ppk from a super single from Josh Tansley of Sidmouth closely followed by Uprising Properties of Bishopsteignton with a pen at £164. 44's then at £152 for both Toby Allen of Cullompton and Lucy Carpenter of Looe with Rosemary Alford of Cullompton also selling 43's at £152 as well as a large pen of 40kg pure Dorset lambs at £143 (358ppk) and 38's at £134 (353ppk).

A monster show of 2006 prime hogs were a harder selling trade overall, particularly for the heavier sorts of which there were plenty on offer here today. Two vendors sharing the top price per head of £194 being Matthew Petherick of Launceston with a 69kg continental bred hogg whilst Phillip Hopkins of Offwell

sold a really smart Charollais hogg weighing 59kgs at that same money, equating to 329ppk, top price for the section. Other fed overweights at £190, £188.50, £188, £186.50 twice and £184.50 twice for Denis Jones and Family of Heasley Mill as Sue Veysey of Cullompton sold 58kg hogs well at £184.50, Phil Lee of Tedburn St Mary sold a pen of 55kgs at £180 and George Metherell of Lewdown sold 54kgs at £176.50. A super pen of 52kg Charollais hogs from Pauline Hopkins of Offwell rose to £170 (327ppk) as George Metherell had the same weight at £167.50, Tim & Amy Heywood of Rackenford at £166 and Raymond Jones and Family of Heasley Mill made £165 as well as a smart pen of 50kg hogs at £165.50 or 331ppk. 49's to £163 for John Reddaway and sons of Cossick Cross as Denis Tapp of Rackenford had 48's at £158.50 and Steve Jones of Holsworthy had 47's at £157.50. Some super 46kg hogs on offer and maybe not so different to last week with CE Partridge of Poughill reaching £156, Martyn & Russ Gillbard of Morchard Bishop made £155.50 & £154 and James Shinner and Family of Buckfastleigh made £154.50 & £152.50. Martyn & Russ Gillbard also with exhibited a tremendous pen of 45kg Texel bred hogs that sold at £159 or a market topping 353ppk followed by Tim Whitley and Family of Widecombe at £153.50, Tinita Retter of Cotleigh at £151.50 and both Andrew Baker of Marlton and the Strong Family of Crockernwell at £151. 44's to £150.50 for Jerry Sanders-Carr of Exminster and £150 again for Tinita Retter as 43's reached £148 (344ppk) again for Andrew Baker. Best of the 42's to £144.50 and 344ppk for all CE Partridge, Matthew Petherick and Jerry Sanders-Carr with Matthew also selling 41's at £142 and 346ppk as well as 38kgs at £130 and 342ppk.

SPRING LAMBS					
Weight	No.	Top £'s	Top ppk	Av £'s	Av ppk
40-45	34	152.00	340	145.50	350
46-52	33	166.00	359	160	323
PRIME HOGGS					
25-32	15	88.00 (-7.00)	275 (-22)	61 (-34)	205 (-92)
33-39	140	130.00 (-10.00)	342 (-26)	114.24 (-9.51)	311.69 (-14.31)
40-45	608	159.00 (-2.00)	353 (-13)	140.47 (-3.97)	325.9 (-12.1)
46-52	834	170 (+5.0)	339 (-11)	156.87 (-1.53)	325.9 (+00.9)
53+	409	194 (-21.00)	329 (-6)	172.5 (-10.38)	300.82 (-16.18)
		Top		Average	
<b>EWES</b>	1036	£290 (+12.00)		£133.9 (-3.93)	
<b>RAMS</b>	52	£196 (+38)		£127 (+13.22)	

**\* VAN or Farm Assurance NOW A MUST FOR ALL SPRING LAMB PRODUCERS please with all major firms requiring one or the other. Without it you are severely disadvantaged!\*\***

- Please make sure that your VAN is in date as many are now starting to expire.**
- Please make sure that all your sheep are correctly tagged before you leave them in the market.**

## 1036 CULL EWES & 52 RAMS/WETHERS

On to the cull sheep and nearly 1100 in total saw the 1036 ewes average £133.39 and the 52 rams level at £126.69. A few more better bred ewes about today and trade for these slowly beginning to rise with 7 pens and 16 sheep selling in excess of £255 to a top of £290 for a pair of smart Texels from Malcolm and Kim Coumbe of Liskeard followed closely by Paul Quick and Family of Zeal Monachorum with a pen of four at £288 as well as a single CharTex ewe at £280, Ross Edwards travelled down from Stockwood to sell his Texel ewes at £278, Gareth and Jess Hutchings sold their best single at £270. The Hartwrights down from Worcester sold their best at £260 and the Greenslades in from Cullompton sold their best 3 Texel ewes at £255, Tom Cole down from Heasley Mill made £232 of his best. Best of the Suffolks to £248 for the Quick Family and £235, £214 for Malcolm and Kim Coombe £208 also for John Howard of Crediton. Adrian and Julie Rich sold a Charollais today at £228 and another at £206. £206 also for a donkey of a Cheviot Mule again for Tom Cole. A lot of those crossbred ewes either side of £200 with leaner crossbred ewes back in the 170s and 180s. Mules looking dearer also with the best £180 for Masham's for David Chugg down from Barnstaple. Hill ewes still plenty of trade but without the quality show this week £120 was achieved by Roger Hutchings and grandsons with a pair of Whiteface Dartmoors, as Greg Hutchings of Launceston sold his best pen of Welsh ewes at £96. Rams today another strong trade Mike Hill sold a pair of big Suffok x rams at £196, Denis Jones down from Heasley Mill sold a very smart pair of North Country Cheviots well at £189. The Hutchings Family of Bradninch sold a Beltex at £168 a price matched by Andrew Baker and the Caunters up from Ipplepen sold a single at £160.

**\*\* Prime and cull sheep must not be found to be lame or in-lamb, any farmers found breaking these rules may trigger a Trading Standards or APHA on farm inspection.\*\***

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## FORTHCOMING SALES

**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 to inc Opening Sale of Spring Lambs*

**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**

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

**TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

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

**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

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

**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, Special March Sale of In Lamb Ewes and Ewe Hogg, Sale of Dairy Cattle and Fortnightly Pig Sale*

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

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

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

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Judged Sale of Continental & Continental X Cattle.*

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

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

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

*Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Sale of Dairy Cattle including Spring Gold Jersey Sale and Fortnightly Pigs.*

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

*Weekly Prime Stock Market*

**TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

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