



EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

MARKET REPORT JANUARY 2026

Monday 19th January – Prime Stock Market



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37 PRIME CATTLE AND CULL COWS – 10:45 AM

Auctioneer: Simon Alford – 07789 980203

Prime Cattle to £2710 & 392ppk - Cull Cows to £2065 & 289ppk

A good quality entry of prime and cull cattle forward here at Exeter this week with finished steers rising to £2710 (718kg x 388ppk) for a high calibre Limousin from Messrs Ward and Houldcroft in from Iddesleigh closely followed by a further fine Limousin bullock from Adrian and Bradley Bowden of Drewsteignton which drew £2597 (688kg x 378ppk). A grand 724kg British Blue steer from Keith and Hilary Harvey of Bovey Tracey came back at an impressive 372ppk and £2689 with a strong Simmental off the same farm realising £2602 (726kg x 359ppk). Other British Blue bullocks of note included smart young sorts (19m) firstly from Tom Yandle of Oxton making £2477 (646kg x 384ppk) then one from David Slade from Chagford which was close at £2474 (632kg x 392ppk). Also, another young steer (20m) from Adrian and Bradley Bowden saw their decent Aberdeen Angus reach £2440 (650kg x 376ppk). Plenty of well-bred and fed prime heifers about this week with the very best racing away to £2595 (684kg x 380ppk) from Messrs Ward and Houldcroft with a Limousin who also parted with a lighter 598kg Limousin for 392ppk and £2341. Tom Yandle was back and selling his nicely covered Limousin for £2313 (616kg x 376ppk) as was David Slade with a British Blue female which picked up £2240 (608kg x 369ppk) Some first rate over thirty month prime on offer as well on Monday when we saw well turned out Devon steers (33m) from Jon Carden of Payhembury keenly sought after when making £2140 (616kg x 348ppk) and £2055 (588kg x 350ppk) together with a tidy Aberdeen Angus heifer at £2226 (652kg x 342ppk) for Nick Parkinson of Burrington. Cull cows away to £2065 (716kg x 289ppk) for Derek Challacombe of Roborough, Winkleigh with a meaty Charolais followed by hefty South Devon barreners from Steve Cane of Spriddlestone, Plymouth which fetched £1947 (682kg x 286ppk) and £1763 (652kg x 271ppk). Others saw Simmentals to £1706 (734kg x 233ppk) for Malcolm Pring of Broadclyst and Aberdeen Angus cows selling to £1537 (670kg x 230ppk) for SM & MA Cole of Nomansland.





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Spring Lambs to £143.50 & 319ppk Prime Lambs to £164 & 354ppk
Cull Ewes to £315 & Rams to £216

32 SPRING LAMBS, 1288 PRIME HOGGS & 3 MATURE SHEEP

A few pens of spring lambs starting to come forward with four vendors consigning a total of 32 lambs that saw trade similar to the hogg trade with Fiona Farmer of Hemyock selling 45kg lambs at £143.50 followed closely by Tom Clarke of Crediton with the same weight at £142.50, DP Giles of Thorverton had 42's at £132 and Martin Partridge of Christow had 40kgs at £125. On to the hoggs and the overweights met a difficult trade with only 9 pens over £160 selling to a top of £164.50 for the Chave family of Butterleigh with three smart Rouge cross hoggs that weighed 54kgs (305ppk). Other overweights to £164 for Steve Parish of Chawleigh, £163.50 for Raymond Jones and family of Heasley Mill, £161.50 for Andy Raines of Axbridge and £160.50 twice for Denis Jones and family of Heasley Mill. The best of the 49-52kg hoggs trading just into the early £150's peaking at £155 for 50kg Charollais crosses from Mikey Swerling of Mariansleigh, £154 for both Geoff Tripp of East Prawle and E Collings of Treburley as Andy Raines sold smart 49kgs at £153. Geoff Tripp topped the 47's at £149 with more of the same at £148 for Thomas Davey of Bideford and £147.50 for Roger Coysh of Sigford as 46's sold to £145.50 for Steve Harris of Littlehempston and £145 for Steve Bonner of Meshaw. Handyweight hoggs less effected with Steve Browse and family of Halberton selling smart 45kg hoggs at £147.50 as well as 41kg Beltex type hoggs at £145 and a sale topping 354ppk. 44's to £142 for Ben & Jess Collings as 43's reached £139.50 for David and Vicky Prouse of Oghwell and 42's climbed to £138.50 for Josh Sibley of Beaminster. 41's to £133.50 for Jason Hutchings of Dartmouth as 39's sold to £127 for the Strong family of Crockernwell, 37's to £120 again for Ben and Jess Collings as 34kg hoggs flew to £118.50 & £110.50 for Jim Eggins of Roborough, Plymouth. SQQ was 16 pence less at 316ppk, with an all in average of 301ppk and £142 per head.

SPRING LAMBS					
Weight	No.	Top £'s	Top ppk	Av £'s	Av ppk
32-39	105	127.00 (-11.00)	349 (-24)	115.40 (-11.54)	319 (-16)
40-45	398	147.50 (-21.50)	354 (-22)	135.77 (-5.52)	316 (-16)
46-52	589	155.00 (-15.00)	317 (-16)	146.75 (-5.05)	303 (-9)
52+	196	164.50 (-45.50)	305 (-8)	153.72 (-15.81)	268 (-23)
MATURE SHEEP	3	120.00 (-27)	245 (-8)	120 (-17)	245 (+26)
		Top		Average	
EWES	952	£315 (-27)		£139.37 (-4.71)	
RAMS	26	£216 (-4)		£135.54 (-13.77)	

**** 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!****

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL SHEEP VENDORS:

- Please ensure all sheep are tagged in the approved (EID) manner before arrival at the livestock market and checked before you leave.
- Please ensure all VAN numbers are available when booking in your sheep, VAN numbers are only valid for 12 months from date of issue, ensure yours is up-to-date.
- Please complete the market entry form as well as the sheep licence making sure you have completed the number of sheep you have bought to market.

Thank You for your Co-operation

952 CULL EWES & 26 RAMS

Nearly 1000 cull ewes forward and in general a good show of sheep, if anything several over fat ewes on offer and these, like the heavy hoggs meeting a bit more resistance. Medium and lean ewes still keenly sought after though and those smaller, lean meated ewes in the £120's and £130's and sometimes £140's looking the trade of the day. Several best end ewes forward but many of which are handling too thick with Rich Berry of Kenn topping the trade with a single Texel ewe at £315, the Neale family of Launceston with a pair at £292, Lyle Burrough of Cotleigh at £288, Rebecca Jordan of Chagford with a pen of 6 Texel's at £287 and Halwell Famrs of South Pool with their best at £268. Shapely Beltex from Paul & Lin Calcraft to £264 as Matt & Vicky Smith and Jess Maynard of Thelbridge had Blue Texel's at £260 and Tom Nancekivell up from Bude led the way with the Charollais selling large pens at £240 & £218 followed closely by Rob Hopper and family with more of the same at £238. Best of the pure Suffolks to £218 and £207 for Andy & Wendy Reed of Blackborough as Geoff & Nicky Arscott of Chagford sold theirs at £209 and Bernard Strout and family of Launceston claimed £195. Suffolk cross Mules trading early £180's for the best with plenty in the £160's and £170's whilst Mule ewes were more of a struggle and often £135 to £139 for the best and more common sorts £125 to £135. Hill ewes again similar on the week with the best nicely over £100 and lighter and leaner sorts £70 to £90. Some shelly Mule and crossbred ewes including the first of the seasons lambing disasters coming out of the shed and often £70 to £90 with hardly a sheep sold less than £65 to average a respectable £139.37. Tups generally ok with Mark Harvey of Slapton seeing the highlight of his days trading when his pen of four old faithful boys made £216, Anthony Tucker of Kings Nympton with Dorset's at £196, Matt & Vicky Smith and Jess Maynard at £192 and Richard Toop and family of Yelverton made £190. Tups averaged £135.55.



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FORTHCOMING SALES

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Monthly Catalogued Sale of Beef Breeding Stock plus Show & Sale of Suckled Calves

MONDAY 26TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Monthly Sale of TB Restricted (Orange Market) Cattle

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle & Sheep plus Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Special February Sale of In Lamb Ewes

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market to include the Opening Sale of Spring Lambs

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include St Valentines Fair of Store Cattle, Sale of Dairy Cattle plus Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Monthly Catalogued Sale of Beef Breeding Stock

MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Monthly Sale of TB Restricted (Orange Market) Cattle

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle & Sheep, Sale of Dairy plus Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 2ND MARCH – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

*Weekly Store Market to include 1st Spring Judged Sale of Continental and Continental X Store Cattle
Special March Sale of In Lamb Ewes and Ewe Hogs*

MONDAY 9TH MARCH – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market