



EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

MARKET REPORT OCTOBER 2026

Friday 2nd October – Store Stock Market



FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

770 STORE CATTLE AND STIRKS – 10.00am

Auctioneer: Simon Alford – 07789 980203

Steers to £2600

Store Heifers to £2280

Another busy day in the cattle pens here at Exeter with 640 head of stores penned and sold in front of a packed ringside of buyers from all over the South west and further afield. Nothing wrong with the trade either, when we saw all classes again in tremendous demand once again, which considering we are now in that notorious period of the year when we have seen prices ease, comes with great relief. The store steers section was headed by Keith and Joel Sparks down from Churchinford who parted with bunches of colossal British Blues (25m) for a massive £2600, £2510 and £2480 whilst their pen of ten impressive black Limousin bullocks of a similar age came back at £2580 apiece. Further strong Blues (25m) saw four well farmed sorts from Stephen Palmer and Sons of Moretonhampstead ease to £2390 a life while younger (17m) Limousins ran to £2220 for Ben Comer in from Wedmore. Some tremendous runs of big powerful Aberdeen Angus steers on show this week, not least from Phillip and Maureen Chudley and Family of Romansleigh who saw their eye catching pen of five reach £2500 a time with a slightly younger pen of six Angus (19m) from HG Harvey & Son up from Loddiswell returning them £2450 apiece. Best of the Charolais steers came back at £2480 for a hefty sort (20m) from Dan Tooze of Broadsands with well-bred later born Charolais bullocks (17m) rising to £2260 for martin Littlejohns of Okehampton. A super pen of six Fleckvieh bred steers (25m) from Darren Reed of Broadwoodkelly look well sold at £2370 apiece as did a strong South Devon (30m) when drawing £2300 for John and Tom Reddaway of Luton, Chudleigh these were followed by another substantial South Devon (24m) from Dan Tooze which went on to make £2240. Also, Hereford Bullocks (25m) reached £2260 for Ben Comer and a couple of rangy Beef Shorthorn steers saw £2220 for Ross Fuller of Chulmleigh. Store heifers peaked at £2280 for a well-kept British Blue from Ben Comer again followed by Steve Palmer & Sons who saw their big pen of seven Blues (26m) reach £2190 apiece whilst Gary and Ashley Retter of Cheriton Bishop sold a super pair of Blues (20m) for £2090 each. Steven North in from Morchard Bishop sold his shapely Limousin (31m) for £2050 with Native breed heifers rising to £2020 for a trio of good Aberdeen Angus from Phillip and Maureen Chudley and Family and Ivor and Neil Pellow of Sourton who parted with four super Hereford females (23m) for £1830 a time. Also, Dave Pollard of Black Dog sold the last of this seasons Simmental heifers (18m) for £1950 x6 and more sublime Charolais (18m) from Martin Littlejohns saw his best pen of heifers (17m) sell at just a bid back at £1940 apiece.

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137 STIRKS & SUCKLED CALVES

Auctioneer: Ian Caunter 07813 068935

An increased number saw another pleasing trade for both suckler bred and dairy bred types. SJ Bettison of Bolventor sold Charolais cross steers (7m) which topped at £1570 with others a little younger (6m) realising £1320. A cracking run of dairy bred Blues from Robert & Lizzie Buxton of Talaton levelled out at £1380 (12m) with others (11m) reaching £1340 & £1260. RGC & P Hartnell of Southleigh sold Hereford cross steers (9m) to £1300 whilst M Dunn across from Exbourne sold Limousin crosses (12m) to £1270. Heifers topped out at £1340 for Blues from WR & AR Barter of Umberleigh (13m) whilst similar goods from Robert & Lizzie Buxton achieved £1380. Charolais heifers (7m) from SJ Bettison realised £1150 with others to £1180 (6m). Further dairy bred Blues from Robert & Lizzie Buxton hit £1080 & £1000. Just a handful of bulls forward topped out at £860 from Enderson & Son of Coleford selling Simmental crosses (8m).

250 CALVES 10.15 AM

Auctioneer: Mark Davis 07773 371774

The largest entry of calves at Exeter so far saw a decent level trade from start to finish!

Top of the day was £780 for a Shorthorn bull from Messrs GE Ellet and Son of Exmouth, who also sold a Blue bull at £700. Other young Blue bulls to £670 for Rob and Lizzie Buxton of Talaton, £640 for Towhill Farm Ltd of Broadclyst, who sold others at £615. Messrs SG Brimacombe & Sons of Yeoford sold their best Blue bulls to £610, top twice, and £605. Dayment Farming of Totnes sold the best of a cracking run of young Blues, topping at £600, with others to £560 and £545. Messrs H

& AA Wastanedge Ltd of Budleigh Salterton sold their best to £580 and £570, with Dowrich Farms Ltd of Crediton close behind at £550 and £545. Best of the native bulls topped out at £740 for an Aberdeen Angus, with other Angus bulls to £620 twice for Messrs G. J. Merchant & Son of Newton Abbot, with Hereford bulls topping out at £500 for Messrs J. L. H. Vallis & Son of Bradninch. Heifer calves topped out at £720 for a young Blue heifer from Messrs G. E. Ellet and Son of Exmouth, with younger heifers to £580 for Rob and Lizzie Buxton, £525 and £520 for Messrs H & AA Wastanedge Ltd, £520 for G J Merchant and Son twice, and £510 for Dayment Farming. Simmental heifers to £520 for Malcolm Pring & Family of Broadclyst, whilst the best of the native heifers topped out at £500 (x6) for Aberdeen Angus heifers for GJ Merchant and Son, with younger sorts to £440 for GE Ellet & Son and £425 for Mark and Anita Saunders of Hemyock. A decent entry of dairy bulls saw Friesians top out at £370 five times for William Hosgood and Family of Crediton.

CALVES	Bulls			Heifers		
Breed		TOP	AVE		TOP	AVE
British Blue	67	700	489	73	720	383
Simmental	8	500	462	1	520	520
Charolais	2	780	570			
Limousin	5	500	471	2	415	298
Aberdeen Angus	23	740	292	22	500	315
Hereford	4	500	453	3	400	376
Friesians	33	370	234			

3294 SHEEP – 10.45 AM
Auctioneer: Russell Steer 07788 318701

Store Lambs £159
Grazing Rams to £380 & Grazing Ewes to £157
Breeding Rams to £420 & Breeding Ewes to £154
Hampshire Down Ewes to 880gns & Ewe Lambs to 420gns

3007 STORE LAMBS

Another sizable entry, much larger than we thought with very few of today's lambs pre-entered. Please let us know what's coming, so we can notify all buyers, especially those from further afield. Trade on the whole very similar, good forward lambs maybe a touch stronger than last week with those medium keepers nearly identical and a larger offering of hill bred lambs finding a more difficult trade overall, particularly for the smaller harder done sorts. Biggest and best to £159 & £151 for Emily Pearse of Colebrook, £158 for Jethro Kimber of Merton, £154.50 for Hilary Lake of Stokenham and £150 for Andrew & Micheala Rodd of Lapford. Plenty of strength selling in the £140's and farming lambs normally all £128 to £140 with smaller sorts still all usually into three figures. Hill bred sorts as mentioned a harder sell with size and flesh still up towards £100 whilst smaller and frailer sorts on realization and all included in the average of £117.05 back £6 on the week but due nearly to the quality and those chancey hill sorts.

166 GRAZING EWES

Mainly genuine lean grazers on offer and still plenty of interest from farmer buyers. A run of unwarranted rams from the Hutchings Family of Bradninch rose to £380, £300 and £200 whilst their ewes reached £142 & £138. Geoff and Nicky Arscott of Chagford with ewes at £157 closely followed by William & Ann Willcocks of Ivybridge at £154 and several other larger pens from £120 to £137.

86 BREEDING EWES & 5 BREEDING RAMS

Rams topped at £600 for a Rouge from Adrian Rundle of Newquay as Martin Pearse of South Brent sold a Dorset 4T at £420 as well as Dorset Horn shearling at £170 and Kerry Hill shearling at £230. FM Mule ewes to £154 for Ken Headon of Tiverton who also had white ewes at £150 and Rob & Sue Greep of Cornwood had a Black Cheviot Mule ewe lamb at £150 as well as whitefaced ewe lambs at £140.

ANNUAL SALE OF 27 HAMPSHIRE DOWN FEMALES

Overall champion amongst the Hampshires went to lot 7 from CR & JE Hurst, down from Stourport on Severn that was sold first and made 750gns whilst their other in lamb shearling was scanned with twins and sold at 880gns. The Derryman Family of Yarcombe sold two in lamb older ewes at 800gn apiece and EB Jones of Pembrokeshire sold in lamb shearlings at 680gns, 650gns twice and 600gns. A nice entry of ewe lambs saw first prize in both age groups coming from Rob & Sue Small of Ashburton with their spring born lamb making 380gns and the winter born winner at 350gns. Ewe lambs peaked at 420gns for Jessica Norman of Taunton and Henry Edmunds of Salisbury made 400gns of his best.



TB Champions CIC

We understand that bTB doesn't just affect cattle – it impacts the wellbeing of farming families, and threatens the future of farm businesses.

TB Champions has been established to stand alongside farmers throughout their bTB breakdowns and provide on-going support.

Our Objectives

- **Mental Health and Wellbeing**
 - Provide emotional support for farming families and, if required, signpost to specialist wellbeing professionals who are familiar with the impacts of bovine TB on farmers and their families.
- **Education - Raise Awareness and Promote Best Practice**
 - Ensure that farmers have the knowledge and understanding to manage their breakdown as effectively as possible.
 - Clarify information around testing protocols, interpreting results, biosecurity, and policy, and what options are available to them when it comes to movements, testing, trading etc. Assist with government paperwork and licensing if required.
 - Strengthen farmer engagement with bTB control strategies in order to strive for eradication on-farm.
- **Collaborative Approach - Bridge Communication Gaps**
 - Strengthen dialogue and facilitate a collaborative approach between farmers, private vets, APHA, and support services.
 - Liaise with APHA on the farmer's behalf where possible.
- **Business Resilience - Provide Business Support Signposting**
 - Guide farmers to specialist business advice and support services in the event of a TB breakdown that may significantly impact their operations.
- **Wildlife Monitoring**
 - Provide access to 'pool' wildlife cameras to help farmers identify and monitor wildlife risks linked to bTB transmission.



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"Working together to improve wellbeing, understanding and engagement in bTB control."



FORTHCOMING SALES

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Sale of Dairy Cattle and Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

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

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

37th Annual Sale of Ewe Lambs, Breeding Ewes & Rams to include the 15th Annual Hill Sheep Fair & 13th Exeter Sale of Mule Ewe Lambs for the South West Mule Group plus

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

TB Restricted Sale of Prime, Cull and Store Cattle

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Sale of 200 Dairy Cattle from the 'Walkabout' herd on behalf of Messrs Gay.

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include 1st Autumn Catalogued Show & Sale of Suckled Calves & Stirks, Sale of Dairy Cattle plus Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Dartmoor Hill Pony Association Wild to Wonderful Live & Online Pony Sale (More details to follow)

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle, 31st Official Sale of Scanned In-Lamb Pedigree Suffolk Sheep for the WCSSA plus Special Sale of Charollais Females

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

*Weekly Store Market to include 2nd Autumn Catalogued Show & Sale of Stirks & Suckled Calves, 22rd Annual November Sale of Served Ewes & Ewe Lambs plus Fortnightly Pig Sale
Dispersal Sale of the 'Morebridge' herd of Pedigree Jerseys*

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