



EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

MARKET REPORT OCTOBER 2026

Friday 9th October – Store Stock Market

BLACK & WHITE HEIFERS 13-14 - 20 MONTHS



FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

520 STORE CATTLE AND STIRKS – 10.00am

Auctioneer: Simon Alford – 07789 980203

Steers to £2470

Store Heifers to £2140

Not quite so many cattle about this week with a little over 400 head penned and sold through the store cattle ring. Not the quality on offer either on Friday although the many runs of smaller dairy bred steers and heifers on offer looked just as well sold as their older and stronger counterparts. The better of a second pick of steers from Keith and Joel sparks in from Churchinford headed proceedings with eye catching bunches of British Blues (24m) easing to £2470 and £2400 closely followed by Dan Gould of Blagdon Hill selling a couple of his Blues of similar age and stature for £2360. Also, later born British Blue bullocks (15m) from J & K Northcott of Tideford ran to a very creditable £2200. Keith and Joel Sparks were soon back when parting with a powerful trio of Aberdeen Angus steers (18m) for £2370 a time with top priced Limousins (20m) coming from Rosie and Ollie Fishleigh of Sourton and reaching £2300. The same duo also saw a very smart Charolais (again 20m) come back at £2200. Nicely turned out Hereford steers (17m) from J & K Northcott sold readily and for £2220 with similar looking Simmentals (24m) just a bid or two back at £2180 for R & PA Poole of Torrington. Also, Fleckvieh and Beef Shorthorn Bullocks (25m) realised £2130 and £2100 for Darren Reed of Broadwoodkelly and Ross Fuller in from Chulmleigh respectively. Also, three young (17m) South Devon steers sold on behalf of Rosie and Ollie Fishleigh came back at a decent £2000 apiece. Not too much size or cover on the store heifers this week although shapely Herefords (17m) did return £2170 for J & K Northcott and similar goods (25m) drew £1970 for Tom O'Brian of Littlehempston. A super Limousin bred heifer (30m) looked well sold at £2040 for Paul Pearse in from Noth Bovey as did British Blue females (24m) at £1960 for both Paul Belworthy of Exeter and R & P Farming, Mamhead. Younger Limousin and Blue heifers (15m) also looked strong money at £1900 a life for two trim Limousins from SR & C Murrian of Lydford and Blues saw £1840 for J & K Northcott. Other store heifer prices of note included Aberdeen Angus (18m) making £1810 for Robert and Christine Harris of Bickleigh, Tiverton and others, a little older (25m) fetching £1800 for Ross Fuller. Also, young (16m) Simmental females saw £1720 for Mark Jones of Widecombe in the Moor. Several grazing type cows about this week with the very best rising to £2120 for a grand South Devon from Matt Dyer of Trusham and a solid looking Limousin making the same money for HT Davis of Chagford. Also, a bid run of dairy crossbred sorts topped out at £1550 for Sean Bennett of Ashwater.

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107 STIRKS & SUCKLED CALVES

Auctioneer: Ian Caunter 07813 068935

A packed ringside witnessed a phenomenal trade for all types. Josh Webber down from Yarcombe sold the best of the dairy bred Blues (14m) to £1550 with HT Davis of Chagford selling Limousin cross steers (13m) to £1450. Further dairy bred Blue steers this time from Ollie Martin of Dunkeswell (11m) levelled out at £1440. South Devon steers from Nick Isaac of Ipplepen attained £1370 (12m) with runs of dairy bred Blues from MP Coles of Sidbury realising £1340 (11m) and both Nick Isaac and Ollie Martin hitting £1320 for similar goods whilst the Morris Family across from Northlew hit £1300 (14m) again for Blue cross steers. FS Davies Partnership of Crediton sold Hereford cross steers (10m) to £1260 as did Dan & Kerry Gaden of Bratton Clovelly selling Angus steers (13m). A worthy mention for JHR Southwood & Son down from Copplestone selling Simmental cross steers (6m) to £1060. Heifers topped out at £1280 for WR & AR Bater of Umberleigh selling Limousin crosses (14m). Dairy bred Blues of a similar ilk hit £1220 from the Morris Family with others off the same good holding realising £1200. Dent & Joy of Newton Abbot sold Limousin cross heifers (12m) to £1180 whilst dairy bred Blues from Dan & Kerry Gaden (12m) achieved £1120, the same figure attained for M Neate-Serpell of Plympton selling Angus heifers (12m). Further dairy bred Blues heifers from Tom & Sarah Fry of Exeter topped out at £1100 (10m) with others from Nick Isaac realising £1070. A pleasing trade for a mixed entry of cattle with harder done types looking an exceptional trade.

192 CALVES 10.15 AM
Auctioneer: Mark Davis 07773 371774

Another super entry of just under 200 calves sold to a cracking trade from start to finish, with medium and smaller sorts exceptionally dear.

Top of the day was £830 three times for smart Charolais bulls from Partridge Farms Limited of Tiverton, who sold others to £680. Young British Blue bulls topped at £645 for Ray Middleton and Family of Woodbury, who sold others to £625, £605 and £590. Further leading prices included £615 and £600 for R.C. Pratt of Tiverton, £580 for Partridge Farms Ltd, £570 for A.C. & E.R. Hammett Limited of Umberleigh, £555 for D.W. & S.C. Gilbard of Black Dog, and £540 for Phil Humphrey & Family of Axminster. Limousin bulls topped at £630 for Messrs Broom & Son of Cullompton, who sold others to £610,

whilst Simmental bulls reached £580 for Keith & Shirley Wotton of Dartmouth. Native bulls topped at £590 for a Devon bull, with the best of the Aberdeen Angus bulls reaching £560 for Lower Collipriest Farm Limited of Tiverton. Further Aberdeen Angus bulls sold to £500 for Phil Humphrey and £480 for Partridge Farms Ltd. Hereford bulls topped at £490 for J.R. and S.R. Dagworthy of Woodbury Salterton, with others to £460 for A.C. and E.R. Hammett Ltd.

CALVES	Bulls			Heifers		
Breed		TOP	AVE		TOP	AVE
British Blue	49	645	456	32	600	430
Simmental	1	580	580	4	540	478
Charolais	4	830	792	4	605	586
Limousin	3	630	573	4	555	498
Aberdeen Angus	13	560	413	13	600	403
Hereford	15	500	431	15	380	367
Devon	4	590	472			
Shorthorn	4	450	440	4	460	432
Ayrshire	8	300	202	2	500	480
Friesians	7	580	291			

Heifers topped at £605 for a Charolais from Partridge Farms Ltd, who sold others to £600. British Blue heifers also reached £600 for the same vendors, with further leading prices of £560 for J.J. Cleave & Son of Okehampton, £545 for Ray Middleton & Family, £540 for Phil Humphrey, and £525 and £510 for R.C. Pratt. Simmental heifers topped at £540 and £510 for M.R. & K.M. Pring of Broadclyst, whilst Limousin heifers reached £555 for D.W. & S.C. Gilbard, with others to £500 for Messrs Nichols of South Molton. Aberdeen Angus heifers to £600 x 2 & £580 for Partridge Farms Ltd. Just a handful of dairy bulls were forward, topping at £310 twice for A.R. Hooper & Partners of Spreyton, with others to £270 for D.W. & S.C. Gilbard, and £230 twice for A.L. & P.A. Cooke of Honiton. Shorthorn bulls topped at £450 twice and £430 twice for Brown Cow Dairy Ltd of Ivybridge. Ayrshire bulls topped at £300, with others to £220 three times for Messrs Nicholls.

86 DAIRY 11.30 AM
Auctioneer: Mark Davis 07773 371774

A mixed entry of dairy cattle sold to a cracking trade! Top of the day was £3600 for a super pedigree Holstein heifer "Oxenacres Indigo Roxy" from Martin & Di Webber of Drewsteighton. A consignment of 23 organic Holstein Friesians from Dowrich Farms Ltd of Crediton sold to a phenomenal trade with 10 over £3000 topping at £3300! The consignment averaged well at £2673! Messrs AE Daw & Sons of Sandwich in Kent sold a consignment of in milk cows to top at £2800 twice with others to £2450. Pete Warrington of Holsworthy sold a British Friesian heifer at £2450 with other Friesian sorts to £2350 for FJ Pring & Son of Awliscombe and £2250 for Loud Partners of Colyton. A consignment of fresh pedigree Ayrshire cows & heifers from Messrs Nicholls's Hilltown herd in South Molton sold to a fantastic trade topping at £2600 with others to £2400 & £2250 twice.

In calf heifers sold well to a top of £2700 for Messes AE Daw & Sons who sold others to £3600 twice, £2550 & £2500. Ayrshire in calf heifers due in the Spring topped at £1180 & £1120 for Messrs Nicholls.

67 PIGS

Auctioneer: Andrew Varney

A small entry of cull sows met a slow trade due mainly to a large number of feeding sows forward. Top price on the day was £0 from SJ Gribble & Son of Coads Green. Others to £55 (x2) from Messrs Bray & Sons of Bude.

A good entry of prime pigs met a similar trade to last time selling to a top price of £150 for 124kg (120.9ppk), others to £142 for 124kg (114.5ppk) and £138 for 125kg (110.4ppk) all from Messrs Bray & Sons.

A mixed entry of store pigs met a slow trade with the top price of £32 for C Wakeham of Buckfastleigh.

A sow and 12 piglets sold for £110 for Mrs T Elson of Okehampton.

3211 SHEEP – 10.45 AM

Auctioneer: Russell Steer 07788 318701

Store Lambs £184

Grazing Ewes to £172

In Lamb Ewes to £435

Breeding Ewes to £195

Breeding Rams to £780

A tremendous day in the sheep pens with a great atmosphere generated by the special consignments of in lamb ewes, these meeting interest from all corners of the UK and selling at record levels!

2472 STORE LAMBS

2500 store lambs were another mixed show and strong trade throughout, with those middling lambs that were either side of £120 last week looking a fiver dearer this week. Best sorts either side of £150 and selling to a top of £184 for a Suffolk ram lamb from Kian Frain of Launceston, others to £155.50 for CA Parsons of Kingsbridge, £154 for Will Braund of Holsworthy and £153 & £152 for Owyn Nelves of Dorchester. Nothing much under £100 with only a handful of pens of hill sorts this week and these of Scottish island descent and selling £20 to £65 and all included in the average of £124.73.

262 GRAZING EWES

A tidy entry of grazers reaching a top of £172 & £170 for heavy wethers from D Attrill of Meshaw as Jonathan Musgrave made £165 of similar. Ewes to £157 for T & F Farming of Dawlish and £150 for Edwards Farming Partnership of Cerne Abbas who had others at £146 and a lot of business done between £120 and £140.

462 BREEDING EWES & 15 BREEDING RAMS

Now to the breeders and the much admired run of nearly 400 in lamb Cheviot Mules from Richard Pratt of Honiton saw his powerful December lambing flock aged ewes sell at record levels reaching £435 for three pens, £395 for four pens, £390 for three and numerous others £330 to £350 as well as the best of the shearlings at £330 to leave the entire run averaging £335. The sheep were a real credit to Richard and a trade to match, thanks to all bidders, buyers and Richard himself for the instructions. Will Braund also here with in lambers and his flock aged Dorset's selling well to tops of £385 twice, £345 twice and £340 twice. Away from the In lambers and open breeding ewes selling to £195 for 6T-FM NC Mule ewes from Messrs Wilson North of South Molton who also sold other Mules and Suffolk crosses at £175. Tups another big trade with Stuart Williams of Sidmouth selling sizable Texel shearlings at £780 & £720 as well as a Charollais shearling at £680 and pen of three Texel lambs at £540 apiece. Adrian & David Cole of Bradninch with FM crossbred rams at £560 & £450 as well as Dorset Ram lambs at £410 twice and Graham Ward of Iddesleigh with Charollais shearlings at £540 twice and £450 giving an average of £547 for a Friday sale of 15 forward and sold.



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.



We are offering **FREE SUPPORT** to cattle farmers in Devon



Please complete our short 10 minute questionnaire to

register for support:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Mhgk9ZHZWb>

Or if you'd like to learn more please email

emily@tb-champions.org.uk or call 07902 358522



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



FORTHCOMING SALES

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

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)

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

TB Restricted Sale of Prime, Cull and Store Cattle

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*

MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Annual Show & Sale of Native Bred Suckled Calves and Stirks plus Sale of Dairy Cattle

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