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KINGTON MARKET STORE CATTLE REPORT TUESDAY 8th MAY 2018

McCartneys report a good entry of store cattle at Kington on Tuesday 8th May 2018 for their May sale.

We had a good entry of younger farming cattle again which sold to a strong trade with a number of buyers looking for cattle to graze.

There was a good contingent of buyers looking for all types of cattle and we achieved a 100% clearance. The store cattle trade continues to remain firm on all types and particularly the better confirmation types.

The ages of the cattle ranged from 12 to 25 months and weights from 380kg to 550kg.

The well-bred and good confirmation cattle which were farm assured and would hit supermarket specs sold to premium prices and these sold up to £2.50ppk for 15 month old Charolais x steers from Messrs Hammond which made £1110.

The cattle sold upto £1130 per head for some 13 month old Charolais x steers from TJ & S Croose.

The supermarket spec cattle sold to premium prices with an excellent trade throughout the sale on all sorts.

May Cattle prices were as follows.

All steers averaged an excellent £2.30ppk up to £2.50ppk from Messrs Hammond

The steers averaged an excellent £1085 per head and sold up to £1130 per head from TJ & S Croose.

All heifers averaged an excellent £2.15ppk up to £2.30ppk from EO Davies & Sons

The heifers averaged an excellent £915 per head up to £1110 per head from WS Croose and Partners.

Store Bulls averaged an excellent £2.23ppk up to £2.26ppk and sold up to £1020 per head from WS Croose & Partners

All cattle forward at the sale averaged an excellent £1010 per head from the smallest to the largest in the market

Farm assurance is very important on store cattle and premiums were also being paid for those cattle which would meet the supermarket specs when finished.

In our June Sale of Store Cattle, Feeding Bulls, Cull Cows and Cows with Calves, which will be held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 2.00pm with catalogue entries closing on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 5.00pm, we expect a good trade and guaranteed support from buyers for this forth coming sale.

Please note all cattle over 42 days of age will need to be pre-movement tested for TB purposes within 60 days prior to their movement.

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FAT SHEEP REPORT

THURSDAY 10th MAY 2018

McCartneys of Kington report a good entry of 1941 sheep on Thursday last the 10th May.

This sheep trade remains firm in all sections which is good to see.

The buyers continue to require good meated sheep for their orders and the leaner sorts are more difficult to sell.

Spring lamb numbers are slower coming forward this year due to the bad spring weather which is helping to hold up the late hogget trade.

HOGGETS

We had a good entry of 1229 hoggets which sold to an excellent trade on the week. Meat remains very important to receive a premium trade. Trade was excellent on all weights with the 40kg to 50kg hoggets being the most desirable. Well bred and good meated hoggets are selling to excellent prices with good demand from the buyers on these types. The trade was excellent throughout all weight ranges. The yard of hoggets ranged from 31kg to 72kg.

The hoggets averaged an excellent SQQ of £2.48ppk up to £2.72ppk and averaged an excellent £115 per hogget through all the hoggets sold.

The whole hogget section averaged £2.44ppk from the lightest to the heaviest in the market.

The heavy hoggets over 52kg were a good trade and averaged a very good £129 per head.

The best meated hoggets received the best following and they sold up to £131 per head for some 50kg hoggets from RD & JM Ransome.

The hoggets sold up to £2.72ppk for some 43kg hoggets from Will Lyke which made £117 per head.

Hoggets between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 2.36ppk up to 2.48ppk which averaged £87 per head

Hoggets between 39.1 kg to 45.5 kg averaged 2.50ppk up to 2.72ppk which averaged £109 per head

Hoggets between 45.6 kg to 52 kg averaged 2.49ppk up to 2.65ppk which averaged £120 per head

Hoggets over 52kg averaged 2.31ppk up to 2.45ppk which averaged £129 per head

Hoggets with teeth up sold between £96 and £111 per head depending on their level of finish and averaged £106 per head

We are fortunate to have excellent buyer support from 7 regular buyers giving excellent competition for the lambs each week.

SPRING LAMBS

We had a good entry of 278 spring lambs which averaged an excellent SQQ of £3.08ppk up to £3.23ppk for some 38.5kg lambs from Andrew Preece. All spring lambs averaged an excellent £122 per head up to £126 per head.

We have excellent demand from our buyers for spring lambs and at the current prices the lambs need to be sold if they are ready.

Lambs between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 3.12ppk up to 3.23ppk which averaged £117 per head

Lambs between 39.1 kg to 45.5 kg averaged 3.05ppk up to 3.15ppk which averaged £124 per head

CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE HOGGETS & GOATS

There was a good entry of 447 cull & store sheep, which sold to very strong trade again. The cull sheep trade was excellent again on all types and well sort after by the buyers.

The buyers are requiring good meated sheep for their orders, which are not fat or too lean.

The cull sheep sold to a top of £135.50 per head for some Suffolk ewes from JET Jones & Son and averaged an excellent £82 per head which included the usual entry of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes sold to the best trade and they would be dear again

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £110 per head and sold up to £135.50 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £83 per head and sold up to £96 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £64 per head and sold up to £75 per head.

Tups sold to £120 per head and averaged £105 per head

Small store hoggets sold to £62.50 per head and averaged £59 per head

Goats sold to £80 per head and averaged £70 per head

We have buyers requiring store hoggets and light hoggets each week to suffice their orders.

We have buyers for in excess of 3000 hoggets and spring lambs and 750 cull sheep per week to meet our buyers' requirements.

McCartneys at Kington, offer an on-farm livestock grading and marketing advice service on a free of charge basis.

AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL FINANCE

McCartneys can offer access to competitive finance from a number of lenders for the purchase of land and property, development opportunities, poultry buildings and renewable energy projects ECT.

Please contact Gareth Wall for further information.

COLLECTIVE PLANT AND MACHINERY SALE TOGETHER WITH POULTRY AND FIR SECTION

We will be holding our collective machinery sale together with poultry on Saturday 26th May 2018 at 11.00am at The Beech sale ground, Ludlow. We invite your entries for this sale.

SALE OF STORE CATTLE, FEEDING COWS & BULLS, COWS & CALVES ON TUESDAY 12th JUNE 2018 at 2.00pm

We write to invite your entries for our next Store Cattle Sale to include Feeding Bulls and Cows plus Cows and Calves. We have a number of buyers looking for Store Cattle and Cows and Calves, please can we ask for your support with entries for this sale.

We can offer a free on farm inspection and valuation at your convenience.

Catalogue entries close Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 5.00pm

We have an in hand entry of 17 In Calf Cows for our June Store Cattle Sale from a local farm due to calf autumn 2018. These cows include 8 Pedigree Hereford Cows, 7 Aberdeen Angus X Cows and 2 Hereford X Cows.

FARM BUSINESS COMPLIANCE SERVICE

McCartney's are launching a new farm business compliance service to assist farmers regarding the completion of records and documentation required for Basic Payment Scheme Cross Compliance, Farm Assurance and other statutory requirements.

This service will include the completing of the following documentation for the RPA and Welsh Assembly.

- * Records and documentation for BPS cross compliance.
- * NVZ documentation
- * Personal Guidance and support during inspections
- * Under taking appeals against RPA and Welsh Assembly
- * Mapping Issues
- * BPS applications
- * Greening and EFA advice and calculations
- * Agreements for the letting of land
- * Countryside Stewardship, Glastir and other grant scheme applications
- * Farm assurance documentation.
- * Environment Agency/ Natural Resources Wales issues

For further advice please contact

Gareth Wall or Amelia Illingsworth on 01544 230316

FARM ASSURANCE AND GREEN FORMS

Please could all livestock entries be accompanied with a completed green form with correct and up to date farm assurance details on. If you are selling livestock which is stated that it is farm assurance then the details must be valid and up to date. Some sheep buyers can only buy farm assured stock and if they are found to be not assured after the sale or worse in the abattoir they will not process the sheep nor pay for them. If you have a farm assurance inspection and further information is required then please forward that information to the relevant office as the farm assurance schemes will suspend farm assurances and this then makes the live stock non farm assured.

FARMS AND LAND WANTED

We have a number of enquiries for potential purchasers to buy farms and land in the Herefordshire, Shropshire and Mid Wales area. If you are considering selling please contact us for a confidential appraisal. Please contact Gareth Wall on 07974143336.

ELECTRIC CABLES AND WATER PIPE LINES

The utility providers are under taking works of repair and renewal of electricity and telephone lines in the area and also water pipe lines. As a landowner or tenant of land which is affected you are entitled to compensation. If you are affected we can under take the compensation claim on your behalf and the utility company also pays our fees in addition to the compensation claimed on your behalf.

C OVIS IN SHEEP

We are having a lot of problems with C Ovis in sheep when they are slaughtered. This condition is picked up from mainly dog muck when dogs have not been wormed. The abattoirs are condemning whole carcasses because of this as they are not allowed to enter the food chain.

The cost of these deductions is becoming excessive. Please can you ensure dogs are wormed and we appreciate it is difficult to control dog walkers where you have foot paths going over your land. The abattoirs have now agreed to give us ear tag numbers of the affected sheep so we will be able to identify where problems are arising.

SHEEP TAGGING AFTER 1st JANUARY 2016

We can accept all sheep tags for cull sheep at Kington Market at our weekly sale.

If you have any queries regarding this please give us a call for guidance.

All sheep BORN in England and Wales after the 1st January 2016 must be EID tagged either by a single or double tag depending on whether the animal will be a store/fat sheep or breeding sheep.

READING SHEEP TAGS

Please be aware of the Defra requirements for reading ear tags. There is a disclaimer as far as McCartneys is concerned concerning tags that don't read, tags that have come out and dare we say sheep that are not tagged. Ultimately the vendor is responsible to ensure that he has 100% records to meet Cross Compliance requirements. We can only read what we can read! Please take note of the disclaimer which states "*McCartneys have taken all due care and diligence in reading the EID sheep tags shown in this document but will not accept any failure resulting from the tags themselves either because of tag malfunction or installation error and will not accept any financial consequences from such error. Vendors/Purchasers must satisfy themselves as to the correctness of information shown in relying upon it to meet their regulatory responsibilities.*" Please take note we will do all we can to help you and not shirk our responsibilities. We can do no more than this. Please see on our website www.mccartneys.co.uk the Defra Q&A Sheep Electronic Identification (EID) CPRCs & Record Keeping Tolerance.

Further enquiries regarding the above please contact:

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