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## **KINGTON MARKET STORE CATTLE REPORT TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**

McCartneys report a good entry of store cattle at Kington on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for their April sale.

We had a good quality entry of younger farming cattle which sold to a very 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 11 to 23 months and weights from 370kg to 600kg.

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 £2.70ppk for a 13 month old Charolais x steers from SO & JO Alman which made £1030.

The cattle sold up to £1340 per head for a 600kg Lim x steer from RT Sankey & Co.

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

***April Cattle prices were as follows.***

**All steers averaged an excellent £2.30ppk up to £2.70ppk from SO & JO Alman**

**The steers averaged an excellent £1115 per head and sold up to £1340 per head from RT Sankey & Co.**

**All heifers averaged an excellent £2.15ppk up to £2.25ppk from Messrs Hammond**

**The heifers averaged an excellent £950 per head up to £1050 per head from RT Sankey & Co.**

**Store Bulls averaged an excellent £2.29ppk and sold up to £1050 per head from SO & JO Alman**

**All cattle forward at the sale averaged an excellent £1040 per head from the smallest to the largest.**

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 May sale of Store Cattle, Feeding Bulls, Cull Cows and Cows with Calves, which will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 2.00pm with catalogue entries closing on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 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.

# **KINGTON MARKET**

## **FAT SHEEP REPORT**

### **THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**

McCartneys of Kington report a good entry of 1847 sheep on Thursday last the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

This sheep trade remains very firm in all sections which is good to see. Well meated and clean sheep received the best trade. The buyers are very particular with what they are buying at these high prices and therefore it is well worth selecting the sheep to meet their requirements and obtain the best trade. There was excellent buyer support again and a good interest in all sheep forward.

## **HOGGETS**

We had an entry of 1252 hoggets which sold to an excellent trade on the week but not to the exceptional heights as the week before. Meat is still very important to receive a premium trade.

The trade was excellent throughout all weight ranges. The yard of hoggets ranged from 28kg to 73kg.

**The hoggets averaged a SQQ of an incredible £2.62ppk up to £2.86ppk and averaged an excellent £114 per hogget through all the hoggets sold.**

**The whole hogget section averaged £2.54ppk from the lightest to the heaviest in the market.**

**The heavy hoggets over 52kg were very dear again and averaged a very good £135 per head.**

**The best meated hoggets received the best following and they sold up to £144.50 per head for some 65kg hoggets from DF Anning.**

**The hoggets sold up to £2.86ppk for some 45kg hoggets from WH Lyke which made £128.50 per head.**

**Hoggets between 25.5 kg to 32 kg averaged 2.40ppk up to 2.60ppk which averaged £78 per head**

**Hoggets between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 2.42ppk up to 2.70ppk which averaged £88 per head**

**Hoggets between 39.1 kg to 45.5 kg averaged 2.65ppk up to 2.86ppk which averaged £114 per head**

**Hoggets between 45.6 kg to 52 kg averaged 2.50ppk up to 2.67ppk which averaged £122 per head**

**Hoggets over 52kg averaged 2.33ppk up to 2.51ppk which averaged £136 per head**

**Hoggets with teeth up averaged £112 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 nice entry of spring lambs which averaged £3.08ppk up to £3.10ppk. All spring lambs averaged an excellent £123 per head.

## **CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE HOGGETS & GOATS**

There was a very good entry of 548 cull & store sheep, which sold to an excellent trade on the week. The cull sheep trade was dear again on all types and well sort after by the buyers.

**The cull sheep sold to a top of £140 per head for some Texel ewes from ewes from WL & A Windsor and averaged an excellent £80 per head which included an entry of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes sold to the best trade and they would be very dear again.**

**Continental x and strong ewes averaged £110 per head and sold up to £140 per head.**

**Mule type's ewes averaged £83 per head and sold up to £102 per head.**

**Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes were a very good trade and averaged £65 per head and sold up to £78 per head.**

**Tups sold to £111 per head and averaged £92 per head**

## **Goats averaged £77 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 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 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 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018 at 2.00pm**

We write to invite your entries for our next store cattle sale to include feeding bulls and cows, 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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 5pm**

## **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.

## **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

## 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 07974 143336.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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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