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CHELFORD REVIEW

REPORTS w/c 5th July 2010

TODAY MONDAY 12TH JULY

Special Catalogued sale of
626 Early Lambing Ewes and 11 Breeding Rams
at 12.30pm in conjunction with the usual weekly sale.

SPECIAL ENTRIES

MONDAY 19TH JULY 2010

Beef Breeding Cattle at 10.45am

10 quality Continental Cross Cows
With Limousin Cross Calves

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LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MONDAY 5th JULY 2010

136 CALVES AT 9.30AM

Auctioneers: Ben Furnival & Roy Waller

103 Bull calves ave £101.21 33 Heifer calves ave. £173.19

Another small entry of calves met an easier trade for some of the best. However the averages compare well with other centres. Buyers from a wide area helped to create the trade.

Bulls	Qty	Ave Pr/Hd	Min Pr/Hd	Max Pr/Hd	Parish
Holstein x	39	38.67	20.00	98.00	Wheelock Heath
Friesian	13	43.38	24.00	104.00	Sheen
Aryshire	4	23.50	20.00	26.00	Ollerton
Hereford	6	210.67	82.00	270.00	Gawsworth
Red	5	37.20	26.00	50.00	Siddington
Charolais x	3	286.67	280.00	290.00	Stoke on Trent
Simmental x	8	248.63	205.00	305.00	Lach Dennis
Limousin x	5	168.20	60.00	270.00	Bradwall
British Blue x	9	222.78	85.00	350.00	Whaley Bridge
Shorthorn	5	74.00	38.00	118.00	Lower Whitley
Aberdeen Angus	3	182.00	72.00	238.00	Butley
Brown Swiss	2	81.00	50.00	112.00	Moston
Heifers	Qty				
Hereford	1	152.00	152.00	152.00	Gawsworth
Charolais x	1	218.00	218.00	218.00	Clitheroe
Simmental x	12	187.17	90.00	250.00	Knypersley
Limousin x	3	144.00	130.00	162.00	Bradwall
Blonde D'Aquitaine x	3	155.33	120.00	176.00	Stoke on Trent
British Blue	9	183.89	120.00	260.00	Lach Dennis
Aberdeen Angus	3	157.00	100.00	186.00	Mere
Brown Swiss	1	75.00	75.00	75.00	Moston
Top Price Bulls	£	Parish	Top Price Heifers	£	Parish
British Blue	350	Whaley Bridge	British Blue	260	Lach Dennis
Simmental x	305	Lach Dennis	Simmental x	250	Knyperley
British Blue	300	Haslington	British Blue	240	Goostrey
Simmental x	295	Lach Dennis	British Blue	230	Marton
British Blue	290	Goostrey	Simmental x	225	Smallwood
Charolais x	290	Somerford Booths	Simmental x	225	Lach Dennis
Charolais x	290	Kingsley Moor	British Blue	220	Haslington
British Blue	280	High Legh	Simmental x	220	Smallwood
Charolais x	280	Somerford Booths	Charolais x	218	Clitheroe
Simmental x	272	Biddulph Park	Simmental x	210	Biddulph
Limousin x	270	Bradwall			
Hereford x	270	Gawsworth			
British Blue	265	High Legh			

1234 POULTRY AT 10.00AM

Auctioneer: Andrew Sellick

The largest non Bank Holiday sale for some time met with a continued mixed trade.

Prices. Marans £20; Warren £9; Welsummer £14; Maran £12; Light Sussex £18; Fantail £24; Calls £25

15 BEEF BREEDING CATTLE AT 10.30AM

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

Despite the continued dry weather, plenty of trade for all outfits, a further indication that all decent beef cattle are in short supply.

Sample prices.

<i>Limousin cross Cow and bull calf</i>	£1060
<i>Charolais cross Cow and heifer calf</i>	£ 890
<i>Blue cross Cow and heifer calf</i>	£ 860
<i>Angus cross Cow and heifer bull calf</i>	£ 770
<i>Blue cross Heifer, in calf</i>	£ 800
<i>Angus cross Heifer, in calf</i>	£ 610

28 DAIRY CATTLE AT 10.30AM

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

The most seen for a few months met a super trade for all quality from a large crowd of potential purchasers.

Good quality freshly calved Heifers were, as always at Chelford, at a premium, as a number of producers bid strongly throughout, to a top of £1800 for the best of Steve Johnson's pen, with others to £1760, £1610, £1570 etc. and even some plainer, less milky Heifers attracting plenty of attention at £1100 to £1400.

As we've been saying for a long time – we have the buyers – we just need the cattle !

MANY MORE COULD HAVE SOLD QUITE EASILY !

Principal prices and averages

<i>Newly calved Heifers to:</i>		£1,800
<i>1st quality average:</i>	£1,702	
<i>2nd quality average</i>	£1,376	
<i>In Calf Heifers to</i>	£ 950	
<i>Bulling Heifers to</i>	£ 770	

129 STORE CATTLE AT 11.00AM

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

Very difficult to find fault with the store trade especially when one considers the state of the beef trade and the grass/forage situation.

Numbers are expected to keep coming for the reasons previously mentioned, overall quality was not as good as it was earlier in the year but still plenty of feeding men looking for quality, forward steers, heifers and bulls.

Andrew Clare topped both the steers and the heifers today with forward continentals at £815 and £735 respectively. David Pimlott's Herefords have been solid performers all year and sold to £735 and Phil and Caroline Jones put forward some superb young sucklers and were rewarded with £665 for steers and £645 for heifers.

Steers	Age	Price	Parish
Simmental x	24m	£815	Dunham Massey
Charolais x	24m	£815	Dunham Massey
Hereford x	24m	£735	High Legh x2
British Blue x	24m	£725	Dunham Massey
Charolais x	10m	£665	Crowley x 4
British Blue x	24m	£665	Dunham Massey
Simmental x	18m	£640	Hassall
Heifers			
British Blue x	24m	£735	Dunham Massey x 2
Charolais x	12m	£645	Crowley
Aberdeen Angus x	22m	£620	Woodford x 2
Charolais x	11m	£585	Crowley
Aberdeen Angus x	22m	£580	Woodford x 2
Shorthorn x	22m	£575	Woodford x 2
Charolais x	10m	£572	Crowley x 2

Bulls			
Limousin x	14m	810	Spotland
Limousin x	14m	780	Spotland
Limousin x	14m	730	Spotland
Simmental x	9m	480	Werneth Low x 2
Limousin x	7m	415	Chapel en le Frith
Hereford x	10m	330	Radcliffe
Friesian	15m	330	Tabley x 4

76 STORE PIGS

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

Less than half the usual entry, and a real mix of quality, the best being Jim Wright's 49kg pigs at £74 (151p/kg) and some good shaped 22kg at £37 (168p/kg)

Some coloured and plain looking pigs, hard to move however.

Amongst the Breeding Pigs, young untried boars made to £180, and in pig gilts to £120.

37 BUTCHERS PIGS

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

All meaty pigs were in strong demand but a large proportion of plain pigs and over finished types had the obvious effect on the averages.

The trade was topped by a superb pen of gilts at 149p/kg (cutters) with baconers to 122p

Cull sows got to 76p/kg or £181.76 and averaged 61.15p/kg

24 STORE SHEEP

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

Just one bunch of broken mouthed Mule ewes with lambs, to a very creditable £114 per head, or £44 per life.

Next Monday 12th July First Sale of Early Lambing Ewes – Catalogues available

18 LOADS OF FARM PRODUCE at 12.30pm

Auctioneer: Alan Lane

Despite the continuing dry weather the urgency shown last week appears to have gone out of the produce trade, hardly surprising having regard to the amount of hay made over the last two or three weeks and the prospect of new season barley straw in another two weeks.

For the best quality produce trade remained firm today with new season small bale hay up to £145 per tonne and big bale hay up to £105 with other loads at £102 and £100.

There was still a ready remand for old season barley straw at £88 and £75 per tonne, but wheat straw was in less demand, although a big load of over 14 tonnes made £75 per tonne. Although prices were a bit less than last week most vendors will be happy if today's prices are maintained throughout the autumn and winter.

Tonnes	Commodity	From £	To £	Average £
6.1	1 st quality Small Bale Hay	115	145	130
8.9	Other Small Bale Hay	105	105	105
18.48	1 st quality Big Bale Hay	85	102	96
16.33	Other Big Bale Hay	32	72	52
19.66	Big Bale Barley Straw	70	88	78
8.3	Big Bale Oat Straw	62	62	62
1.88	1 st quality Wrapped Haylage	120	120	120

HORTICULTURAL REPORTS

WEDNESDAY 30th JUNE 2010

BEDDING PLANTS AT 9.00AM

Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

Less on offer again and still hard to clear with prices around 50p per tray as we reach the end of the bedding season.

775 ITEMS OF GARDEN SUNDRIES at 10.00am

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

The usual varied entry of machinery and some household goods met a good trade.

Prices. Concrete Figures £45; Strimmer £65; Kitchen Centre Fitment £18; Gate Posts £4.50; Water Feature £48; BBQ Stainless Steel Spades £4.50; Stepping Stones £2.00 each; New Picnic Bench £40; New Grit Boxes £46 each; Qualcast Cordless Strimmer £17.00; Gazebo £20.00; Black Folding Lounger £28; 40 Various Ornamental Figures and Water Features with small figures from £4 to Lion Water Features £45. Table and 2 matching benches £95, Gas BBQ £58; Electric Lawn Mower £2; Bird Tables £8; 4W Truck £60; Trellis £3; Rolls Fleece £8

SHRUBS, TREES & CONIFERS 10.30 AM

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

Another busy sale with plenty of colour on offer. Prices have eased over the last few weeks, and with the prospect of a hosepipe ban looking very likely, they could drop further.

Further details on shrubs sales from Jonathan Farrall.

1315 Dozen EGGS followed by DRESSED POULTRY, POTATOES VEGETABLES at 11.00AM *Auctioneer: Roy Waller*

A similar entry met a similar slow trade. Plenty of Cheap Eggs at even less money than last week, down the 4th week running. However, free range sold better than last week.

Prices.

Large	88p	Free Range Extra Large	£1.70 - £1.80
Medium	60p	Free Range Large	£1.15 - £1.25
Small	52p		

52 Doz Duck Eggs £1.00 to £1.40 per doz. 48 Turkey Eggs 20p 10 Doz Quail 1.00

340 bags POTATOES at approx.11.30am

96 bags New Cheshire Potatoes £7 - £15 ave. £9. The tastier varieties do attract a premium. However, 2 vendors have stopped cropping as crop not good enough.

Prices.

Old Season (47 bags)		293 New Potatoes x 56lb	
Piper	£4.75	Bard to	£5.50 - £9.50
Saxon	£4.25	Rocket to	£ 5.00 - £5.50
		Accord	£4.50 - £5.00
		Ulster Sceptre	£5.00

2563 PACKAGES OF VEGETABLES at approx.12 noon

Another good entry met a fair demand for the good quality veg on offer. **Wait for it** new season entry of leeks 40p per lb. First of the marrows. We sold 1260 bunches of carrots and 366 bunches of beetroot.

Prices.	Top		Top
Cabbage Savoy x 6	£1.25	Lettuce Cos x 12	£1.50
Hispi x 10	£4.50	Lollo x 12	£5.25
Spring x 10	£1.00	Webb x12	£1.25
Summer x 12	£1.00-2.25	Mixed x 6	£4.50
Carrots Bunch	£0.65	Gem x 9	£1.50
Beetroot Bunch	£0.55	Broccoli x 10lb	£1.75 - £4.00
Courgettes x 10lb	£4.50	Peas x 10lb	£5.00
Kohl Rabi x 6	£3.50	Broad Beans x 10lb	£4.50
Large White Turnips	25p each	Raddish per bunch	17.5p
Carrots x 10lb	£2.75	Calabrese x 6lb	£2.50
Blackcurrants x ½ punnet	70p	Marrow	80p each
Raspberries x ½ punnet	£1.10	Leeks x 10lb	£4.00

CUT FLOWERS & POT PLANTS AT 12.30pm Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

LOTS OF CUT FLOWERS

A similar entry to last week, met a similar trade.

Prices. Chrysanthemums £1.10, Alstromeria £1.00, Spray Carnations 90p. Carnation Bloom 70p Freesia 80p, Rose 70p; Sweet William 80p

POT PLANTS

Another large entry of pot plants, hanging baskets, planters etc. Once again the quality on offer had to be seen to be believed and with both traders and the general public bidding keenly resulting in a good trade throughout.

Prices.					
Geranium	Large	to	£1.40	Basket Plants	10p -.50p
	Small	to	£1.00	Dahlia	to £1.80
				Cosmos	to £1.30
Fuchsia	Large	to	£1.50		
	Small	to	£0.60		

HANGING BASKETS

		Top.	Ave.
Mixed Wire	18"	£33.00	£20.00
Mixed Wire	16"	£19.00	£13.00
Mixed Wire	14"	£13.00	£10.00
Mixed Wicker	16"	£ 9.00	£ 6.00
Mixed Wicker	14"	£11.00	£ 7.00

348 CAGE & AVIARY BIRDS Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

A good entry of birds on offer this month. A good trade followed throughout.

Kakarikies £28 ; Ringneck £26 ; Adult Budgies £15 ; Silverbills £10 ; Young Budgies £7 ; Zebra Finch £4.

Thursday 8TH July 2010

94 CULL COWS, BULLS AND OTM CATTLE

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

59 Black and White Cows from £214.20 to £720.90 ave. £485.06 (down £80.28)

A similar entry of Cull Cows eased by the biggest price drop for almost 12 months – it's that time of year. Other markets report price drops and after Chelford's increase in price last week, the drop is even more exaggerated. Best big black and white 95p – 99p. Black and white cow/heifer 105p. Hat Racks 60p – 70p. Plain to 80p and black and white averaged 75.31p. The trade is the trade and auctions cannot "buck the trend" – it has always been thus.

For trends contact one of the Cow Auctioneers.

<u>COWS</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>P/kg</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Parish</u>
	Blonde x	858	119	1021.02	Knutsford
	Limousin x	878	104	913.12	Plumley
	Hereford	910	94	855.40	Plumley
	Limousin x	714	114	813.96	Plumley
	Limousin x	742	109	808.78	Plumley
	Limousin x	818	93	760.74	Pott Shrigley
	Limousin x	704	108	760.32	Plumley
	Charolais x	686	109	747.74	Knutsford
	Aberdeen Angus	710	102	724.20	Ashton under Lyne
	Limousin x	674	107	721.18	Plumley
	Holstein x	810	89	720.90	Byley
	Limousin x	620	115	713.00	Chapel en le Frith
	Limousin x	636	104	661.44	Plumley
	Charolais x	638	102	650.76	Great Warford
	Holstein x	720	90	648.00	Rostherne
	Holstein x	798	81	646.38	Gawsworth
BULL	Holstein x	934	93	868.62	Lower Withington
STEER	Montbeliarde	534	107	571.38	Arclid
	Blonde x	352	88	309.76	Morley

<u>Cull Cow</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Ave</u> <u>Pr/kg</u>	<u>Min</u> <u>Pr/kg</u>	<u>Max</u> <u>Pr/kg</u>
Holstein x	43	73.97	45.00	94.00
Friesian	16	78.92	56.00	105.00
Black	1	91.00	91.00	91.00
Hereford	2	101.33	94.00	114.00
Charolais x	4	102.25	96.00	109.00
Simmental x	2	82.50	74.00	90.00
Limousin x	11	103.56	84.00	115.00
Blonde x	2	103.26	75.00	119.00
British Blue x	2	82.70	80.00	85.00
Shorthorn	4	85.26	78.00	91.00
Aberdeen Angus	3	93.09	88.00	102.00
White	1	94.00	94.00	94.00
Cull Bulls				
Holstein x	1	86.40	76.00	93.00
Steer				
Blonde x	1	88.00	88.00	88.00

747 BUTCHERS SHEEP AT 10.30AM

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

530 New Season Lambs followed by 66 Old Season Lambs

****TOP SPOT ****

Spring Lambs 196.0p/kg (38.5kg) Beltex Crosses B Ford, Kettleshulme

Old Season Lambs 110.0p/kg (40.7kg) Texel x Mules C Faulkner, Frodsham

Overall Average: Lambs 159.7p/kg Old Season Lambs 102.2p/kg

Another week when our averages exceeded other local centres by 10-12p/kg which again illustrates the quality of both the stock, and the regular buyers, at Chelford each week

Brian Ford is making a habit of taking the Top Spot, and did so again with a pen of superb Beltex crosses at 196p/kg, with all the premium quality lambs making in excess of 170p/kg. Several regular vendors of quality lambs produced their first draw of the year, but all buyers seemed keen to reward producers with a fair price.

Quality Averages	(all weights)	Top.	Ave.
Lambs	Premium	196.0	179.5
	Prime	169.0	164.8
	Others	151.0	147.5

Spring Lambs		Top Five Pens per kg		
	P/kg	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1.	183	43.2	Texel x	J Trueman, Prestbury
2.	178	43.8	Texel x	N Barber, Rushton Spencer
3.	178	41.4	Charollais x	A Bennett, Bollington
4.	177	41.6	Charollais x	R Challinor, Frodsham
5.	175	41.4	Charollais x	R Challinor, Frodsham
5	175	43.7	Charollais x	H Taylor, High Legh

Top Five Pens per Head				
	£	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1.	85.0	50.0	Texel x	J Trueman
2.	79.93	46.2	Texel x	J Trueman
3.	79.06	43.2	Texel x	J Trueman
4.	77.96	43.8	Texel x	N Barber
5	77.76	48.0	Charollais x	R Heath, Utkington

151 CULL EWES AND RAMS

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

Overall Average £67.08

*** Texel x Ewes to £100 ***

***Beltex x Ewes to £92 ***

*** Mule Ewes to £90, £85 etc***

*** Suffolk x Welsh Ewes to £85 ***

***Texel Rams to £100 ***

Trade, if anything, a bit sharper, but with generally better finished sheep in than over the last couple of weeks, and very few plain sorts on show.

Once again, fit, well finished Ewes of all weights and sizes making competitive bidding.

66 BUTCHERS CATTLE AT 12 NOON

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

A disappointing entry of quality left us very short of those better 'prime' quality cattle that Chelford's buyers want.

The result was an uninspiring average on paper but in reality the cattle, on the whole, made their worth.

Top call of 164p was the only 'premium' quality animal in the place from John Edgeworth grossing £951. Ken Webb came close with 157p for a steer with 'prime' quality generally making around the 140p mark.

Bulls were well enough sold but only 3 prime bulls on offer and the rest falling into the commercial bracket.

Best of the Friesians made upwards of 130p and grossed to £774 for Kelvin Smith.

For advice on marketing your cattle give Jonathan a call or
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Number		Top p/kg	Average
17	STEERS	148	124.51
13	HEIFERS	164	135.18
36	BULLS	157	117.94
66	OVERALL AVERAGE		

Steers		TOP P/KG	AVERAGE P/KG
0	Premium	-	-
8	Prime	157	140.1
10	Other	128	115.7
Heifers			
1	Premium		164.0
8	Prime	147	138.3
4	Other	127	120.0
Bulls			
3	Premium		137.0
33	Other	130	115.03

TOP 5 BULLS

	<u>BREED</u>	<u>KG</u>	<u>P/KG</u>	<u>PARISH</u>
1	British Blue x	502	140	Burtonwood
2	British Blue x	576	137	Swettenham
3	Aberdeen Angus x	494	134	Peak Forest
4	Friesian x	570	130	Swettenham
5	Friesian x	502	130	Burtonwood

TOP 10 CATTLE

	<u>BREED</u>	<u>KG</u>	<u>P/KG</u>	<u>PARISH</u>
1	Limousin x H	580	164	Weaverham
2	Limousin x S	562	157	Plumley
3	British Blue x S	556	148	Blackden
4	Limousin x H	522	147	Weaverham
5	Blonde x H	524	146	Balterley
6.	Limousin x H	576	139	Plumley
7.	Limousin x S	544	139	Blackden
8.	Limousin x S	698	138	Plumley
9.	Limousin x S	686	138	Plumley
10	Limousin x H	494	137	Grappenhall

