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CHELFORD REVIEW

REPORTS w/c 10th May 2010

SPECIAL ENTRIES

Monday 24th May 2010

Dairy Cattle at 10.30am

Ped. Limousin Bull 20mo

Store Cattle at 11.00am.

25 Limousin x Steers and Heifers 16-22mo – Outlyers at over 1000ft

Monday 7th June 2010

26th Annual Draft Sale of approximately 100 Store Cattle

on behalf of A. J. Brighthouse & Son

Comprising Continental x and Hereford x Steers and Heifers many with named sires

All Farm Assured and noted "Good Do'ers".

Many heifers to make suitable Suckler replacement

LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MONDAY 10th MAY 2010

151 CALVES AT 9.30AM

Auctioneers: Roy Waller and Ben Furnival

108 Bull calves ave £151.03 43 Heifer calves ave. £212.40

The election of a new Government has done the trick. Calves have been dearer yet again. Heifer calves averaged £212.42p.

For details on calf marketing call 01625 861122

Bulls	Qty	Ave Pr/Hd	Min Pr/Hd	Max Pr/Hd	Parish
Holstein x	36	66.33	16.00	150.00	Gawsworth
Friesian	12	87.00	28.00	210.00	Elton
Ayrshire	2	36.00	22.00	50.00	Ollerton
Hereford	3	217.67	185.00	240.00	Mobberley
Simmental x	22	273.00	175.00	330.00	Twemlow
Limousin x	4	301.25	280.00	335.00	Smallwood
British Blue	3	258.33	240.00	275.00	Medhurst Green
Shorthorn	4	99.75	82.00	120.00	Bollington
Aberdeen Angus	15	219.07	100.00	310.00	Betchton Heath
Brown Swiss	2	109.00	100.00	118.00	Haslington
Swedish Red	1	53.00	18.00	105.00	Siddington
Heifers	Qty				
Holstein x	1	28.00	28.00	28.00	Medhurst Green
Hereford	6	187.00	162.00	208.00	Mobberley
Simmental x	19	235.26	128.00	282.00	Sandbach
Limousin x	2	272.50	245.00	300.00	Smallwood
Blonde D'Aquitaine x	2	233.50	205.00	262.00	Church Lawton
British Blue	5	256.00	225.00	275.00	Bostock
Shorthorn	1	84.00	84.00	84.00	Medhurst Green
Aberdeen Angus	7	162.57	70.00	298.00	Betchton Heath
Top Price Bulls	£	Parish	Top Price Heifers	£	Parish
Limousin x	335	Smallwood	Limousin x	300	Smallwood
Simmental x	330	Twemlow	Aberdeen Angus	298	Betchton Heath
Simmental x	325	Marton	Simmental x	282	Sandbach
Simmental x	325	Gawsworth	British Blue	275	Bostock
Simmental x	325	Sandbach	Simmental x	268	Sproston
Simmental x	318	Sandbach	Simmental x	268	Sproston
Simmental x	315	Marton	British Blue	265	Betchton
Simmental x	315	Haslingden	Simmental x	265	Sandbach
Aberdeen Angus	310	Betchton Heath	Blonde x	262	Church Lawton

558 HEADS OF POULTRY AT 10.00AM

Auctioneer: Andrew Sellick

After last week's full house, the poultry section was a little quieter but prices remained strong.

Plenty of interest for Aylesbury Ducklings realising £2 per head and Khaki Campbell £5. Blue Swedish Ducklings £8. There was competitive bidding for an Indian Blue 5 year old Peacock which sold for £50.

Sample Prices. Bluebells £30, Lemon Orpingtons £22, Jersey Giants £14, Call Ducks £39 Families from £30-£40

19 BEEF BREEDING CATTLE AT 10.30AM

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

A reasonable show of Cow and Calf outfits, again meeting very strong demand from a large number of customers. Younger Cows, in particular, sought after, with a top of £890 for a Hereford cross heifer and bull calf.

Sample Prices

<i>Hereford cross Heifer and Limousin cross bull</i>	£890
<i>Angus cross Cow and Limousin cross bull</i>	£870
<i>Angus cross Cow and Limousin cross heifer</i>	£860
<i>Friesian cross Cow and Blue cross heifer</i>	£700
<i>Pedigree Limousin yearling Heifers to</i>	810gns, 760 gns etc
<i>Blue cross served Heifers to</i>	£645

13 DAIRY CATTLE AT 10.45AM

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

A few more on offer, but, sadly, nothing of outstanding quality, although some very milky wearing sorts from a number of vendors.

The entry consisted mainly of 3rd and 4th calf Cows, which sold to a top of £1590 for a powerful 3rd calver from Messrs. Bickerton, the last of their ongoing Herd Dispersal, with a Blue Shorthorn cross 3rd calver to £1490 from Messrs. Hollinshead, with several plainer Cows from £800 to £960.

An Olympian x Marker bred Heifer from Frank Monk made to £1550, with a number from £1200 to £1400.

Principal prices and averages.

<i>Newly calved Heifers to</i>	£1550
<i>2nd quality average</i>	£1410
<i>Newly calved Cows to</i>	£1590
<i>1st quality average to</i>	£1540
<i>2nd quality average</i>	£ 952

197 STORE CATTLE AT 11.00AM

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

Just short of 200 Store Cattle and a very mixed trade.

Some cattle looked extremely well sold but there were plenty which looked considerably less money than a month ago.

113 Steers saw some grand quality on offer. Top call for suckler bred Limousin x at £865 with forward Simmental x Steers to £810 (with a FABBL ticket). Strong demand for native breeds once again. Angus x to £785 and Hereford x to £770.

58 Heifers saw a chasm of difference between the best and the others. Top price of £820 paid for an outlier (Blue x) and a few forward heifers over £700. Buyers were very selective and anything a bit common was selling but, 'AT A PRICE'. Perhaps the pick of the litter was a young Simmental x at £600.

26 Bulls. Looked the cheapest on the day. Bulls are a funny commodity at this time of year and unfortunately, the store bulls look very cheap when compared with calves but then, haven't they always ?

Prices.

Steers		£	Parish
Limousin x	22m	865	Mellor
Limousin x	25m	865	Bollington
Simmental x	25m	840	Marthall
Limousin x	21m	820	Mellor
Simmental x	21m	810	Marthall x 4
Limousin x	12m	790	Bollington
Simmental x	23m	790	Marthall x 3
Aberdeen Angus x	26m	785	Henbury

Heifers	Age	£	Parish
British Blue x	18m	820	Eccleshall
Limousin x	25m	750	Simonswood
Limousin x	14m	745	Bollington
Limousine x	22m	740	Mellor
British Blue x	23m	700	Atherton
British Blue x	21m	700	Plumley
Limousin x	14m	690	Bollington
Limousin x	25m	685	Eaton x 3

Bulls	Age	£	Parish
Friesian	18m	475	Rushton
Aberdeen Angus x	12m	360	Mere
British Blue x	11m	350	Gawsworth
Hereford x	11m	325	Gawsworth
Limousin x	11m	315	Gawsworth x 3
BS x	17m	245	Wrexham x 2
Holstein x	12m	230	Mere x 2
Friesian x	17m	220	Wrexham x 2

142 PIGS 11.00AM
Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

21 Cull Sows and Boars

More on offer met a good trade throughout. Sows averaged £131.73

2 Boars 34p – 37p ave. 35.33p
19 Sows 52p – 71p ave. 65.35p

45 BUTCHERS PIGS

Only a small very mixed entry. The few best pigs on offer were keenly sought selling to a top of 127p/kg. Heavy and plainer sorts were hard to cash.

8 Cutter 93p – 126p ave. 113.53p
33 Baconer 65p – 127p ave. 94.94p
4 Overweight 78p – 82p ave. 80.09p
45 **Overall** ave. **96.24p**

63 STORE & BREEDING PIGS

Only a very small entry met a fast trade.

£/head	Weight	Parish
66	32	Croston
30	17	Biddulph
24 coloured	17	Apesford
15	11	Buxworth

More on offer in the breeding section with sows and litters to £240. In pig sows to £145 and a Pietrain stock boar £190.

34 STORE & BREEDING SHEEP

Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

Only a small entry met another good trade. Shearling ewes and twins topped the market to £170. Cade lambs in demand to a top of £38 and average £30.08

16 LOADS OF FARM PRODUCE at 12.30pm

Auctioneer: Alan Lane

A small end of season entry with straw in particularly short supply. Two loads of big bale barley straw made £92 and £96 and the only load of big bale wheat straw £90 per tonne. No small bale straw on offer.

Last week's record price of £162 per tonne was topped today with the same vendor selling today's load at £175 per tonne. Other big bale hay made £98 and £105 per tonne with second quality at £62 per tonne. 2 good loads of small bale hay made £145 and 3 loads of haylage £52, £68, and £80 per tonne.

Fodder and straw is still wanted with the cold dry winds over the last week holding back spring grass growth

Tonnes	Commodity	From £	To £	Average £
5.44	1 st quality Small Bale Hay	145	145	145
1.12	Other Small Bale Hay	98	98	98
14.09	1 st Quality Big Bale Hay	98	175	126
26.98	Other Big Bale Hay	62	62	62
15.55	Big Bale Barley Straw	92	96	94
9.76	Big Bale Wheat Straw	90	90	90
19.64	Other Silage/Haylage	52	80	67

HORTICULTURAL REPORTS

WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY 2010

18,375 TRAYS OF BEDDING PLANTS AT 9.00AM Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

1014 Lots – Another large entry met a firm but slightly easier trade with prices back approx 10p per tray on last week.

Sample Prices.	Top	Ave.		Top.	A
Surfinia x 4	£2.20	£2.00	Pansy/Viola x 6	£1.00	£0.80
Fuchsia x 4	£2.00	£2.00	Summer Bedding x 6	£1.20	£1.00
Geranium x 4	£1.20	£1.00	Tomato Plants	£0.50	£0.40

PLEASE NOTE NEW SALE TIMES FOR BEDDING PLANTS WEDNESDAY 9.00AM THURSDAY 5.00PM

954 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. Hanging Basket £2.20; Pressure Washer £20. Pond Pump £22, Cane Hanging Baskets £1.50, Round Wicker Hanging Baskets £1.75, Fence Panels £3, Grow Bags £3, Plastic Trellis £2, Barbed Wire £5 per roll, 10kg Staples £17, Bags of FYM £2.

SHRUBS, TREES & CONIFERS 10.30 AM Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

A massive entry of quality Nursery Stock once again. The sale has been likened to selling the contents of a whole garden centre in one day!

Prices remained similar on the whole. Specimen plants were in keen demand as buyers replace the casualties of the winter months.

Smaller, fill in shrubs were slightly less money apart from the more 'choice' varieties and could generally be bought at around £1 per plant.

Prices Acer Discetum 'Garnett' £140, Standard Bay £75, Wisteria £40, Buxus £40, Hydrangea £9, Rhododendron £10, Clematis £26, Pieris £12, Pyramid Bay £64, Whitebeam £30, Acer 'Crimson King' £20, Leylandi £13, Laburnum £32, Salix £26, Magnolia £21, Flowering Cherry £24, Standard Shrub Rose £20.

EGGS followed by DRESSED POULTRY, POTATOES VEGETABLES at 11.00AM Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

2124 dozen EGGS

A larger entry of hen eggs met an easier trade. Yet again Goose eggs were a little easier also.

Prices.	Large	£0.90	Free Range Extra Large	£1.40
	Medium	£0.80	Free Range Large	£1.05
	Small	£0.55	Free Range Medium	£0.85

1474 bags POTATOES and STOCK FEED CARROTS at approx.11.30am

New Cheshire Potatoes £1.25 per lb.

Prices.	Piper	£2.50	Bakers x 50	£4.00
	Wilja	£2.50	Fambo	£2.00
	Nadine Moss	£3.00		
	Marfona	£3.50		
Stock Feed	Carrots	£ 1.00	Rolled Oats £1.75	Rolled Barley £2.25

649 PACKAGES OF VEGETABLES at approx.12 noon

A small seasonal entry met a good trade.

Prices.				
Cabbage			Carrot	Washed £3.75
	Savoy x 8	£3.50		Dirty £4.00
	Spring x 10	£3.00		
	Tundra x 7	£3.50		
			Leek	x 10lb £2.00-£3.00
Onion	x 12.5 kg	£4.50	Rhubarb x 15	£4.50
Red	x 12.5kg	£4.50	Tomatoes x 6kg	£6.00
Lettuce	Gatwick x 6	£4.75		
	Flat	£3.50		

CUT FLOWERS & POT PLANTS AT 12.30pm

Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

65 LOTS OF CUT FLOWERS

A small entry met a similar trade.

Prices. Chrysanthemums £1.10, Alstromeria £1.00, Spray Carnations 70p, Tulip 50p.

718 LOTS OF POT PLANTS

Another large entry met a similar demand.

Prices.			Hanging Baskets	
Geranium	Large	£1.10	Mixed Cone	£7.50
	Small	£0.70	Mixed Wire	£20.00
Fuchsia	Large	£2.00	Fuchsia	£6.00
	Small	£0.50	Surfinia	£6.25
Basket Plants		£0.60		
Pelargonium		£1.50		
Senetti		£1.80		

Thursday 12th May 2010

90 CULL COWS, BULLS AND OTM CATTLE

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

65 Black and White Cows from £203 to £856. Ave. £584.53

Another good trade with plenty of buyers. Some were obviously worried about the exchange rates. Some plain cows today from 50p. The auction system can sell all types – from all types to all types.

For advice on Cow Marketing call Roy Waller.

COWS	Breed	Weight	P/kg	£	Parish
	Limousin x	718	137	983.66	Hazel Grove
	Holstein x	832	103	856.96	Mere
	Holstein x	810	103	834.30	Poynton
	Friesian	834	100	834.00	Smallwood
	Holstein x	842	98	825.16	Goostrey
	Hereford	748	110	822.80	Whatcroft
	Holstein x	776	105	814.80	Allstock
	Holstein x	796	100	796.00	Byley
	British Blue x	698	113	788.74	Withington
	Holstein x	728	108	786.24	Knypersley
	Holstein x	756	104	786.24	Mottram St Andrew
	Holstein x	742	105	779.10	Gawsworth
	Holstein x	776	90	776.00	Matley
	Holstein x	746	103	768.38	Smallwood
	Holstein x	724	106	767.44	Rode Green
BULL	Aberdeen Angus	588	106	623.28	Knypersley
	Limousin x	586	102	597.72	Knypersley

Cull Cow	Qty	Ave Pr/kg	Min Pr/kg	Max Pr/kg
Holstein x	55	91.25	50.00	108.00
Friesian	10	89.90	56.00	108.00
Black	2	120.73	110.00	129.00
Hereford	2	101.47	89.00	110.00
Charolais x	3	100.72	95.00	105.00
Simmental x	3	105.95	100.00	115.00
Limousin x	1	137.00	137.00	137.00
British Blue x	1	113.00	113.00	113.00
Jersey	2	65.49	65.00	66.00
Shorthorn	2	97.57	90.00	105.00
Galloway	1	74.00	74.00	74.00
Aberdeen Angus	2	100.76	95.00	106.00
Brown Swiss	1	105.00	105.00	105.00
Montebliarde	2	98.33	71.00	122.00
Longhorn	1	89.00	89.00	89.00
Cull Bulls				
Limousin x	1	102.00	102.00	102.00
Aberdeen Angus	1	102.00	102.00	102.00

756 BUTCHERS SHEEP AT 10.30AM

Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

334 New Season Lambs followed by 277 Old Season Lambs

****TOP SPOT ****

Spring Lambs 208.0p/kg (Four Times) G Titterton, Milwich, Stafford
GW & MA Platt & Son, Gawsorth

Old Season Lambs 219.00p/kg (43kg) - D Williams, Basford

Spring Lambs Average: 234.90p/kg
Old Season Lambs Average: 176.74p/kg

An extra 130 Spring Lambs on offer and whilst last weeks exceptional trade could not be matched, an average of 234.9p was 8p over the national. Joint top price went to G Titterton who's run of 23 lambs sold to 280p three times and averaged 274.04p and Messrs. GW & MA Platt & Son who's 16 averaged 276.78p.

Old Season Lamb prices have been increasing all week and this continued with best show hoggets selling to 219p.

Quality Averages	(all weights)	Top.	Ave.
Lambs	Premium	280p/kg	264p/kg
	Prime	256/kg	248p/kg
	Others	222p/kg	216p/kg
Old Season Lambs	Premium	219p/kg	202p/kg
	Prime	192p/kg	187p/kg
	Others	173p/kg	164p/kg

Spring Lambs Top Five Pens per kg

	P/kg	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1.	280	43.8	Texel Crosses	G Titterton
2.	280	41.4	Texel Crosses	G Titterton
3.	280	38.6	Texel Crosses	GW & MA Platt
4.	280	38.4	Texel Crosses	G Titterton
5.	279	46.2	Texel Crosses	G Titterton

Top Five Pens per Head

	£	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1.	128.90	46.2	Texel Crosses	G Titterton
2.	122.64	43.8	Texel Crosses	G Titterton
3.	116.14	42.7	Texel Crosses	GW & MA Platt
4.	115.92	41.4	Texel Crosses	G Titterton
5.	115.20	48.0	Texel Crosses	G Titterton

Old Season Lambs Top Five pens per kg

	P/kg	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1.	219	43.7	Texel Crosses	D Williams, Basford
2.	216	39.8	Texel Crosses	D Williams
3.	216	38.8	Texel Crosses	D Williams
4.	208	39.4	Texel Crosses	D Williams
5.	208	43	Texel Crosses	D Williams

Top Five Pens per Head

	£	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1.	105.00	75.0	Texel Crosses	T Nicholas, Malpas
2.	102.86	55.3	Texel Crosses	D C Mycock
3.	102.85	60.0	Texel Crosses	D Jones
4.	101.65	53.0	Texel Crosses	D C Mycock
5.	99.56	52.4	Texel Crosses	A Cooper

145 BUTCHERS EWES & RAMS

Overall Average £83.09

A similar entry met a fast trade throughout selling to a top of £111. All best meated sorts over £80.

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74 BUTCHERS CATTLE AT 12 NOON

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

A perfect example of the figures not representing the true picture. Trade in general, slightly better for the majority of the entry yet the higher proportion of “out of spec” cattle made their presence felt in the overall average.

The “top end” cattle were few and far between but topped at a respectable 179p/kg for Reg Beard’s Limousin x with the top 5 cattle averaging in the region of 170p.

Middle ground steers and heifers maintained recent levels at around 140p. This figure would likely be 6-8p better if there had been a few more Farm Assured to go at.

Younger bulls were a better trade and none the worse for an injection of better things. Top call of 174p for John Gate’s Blondes with prime bulls around the low 140’s and Friesians to 136p.

To sell your cattle at their best, give us a call that’s what we are here for.

Number		Top p/kg	Average
7	STEERS	168	139.01
30	HEIFERS	179	134.39
37	BULLS	174	133.72
	OVERALL AVERAGE		134.51

Steers		TOP P/KG	AVERAGE P/KG
1	Premium	-	168.00
6	Prime	138	134.16
0	Other		
Heifers			
4	Premium	179	170.0
13	Prime	155	138.5
13	Other	128	120.61
Bulls			
1	Premium		174.0
21	Prime	155	142.19
15	Other	136	120.26

TOP 5 BULLS

	<u>BREED</u>	<u>KG</u>	<u>P/KG</u>	<u>PARISH</u>
1	Blonde x	538	174	Lostock Green
2	Blonde x	554	155	Lostock Green
3	British Blue x	554	151	Burtonwood
4	Blonde x	544	151	Lostock Green
5	British Blue x	544	147	Horton

TOP 10 CATTLE

	<u>BREED</u>	<u>KG</u>	<u>P/KG</u>	<u>PARISH</u>
1	Limousin x H	472	179	Balterley
2	Limousin x H	556	170	Balterley
3	Limousin x H	500	170	Wigan
4	Limousin x S	586	168	Broughton in Furness
5	Blonde x H	564	161	Balterley
6.	Limousin x H	480	155	Broughton
7.	Limousin x H	588	150	Acton Bridge
8.	Limousin x H	656	145	Acton Bridge
9.	Limousin x H	628	144	Acton Bridge
10	Limousin x H	553	139	Rudyard

**PEDIGREE AND SPECIAL LIVESTOCK SALES ALREADY
ARRANGED FOR 2010 AT CHELFORD AGRICULTURAL CENTRE**

Monday 7th June

Summer Society Show and Sale of Dairy Shorthorns

Monday 7th June

Special Sale of 100 Continental and Native x Store Cattle on behalf of A J Brighthouse & Son
Summer "Best of British" Sale, including Society Show and Sale of Beef Shorthorns

Monday 21st June

Summer Sale of Breeding Bulls

Friday/Saturday 2nd/3rd July

NEW! Summer Show and Sale of Pedigree and Crossbred British Blues on behalf of the British Blue Cattle Society

Saturday 14th August

"Elite" Club Sale of Pedigree Texel Rams and Females

Thursday 19th August

Society Show and Sale of Charollais Sheep

Thursday 26th August

Society Show and Sale of Beltex Sheep

Thursday 9th September

Annual Club Show and Sale of Texel Rams and Females

Saturday 18th September

Annual Show and Sale of Rare Breeds, Cattle, Sheep, Pigs and Poultry

Monday 20th September

Autumn Sale of Breeding Bulls

Monday 18th October

Annual Show and Sale of Suckled Calves

Monday 1st November

Autumn Society show and Sale of Dairy Shorthorns

Saturday 6th November

Autumn "Best of British" Show and Sale, including Society Show and Sale of Beef Shorthorns

Further sales being arranged details in due course. For a free, confidential discussion about your Private, Society or Club sale, please speak to Gwyn Williams or Jonathan Farrall.

