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CHELFORD REVIEW REPORTS w/c 15th MARCH 2010

SPECIAL ENTRIES

Monday 22nd March 2010

Beef Breeding Cattle at 10.45am

1 Stabilizer young Cow in calf due June

Store Cattle at 11.00am

6 Angus x Heifers 26-28mths; 6 Bazadaise x Blue Heifers 10mo.

Store & Breeding Sheep at 12.30pm

28 Mule ewe lambs in-lamb to Texel 15th April onwards; 10 Texel x Ewes with lambs at foot
40 Texel x Ewes with Lambs at foot; 10 Crossbred Ewes with Lambs _____

EASTER LAMBS SHOW AND SALE

“The Start of the New Season !”

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH

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**34th EASTER PRIZE SHOW & SALE OF MILK FED CALVES
COMPETING FOR JAMES A DALE & SONS
SILVER CHALLENGE CUP
(to be held for one year only)**

MONDAY 29th MARCH 2010

Entries Close Friday 26th March at 12 noon

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LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MONDAY 15th MARCH 2010

158 CALVES AT 9.30AM

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

118 Bull Calves ave. £122.88 40 Heifer Calves ave. £169.60

Smaller entry of calves met a good trade especially for Heifers. Some small modern Friesian x Bulls sold for under £20 – not much for some little hardy calves.

EASTER SHOW MONDAY 29TH – ENTERED CALVES ONLY.

IMPORTANT NOTE: COULD ALL PURCHASERS PLEASE ENSURE THEY SEND OFF THE MOVEMENT CARDS TO BCMS.

Bulls	Qty	Ave	Pr/ Hd	Min Pr/Hd	Max Pr/Hd	Parish
Holstein x	33	64.61		16.00	170.00	Sproston
Friesian	20	26.60		10.00	52.00	Sheen
Ayrshire	2	27.00		22.00	32.00	Ollerton
Hereford	11	158.00		40.00	202.00	Siddington
Simmental x	11	261.27		128.00	320.00	Sandbach
Limousin x	9	273.56		242.00	310.00	Smallwood
Blonde D'Aquitaine x	4	270.25		224.00	314.00	Church Lawton
British Blue	9	253.33		200.00	335.00	Slattocks
Jersey	9	22.44		12.00	36.00	Marton
Aberdeen Angus	10	114.50		24.00	205.00	
Heifers						
Hereford	11	119.55		34.00	175.00	Marton
Simmental x	11	181.64		130.00	225.00	Biddulph Moor
Limousin x	3	246.67		242.00	252.00	Sproston
Blonde D'Aquitaine x	1	210.00		210.00	210.00	Church Lawton
British Blue	8	240.00		115.00	295.00	Church Lawton
Aberdeen Angus	6	100.17		42.00	180.00	Mere

Top Price Bulls	£	Parish	Top Price Heifers	£	Parish
British Blue	335	Middleton	British Blue	295	Church Lawton
Simmental x	320	Sandbach	British Blue	275	High Legh
Blonde x	314	Church Lawton	British Blue	265	Church Lawton
Limousin x	310	Smallwood	British Blue	255	Bucknall
British Blue	300	Siddington	Limousin x	252	Sproston
Limousin x	298	Tabley	Limousin x	246	Sproston
Limousin x	294	Tabley	British Blue	245	Marton
Simmental x	290	Sandbach	Limousin x	242	Sproston
Simmental x	288	Biddulph Moor	British Blue	240	Marton
Limousin x	285	Fallibroome	BrItosh Blue	230	Kermincham
Simmental x	278	Sandbach			
Limousin x	278	Sproston			
Simmental x	278	Marton			
Blonde x	275	Church Lawton			

626 HEADS OF POULTRY AT 10.00AM

Auctioneer: Andrew Sellick

A similar entry met a mixed trade with some good prices.

The first goslings of the year were sold at £16.

Prices. Goslings £16; Maran £14; Shamo £40; Turkey £18; Silkies £12; Welsummer £14.

**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR PENS FOR EASTER BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 5TH APRIL
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 26TH MARCH**

SPECIAL BREEDING POULTRY SALE AT CHELFORD

SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 2010

Entries invited for Breeding Pairs,
Trios etc. and Females.

NO SINGLE COCK BIRDS

Entries Close Monday 12th April 2010

4 DAIRY CATTLE AT 10.45AM

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

Again in very short supply, but with no shortage of waiting customers, going to £1500 for a Cogent-bred heifer from Messrs. Whittaker and other Heifers from £1250.

Principal prices & average

Newly-calved Heifers to		£1500
2 nd quality average	£1405	
In-Calf Heifers to		£800

BEEF BREEDING CATTLE (following Dairy Cattle)

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

Certainly not the quality of last week on offer, but still competitive trade for all outfits, which today included mainly Older Cows with young calves.

Sample Prices

Limousin cross Cow with Angus cross heifer	£880
Blue cross cow with Angus cross heifer	£850
Angus cross cow with Angus cross heifer	£800
Blue cross cow with Angus cross heifer	£780
Simmental cross served Heifers to	£900, £810

52 BUTCHERS PIGS

Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

The smallest entry for several weeks met an improved trade throughout selling to a top of 118p for gilts. Coloured pigs from 64p to 90p/kg.

14	Porkers	70p – 115p	ave. 98.64p
13	Cutter	64p – 110p	ave. 84.35p
20	Baconer	65p - 118p	ave. 104.42p
5	Overweight	78p – 98p	ave. 93.32p
52	Overall		ave. 97.18p

Prices.

118p	Baconer	Preston on the Hill
115p	Baconer	Alsop en le Dale
115p	Porker	Preston on the Hill
114p	Porker	Uttoxeter
114p	Cutter	Alsop en le Dale

51 STORE & BREEDING PIGS AT 12 NOON

Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

Only a very small entry met a fast trade throughout.

£/head	Weight	Vendor
70	47	Dungworth
69	63	Tibshealf
47	25	Sproston
34	19	Tibshelf
31	16	Rookery
27	15	Hope

104 BREEDING SHEEP

Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

Only a small entry of ewes with lambs at foot met an easier trade and looked good value for money. Purchasers are obviously waiting for the grass to grow but then couples will be sold at a premium.

Prices of Note:

Couples	to	£132
Single	to	£100

In lamb ewes scanned for twins sold to £100. Cade lambs sold to £21 to average £20

47 LOADS OF FARM PRODUCE at 12.30pm

Auctioneer: Alan Lane

Last weeks exceptionally high prices, particularly for straw brought forward a better entry this week including a few vendors not seen for sometime. The entry was back to where it should be for this time of year and was equally matched by the large number of prospective purchasers in attendance.

19 loads of straw were on offer this week with no particularly extreme prices as seen last week but a good solid trade throughout. Some prospective purchasers of straw, seeing the larger entry, held back at the beginning but ended up paying more at the end of the sale. 8 loads of small bale hay were on offer to the equestrian trade achieving a top price of £156 per tonne with other loads at £122 and £125 but poorer quality £90 - £116.

There was a large variety of big bale hay on offer achieving a variety of prices between £50 and £98 per tonne.

Small bale barley straw sold to a steady trade between £90 and £112 with big bale barley straw holding firm at £74 - £94 to average £83. There was a better entry of wheat straw this week, mostly in big loads at up to £72 per tonne.

2 loads of big bale oat straw made £68 and £72.

Plenty of haylage/silage on offer this week again with no exceptional prices but the best haylage to £54, silage at the other end of the scale at £10 per tonne. A single load of loose silage made £38.

Tonnes	Commodity	From £	To £	Average £
14.8	1 st quality Small Bale Hay	135	156	146
5.45	Other Small Bale Hay	115	115	115
5.92	1 st Quality Big Bale Hay	95	95	95
38.91	Other Big Bale Hay	42	64	52
11.13	Small Bale Barley Straw	98	98	98
49.706	Big Bale Barley Straw	88	98	93
12.84	Small Bale Wheat Straw	56	56	56
56.16	Big Bale Wheat Straw	70	80	74
25.91	Big Bale Oat Straw	68	72	70
70.81	Other Silage/Haylage	24	50	41
8.42	Loose Silage	38	38	38

CHELFORD SUNDAY MARKET AND CAR BOOT

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HORTICULTURAL REPORTS

WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH 2010

SHRUBS, TREES & CONIFERS AT 10.30AM

Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

Spring is here at last and so were several purchasers showing their faces for the first time this year.

All shrubs, Trees and Hedging were in demand with large native trees very keenly sought. Hardest to sell on the day were root balled conifers.

Today's sale incorporated the Special Entry from Lamberts of Wisbech. The highlight of the sale being Fruit Trees which sold to £11 and averaged £8.30.

Fruit	£	Ornamental	£
Apple	£11.00	Standard Bay	£50.00
Plum	£11.00	Box Ball	£45.00
Pear	£11.00	Box Pyramid	£40.00
Damson	£10.00	Magnolia	£30.00
Cherry	£10.00	Golden Yew	£28.00
Peach	£ 8.50	Standard Holly	£26.00
Blueberry	£ 6.00	Green Cordyline	£ 7.00
Blackberry	£ 5.00	Red Cordyline	£ 4.00
Logan Berry	£ 6.00	Standard Rose	£10.00
Blackcurrant	£ 1.50	Bush Rose	£ 1.25
Gooseberry	£ 2.50	Rhododendron	£ 8.00
Raspberry	£ 2.00		
	Other	£	
	Portuguese Laurel	£26.00	
	Green Laurel	£20.00	
	Laburnum	£17.00	
	Silver Birch	£8.50	
	Lodge Pole Pine	£8.50	
	Slot Pine	£9.50	
	Sitka Spruce	£6.50	
	Beech Hedging	0.75p	
	Quickthorn	0.40p	

Wednesday 31st March sees the Special Sale of Trees, Hedging and Shrubs at 10.30am in conjunction with our normal weekly sale.
Please phone for further details

263 ITEMS OF GARDEN SUNDRIES at 10.00am

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

The similar entry met a good trade – Wood £2; Mowers £55; Trolley £40; 5'6" posts £1.50p
Bag of Logs £1.50; Wire Hanging Baskets 80p; Plant Pots £8; Wooden Bird Tables £21; Bird
Boxes £4.50; C G Trolley £40; Compost £3.25; Potting Compost £3.25; Bags FYN £1.75; 12ft
Wooden Gate £65; 20kg Staples £18; Sheets of Plywood £4.50

EGGS followed by DRESSED POULTRY, POTATOES & VEGETABLES at 11.00AM

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

1327 dozen EGGS

A similar entry met a cracking trade.

Prices.	Extra Large	£1.20	Free Range Extra Large	£1.45
	Large	£1.10	Free Range Large	£1.25
	Medium	£0.90	Free Range Medium	£1.00
	Small	£0.80		

Quail 70p. 177 doz Duck £2.30 109 Goose Eggs to £1.20 Rabbits £2.00

2941 bags POTATOES and STOCK FEED CARROTS at approx.11.30am

A larger entry met a good trade.

Prices.	Piper	£2.75	Bakers x 50	£4.00
	Wilja	£2.75	Graded Mids	£4.50
	Nadine	£2.00	Fambo	£1.75
	Valor	£1.75	Estima	£2.00
	Saxon	£2.25		
Stock Feed	Carrots	£ 1.00	Hay	£1.25
	Rolled Oats	£ 3.25		
	Rolled Barley	£ 2.75		

1283 PACKAGES OF VEGETABLES at approx.12 noon

A small seasonal entry met a good trade. Not much variety at this time of year but the future looks
rosie. One vendor has sown his carrot seeds in a fortnight and two early Cheshire Potato vendors
started planting 2 weeks ago. "Spring Time and Harvest"

Prices.	Cabbage Hard x 10	£2.00	Carrot	Washed	£2.75
	Savoy x 6	£2.25		Dirty	£4.00
	Tundra x 6	£3.00		large washed	£1.50
			Leek	x 10lb	£4.00
Onion	x 20kg	£6.00	Swede	x 12.5kg	£4.50
	x 12.5 kg	£4.00	Beetroot		£2.00
	sm. x 4kg	£1.75	Parsnip x 10kg		£1.50
Lettuce	Gatwick x 12	£5.00			
	Flat x 12	£4.00			

CUT FLOWERS & POTTED PLANTS AT 12.30pm
Auctioneer: Anne Porter

CUT FLOWERS

A much larger entry than in previous weeks met with a good trade.

Alstro	£1.00	Carnations	£1.20
Anemones	£1.00	Orchid	£4.00
Daffodils	£0.60	Roses	£4.50
Lily	£3.75	Mixed Bouquet	£1.50

POT PLANTS

Plenty in this week with the shed heaving at the seams. Prims again were in demand. Basket plants were also sought after. With the weather improving it seems that the buying mood has improved with it.

Prices. Prims 40p; Ivy 50p; Double Prims 50p; Cottage Prims 65p; Pink Arabis 70p;
Aub 70p; Poly 35p

BEDDING PLANTS

Please note next week
Bedding Plant Sales start at the earlier time of 9.30am

A good trade throughout.

Prices: Pansy £1.10; Viola £1.10; Bellis £1.10; Aub (12) £1.70; H Hocl £1.50; Verb (4) £1.40

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Thursday 18th March 2010

87 CULL COWS, BULLS AND OTM CATTLE

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

A similar entry of cows again met a good trade to average 96p. It was a steer again which topped the section. A bargain at £1078 for a 9 year old !!. Black and white cows to £862 ave. £576.

Cows details from Roy Waller

<u>COWS</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>P/kg</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Parish</u>
	Limousin x	826	120	991.20	Aston by Budworth
	British Blue x	740	130	962.00	North Rode
	Limousin x	766	119	911.54	Aston by Budworth
	Saler	810	111	899.10	Harriseahead
	Friesian	806	107	862.42	Marton
	Limousin x	732	114	834.48	Aston by Budworth
	Holstein x	770	108	831.60	Middlewich
	Holstein x	774	107	828.18	Buglwaton
	Limousin x	692	119	823.48	Aston by Budworth
	Limousin x	702	117	821.34	Knutsford

BULL	Montbeliarde	716	115	823.40	Horton
STEER	Friesian	980	110	1078.00	Middleton

<u>Cull Cow</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Ave Pr/kg</u>	<u>Min Pr/kg</u>	<u>Max Pr/kg</u>
Holstein x	39	91.28	66.00	108.00
Friesian	19	90.45	60.00	110.00
Hereford	5	101.41	86.00	110.00
Charolais x	2	94.98	78.00	108.00
Simmental x	1			113.00
Limousin x	7	117.51	113.00	120.00
Blonde x	1			110.00
British Blue x	1			130.00
Jersey	1			71.00
Shorthorn	2	94.34	84.00	103.00
Aberdeen Angus	2	91.02	73.00	107.00
Blue Albion	1			102.00
Saler	1			111.00
Cull Bull				
Montbeliarde	1			115.00
Steer				
Friesian	1			110.00

940 BUTCHERS LAMBS****TOP SPOT ******255.0p/kg (45.8kg) Texel Crosses R & S Bailey, Rushton Spencer****Overall Average: 185.4p/kg**

An outstanding trade for the very best, with 13 pens making over 220p/kg, and 11 pens of lambs grossing over £100 apiece, up to £118.56 for Roger and Simon Bailey's 49.4 kg Texel crosses.

Nearly half the entry consisted of lambs weighing in excess of 45kg, which limits the market somewhat, with most export and retail customers wanting lambs between 35 and 44kg. Demand for the heavier sorts, however held up well. Apart from the premium quality pens, most heavier lambs made between 160 and 185p/kg thereby grossing up well. A few pens of leaner sorts drew out the feeding customers, so, all through, everything sold well.

Quality Averages (all weights)	Max.	Ave.
Premium	255.0p/kg	219.5p/kg
Prime	208.0p/kg	197.0p/kg
Others	186.0p/kg	179.5p/kg

Top Five Pens per Kilo

	P/kg	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1	248.0	43.6	Texel x	R & S Bailey
2	248.0	47.2	Texel x	R & S Bailey
3	240.0	40.6	Texel x	R Johnson, Frodsham
4	240.0	48.4	Texel x	R & S Bailey
5	240.0	49.4	Texel x	R & S Bailey

Top Five Pens per Head

	£	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1	118.56	49.4	Texel x	R & S Bailey
2	118.32	51.0	Texel x	R & S Bailey
3	118.05	49.6	Texel x	R & S Bailey
4	117.06	47.2	Texel x	R & S Bailey
5	116.79	45.8	Texel x	R & S Bailey

123 CULL EWES & RAMS*Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams******Overall Average £75.12*****

**Texel crosses to £120; Suffolk crosses to £112; Charollais crosses to £101;
Texel Rams to £103**

Strong trade again, with all decent sized meated ewes in excess of £80; half meated and smaller breeds mostly £60 -£80; and only a few very lean ewes at less than £50, with few feeding buyers able to compete with wholesale customers.

41 BUTCHERS CATTLE AT 12 NOON

Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

Desperately short of Cattle today, with several buyers unable to even start buying on regular orders. Those vendors who did bring cattle were well rewarded with a lovely trade from the off, the highlight being two outstanding cattle from Stuart Baldwin.

His Steer topped the trade ay 205p, which at 590kg grossed up at £1209.50, but was beaten to the maximum headage price by his wonderful 640kg Heifer, at 640kg and £1299.20.

Messrs Edgworth saw their best Steer level at £1142, with top quality Steers and Heifers all in excess of 160p/kg.

The majority of Bulls were once again dairy bred, including mostly black and whites which again sold to strong demand, with the best of the Continental crosses to 152p, 150p etc.

Number		Top p/kg	Average
10	STEERS	205.0	151.6
12	HEIFERS	203.0	153.4
19	BULLS	152.0	130.3
Steers		TOP P/KG	AVERAGE P/KG
0	Premium		
9	Prime	155.0	143.11
5	Other	124.0	120.4
Heifers			
2	Premium	188.0	182.3
13	Prime	176.0	144.25
0	Other		
Bulls			
3	Premium	172.0	170.0
11	Prime	167.0	152.54
13	Other	139.0	127.78

TOP FIVE BULLS

	BREED	KG	P/KG	PARISH
1	Limousin x	586.0	152.0	Winwick
2	Limousin x	570.0	150.0	Winwick
3	Blue x	496.0	150.0	Burtonwood
4	Blue x	528.0	150.0	High Legh
5	Blue x	472.0	144.0	Burtonwood

TOP TEN CATTLE

	BREED	KG	P/KG	PARISH
1	Blue x Steer	590	205.0	Wigan
2	Blue x Heifer	640	203.0	Wigan
3	Limousin x Heifer	552	184.0	Balterley
4	Limousin x Heifer	552	172.0	Wincham
5	Blue x Heifer	546	172.0	Preston on the Hill
6.	Blue x Steer	648	168.0	Marston
7.	Limousin x Steer	684	167.0	Wincham
8.	Limousin x Heifer	536	161.0	Marston
9.	Blue x Steer	604	150.0	Knutsford
10.	Limousin x Heifer	584	146.0	Balterley

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

Monday 19th April

Spring Sale of Coloured Dairy Breeds

Saturday 24th April

Society Show and Sale of Highland Cattle

Monday 7th June

Summer Society Show and Sale of Dairy Shorthorns

Monday 14th June

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.