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CHELFORD REVIEW REPORTS w/c 8th MARCH 2010

SPECIAL ENTRIES

Monday 22nd March 2010

Store Cattle at 11.00am

6 Angus x Hfrs 26-28 m, 6 Bazadaise x Blue Hfrs, 6 Limousin x & Blonde x Bulls 10 mo

Store and Breeding Sheep

28 Mule Ewe Lambs in-lamb to Texel

Spring Sale of Breeding Bulls

2 Pedigree Hereford Young Bulls, 2 Pure Bred Galloway Black Bulls 21 mo, 2 Whitebred Shorthorns,
Pedigree Limousin Bull

Wednesday 17th March 2010

Special Sale of Trees, Hedging and Shrubs at 10.30am in conjunction with the usual weekly sale.

Further details Jonathan Farrall

EASTER LAMBS SHOW AND SALE

"The Start of the New Season !"

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH

Kindly sponsored by Alan Read Esq. BOCM Pauls;

Massey Feeds Ltd; Hornby Snape Insurance

Charollais Sheep Society

Entry Forms available.

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

LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MONDAY 8th MARCH 2010

234 CALVES AT 9.30AM

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

168 Bull Calves ave. £110.78 66 Heifer Calves ave. £163.47

A larger entry of some smaller calves met a fair trade. Some smaller black and whites looked value for money. 14 breeds represented. Longhorn x Heifers to £158.

Bulls	Qty	Ave	Pr/ Hd	Min Pr/Hd	Max Pr/Hd	Parish
Holstein x	39	53.51	10.00	120.00	Byley	
Friesian	28	32.64	8.00	130.00	Twemlow	
Ayrshire	7	26.00	14.00	74.00	Siddington	
Hereford	22	140.82	35.00	215.00	Caverswall	
Simmental x	13	266.54	194.00	298.00	Gawsworth	
Limousin x	10	213.20	80.00	300.00	Smallwood	
Blonde D'Aquitaine x	1	285.00	285.00	285.00	Mere	
British Blue	15	245.67	120.00	335.00	Mobberley	
Jersey	16	15.00	10.00	22.00	Siddington	
Shorthorn	1	80.00	80.00	80.00	Medhurst Green	
Aberdeen Angus	11	162.45	28.00	276.00	Whatcroft	
Montbeliarde	3	170.67	120.00	260.00	Leek	
Swedish Red	1	90.00	90.00	90.00	Agden	
Longhorn	1	54.00	54.00	54.00	Lower Withington	
Heifers						
Holstein x	1	16.00	16.00	16.00	Kermincham	
Hereford	17	129.12	14.00	210.00	Mobberley	
Simmental x	21	204.19	100.00	268.00	Sandbach	
Limousin x	9	147.22	65.00	220.00	Aston by Budworth	
British Blue	10	188.00	135.00	260.00	High Legh	
Shorthorn	1	138.00	138.00	138.00	Medhurst Green	
Aberdeen Angus	3	117.33	26.00	164.00	Chapel en le Frith	
Montbeliarde	2	186.50	155.00	218.00	Leek	
Longhorn	2	111.00	64.00	158.00	Lower Withington	

Top Price Bulls	£	Parish	Top Price Heifers	£	Parish
British Blue	355.00	Mobberley	British Blue	268.00	Sandbach
British Blue	320.00	High Legh	Simmental x	260.00	Rushton
Limousin x	300.00	Smallwood	Simmental x	250.00	Horton
Simmental x	298.00	Gawsworth	Simmental x	244.00	Rushton
British Blue	295.00	Haslingden	Simmental x	236.00	Marton
Simmental x	292.00	Sandbach	British Blue	230.00	Siddington
Limousin x	290.00	Smallwood	Simmental x	225.00	Horton
British Blue	290.00	High Legh	Simmental x	224.00	Smallwood
Simmental x	290.00	Gawsworth	Limousin x	224.00	Aston by Budworth
Limousin x	290.00	Bradwall	Simmental x	218.00	Rudheath
British Blue	285.00	High Legh	Montbeliarde	218.00	Leek
Blonde x	285.00	Mere	Simmental x	216.00	Mobberley
Simmental x	285.00	Marton			

792 HEADS OF POULTRY AT 10.00AM

Auctioneer: Andrew Sellick

Another increased entry for the Monday sales and a varied entry today with good prices achieved.

Prices. Bronze Turkey £16; Orpington £15; Indian Game £10; Speckled Sussex £14; Light Sussex £12; Calls £16.

DAIRY CATTLE AT 10.45AM

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

A surprisingly short entry after recent weeks. Stronger offering and a trade to match. Today's heifer came from Messrs. Bickerton who are ceasing milk production. They sold a Brown Swiss x heifer at a healthy £1450 to a local farmer!

BEEF BREEDING CATTLE (following Dairy Cattle)

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

The 'reserve' Auctioneer was brought off the bench for a run round!

Some lovely outfits forward and a cracking trade. Paul Brook sold a cracking Blue cow with Limousin bull calf to £1390. Alan Davenport's Simmental cow made £1090 with her Blonde calf and Messrs. Stockley sold a Charolais cow and calf to £1040.

133 STORE CATTLE AT 11.00AM

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

A very encouraging increase in store cattle numbers and some real quality for Chelford's weekly contingent of buyers to choose from.

41 Steers, with consignments from local producers and from neighbouring Counties of Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire. Forward Angus x from Mr. Hassall, Tarporley peaked at £935. Will Bushell sold a Simmental x to £875 and Messrs. Darlington consigned a super run of home bred Limousin x to £870. At the younger end, smart suckler bred yearlings made up to £785 for John and Ruth Potts.

After a couple of low heifer entries the Spring weather found a healthy 70 to go at! Mr. Hassall was in top spot again with a Simmental x at £835 and plenty of forward Heifers made over £700 including a superb youngster from Nick Hunt at £740.

22 Bulls - the best entry for several weeks, both in term of numbers and quality! Short keep bulls from Will Bushell sold to £795 and £715 with younger suckler bred types from Messrs. Coward getting to £605.

Steers	Age	£	Parish
AA x	21m	935	Kelsall, Tarporley
Sim x	25m	875	Biddulph Moor
Sim x	25m	870	Biddulph Moor
Lim x	15m	870	Scholar Green x 3
Lim x	15m	850	Scholar Green
Sim x	23m	845	Lostock Gralam x 4
Sim x	24m	795	Alt Hill
BB x	10m	785	Over Alderley

Heifers	Age	£	Parish
Sim x	26m	835	Kelsall x 2
Her x	23m	780	Kelsall x 2
BB x	23m	770	Haslington x 2
Sim x	23m	770	Ashley
Sim x	24m	765	Alt Hill
Lim x	11m	740	Ashton under Lyne
Sim x	18m	725	Heaton, Rushton
Lim x	15m	715	Scholar Greem x 2

Bulls	Age	£	Parish
Her x	11m	795	Dunham Masey
Her x	11m	715	Dunham Massey
Ch x	9m	605	Kettleshulme
Her x	8m	595	Dunham Massey
Ch x	8m	580	Kettleshulme

Ch x	8m	555	Kettleshulme
Ch x	20m	555	New Mills
Ch x	9m	528	New Mills x 2

191 PIGS 11.00AM
Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

6 Cull Sows and Boars

A small entry met a similar trade with best sows to 60p to average £140.84

1 Boar ave. 31p
5 Sows 56p – 60p ave. 58.15p

Sows: £156.94	Biddulph
£142.80	Bradnop
£142.78	Droylsden

70 BUTCHERS PIGS
Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

A few less on offer met an improved trade with best shaped pigs over 90p to a top of 105p/kg. Coloured pigs from 60p-72p.

3	Porkers	66p – 76p	ave. 69.35p
25	Cutter	60p – 105p	ave. 83.80p
40	Baconer	60p - 99p	ave. 83.70p
2	Overweight	68p – 73p	ave. 70.38p
70	Overall		ave. 82.75p

Prices.

105p	Cutter	Dungworth
99p	Baconer	Alsop en le Dale
99p	Cutter	Dungworth
98p	Baconer	Dungworth
98p	Cutter	Droylsden

115 STORE & BREEDING PIGS AT 12 NOON
Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

Only a small entry of store pigs met a good trade for best shaped sorts.

£/head	Weight	Vendor
63	46	Smallwood
45	37	Allostock
40 Pietrain x	17	Elworth
34	26	Pwllheli
30	44	Melton Mowbray
28	31	Dunham Massey
23	11	Thurlston
20 coloured	21	Leigh
18 coloured	27	Sheffield

Already entered for Monday 5th April – 3 Gilts and Pietrain Litters.

145 BREEDING SHEEP

Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley

A few more families on offer met a firm trade. Couples sold to £160 and singles to £120.

Prices of Note:	Top	Average
Triplets	£150	£150
Couples	£160	£151
Single	£120	£108

Plenty of interest in the in lamb ewes on offer selling to a top of £130 for shearlings down to £100 for broken mouth. Still demand for store hoggets selling to £60. Cades in demand from £19 - £22.

32 LOADS OF FARM PRODUCE at 12.30pm

Auctioneer: Alan Lane

A smaller than expected entry today and perhaps the previous warning of a straw shortage this winter is now being shown with less than one third of the entry being straw. The result was an exceptional demand and prices achieved not previously seen this season. Big bale barley straw made £88 (including marked bales) to £98 per tonne. Big bale wheat £70 - £80 per tonne, these prices being similar to small bale barley at £98 and small bale wheat at £80 per tonne.

21 loads of haylage and silage attracted keen interest also with winter far from over yet. Good quality small bale hay made up to £148 per tonne and big bale hay (not 1st quality) to a top of £95 with 2nd quality big bale hay generally £50 - £60.

The best horse quality haylage made £86 with other loads at £35 - £44 per tonne and wrapped silage at £24 per tonne.

Tonnes	Commodity	From £	To £	Average £
15.94	1 st quality Small Bale Hay	135	156	146
1.42	Other Small Bale Hay	115	115	115
4.1	1 st Quality Big Bale Hay	95	95	95
39.52	Other Big Bale Hay	42	64	52
2.9	Small Bale Barley Straw	98	98	98
19.38	Big Bale Barley Straw	88	98	93
44.23	Big Bale Wheat Straw	70	80	74
6.42	1 st quality Wrapped Haylage	86	86	86
47	Other Silage/Haylage	24	50	41
7.74	Fodder Beet	25	25	25
8.18	Fodder Beet	26	26	26

HORTICULTURAL REPORTS

WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2010

SHRUBS, TREES & CONIFERS AT 10.30AM

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

A slight improvement in trade, possibly due to Mothering Sunday, but definitely helped by the better weather.

Prices. Large Rhododendron £34, Juniper £12, Salix Caprea £9, Rhododendron £9, Acer £12, Cryptomeria £12.50, Portuguese Laurel £12, Cordyline £8

****Topiary Box £75****

Holy £5, Betula 'Jackmonti' £18, Mayonia £8, Palm £18, Magnolia £25

Wednesday 17th March sees the Special Sale of Trees, Hedging and Shrubs at 10.30am. Please phone for further details

295 ITEMS OF GARDEN SUNDRIES at 10.00am

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

The large machinery sale entry met a good trade – Wood £2, Mowers £55, Trolley £40.

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

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

1544 dozen EGGS

A similar entry met a good trade.

Prices.	Extra Large	£1.20	Free Range Extra Large	£1.50
	Large	£1.00	Free Range Large	£1.20
	Medium	£0.95	Free Range Medium	£1.00
	Small	£0.70		

Quail 70p. Duck £2.30 Goose Eggs to £1.20

1621 bags POTATOES and STOCK FEED CARROTS at approx.11.30am

A few less met an improved trade.

Prices.	Piper	£3.00	Bakers x 50	£4.50
	Wilja	£2.50	Graded Mids	£4.50
	Nadine	£2.25		
	Valor	£1.75		
	Saxon	£2.25		
Stock Feed	Carrots	£ 1.00		
	Rolled Oats	£ 3.25	Barley Straw	£2.25
	Rolled Barley	£ 2.75	Hay	£2.00

1174 PACKAGES OF VEGETABLES at approx.12 noon

A small seasonal entry met a good trade.

Prices.

Cabbage Hard x 10	£3.50	Carrot	Washed	£2.75
Savoy x 6	£2.25		Dirty	£3.50
Tundra x 6	£3.00		large washed	£1.25
Onion		Leek	x 10lb	£4.00
x 20kg	£6.75	Swede	x 12.5kg	£4.25
x 12.5 kg	£4.00	Beetroot		£2.50
sm. x 4kg	£1.75	Parsnip x 10kg		£1.75
Red x 6	£5.00			
Lettuce Gatwick x 12	£4.00			
Flat x 12	£4.00			

<p align="center">CUT FLOWERS & POTTED PLANTS AT 12.30pm Auctioneer: Nigel Ashley</p>

139 BUNCHES CUT FLOWERS

More on offer met a very fast trade for all.

Mothering Sunday Flowers:

Chrysanthemums	£2.00	Roses	£2.10
Mixed Bouquets	£1.80	Carnations Bloom	£1.70
Alstro	£1.50	Spray Carnations	£1.40
Tulip	£1.40	Gerbera	£1.40

562 LOTS OF POT PLANTS

Another large entry met a similar good demand.

Prices. Cineraria £1.60; Mini Rose £1.30; Orchid £7.00; Hyacinth Bowl £2.00; Azalea £3.00; Kalanchoe £1.10; Pot Lily £3.00. Tete A Tete £1.30; Primula 50p; Double Primula 50p; Ivy £1.00; Aubretia 80p; Viola x 6 £1.00; Pansy x 6 £1.10; Bellis 35p; Begonia Plug 10p; Planted Wheelbarrow £26.00; Planted Trugs £15.00; Cone Baskets £6.00

Thursday 11th March 2010

92 CULL COWS, BULLS AND OTM CATTLE

Auctioneer: Roy Waller

A few more about and a good trade again. Last week we sold a Black & White cow at over £1,000, this week it was the turn of an over 30 month steer to take the headlines at £1287.12. Yes 1038kg x 124p!! Sold by an Alderley Edge Farmer and bought by a meat plant from Bedfordshire.

Trade for cows is good and all set for the seasonal shortage of numbers which, dare I say, will be reflected in the price.

Any Cow marketing call Roy Waller or roy.waller@frankmarshall.co.uk

<u>COWS</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>P/kg</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Parish</u>
	Holstein x	944	96	906.24	Lydgate
	Friesian	876	99	867.24	Alderley Edge
	Holstein x	870	99	861.30	Mere
	Holstein x	808	106	856.48	Mere
	Holstein x	842	101	850.42	Buglawton
	British Blue x	756	111	839.16	Scholar Green
	Simmental x	774	106	820.44	Scholar Green
	Friesian	812	101	820.12	Prestbury
	Holstein x	812	101	820.12	Buglawton
	Holstein x	776	105	814.80	Prestbury
BULL	Charolais x	596	112	667.52	Diggle
	Charolais x	558	104	580.32	Diggle
STEER	Limousin x	1038	124	1287.12	Alderley Edge
	Holstein x	718	110	789.90	Longdon

<u>Cull Cows</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Ave PR/KG</u>	<u>Min PR/KG</u>	<u>Max PR/KG</u>
Holstein x	47	92.44	51.00	114.00
Friesian	28	90.05	67.00	102.00
Simmental x	1	106.00	106.00	106.00
Limousin x	3	103.23	90.00	115.00
B Blue x	2	112.81	111.00	115.00
Jersey	3	81.60	69.00	97.00
Shorthorn	2	86.81	70.00	99.00
Aberdeen Angus	1	107.00	107.00	107.00

682 **BUTCHERS SHEEP AT 10.30AM**
Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

610 BUTCHERS LAMBS

****TOP SPOT ****

240.0p/kg (46.8kg) Texel Crosses R & S Bailey, Rushton Spencer

Overall Average: 195.5p/kg

What a super trade throughout! As usual, a tremendous premium for all top quality types again led by another great run of lambs from Roger and Simon Bailey. This week, however, demand was even stronger than ever for those below the top tier of quality, with, the result that many vendors would see lambs making some 10p/kg more than similar quality last week.

General shortage due to lambing commitments, added to changes in the Euro/Pound exchange rate assisting exports, have all driven on upsurge in price levels this week.

Quality Averages (all weights)	Max.	Ave.
Premium	240.0p/kg	214.5p/kg
Prime	210.0p/kg	203.2p/kg
Others	190.0p/kg	184.5p/kg

Top Five Pens per Kilo

	P/kg	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1	236.0	47.0	Texel x	R & S Bailey
2	232.0	48.0	Texel x	R & S Bailey
3	226.0	51.0	Texel x	R & S Bailey
4	224.0	50.0	Texel x	R & S Bailey
5	224.0	35.2	Texel x	R Johnson, Frodsham

Top Five Pens per Head

	£	Kg	Breed	Vendor
1	115.26	51.0	Texel x	R & S Bailey
2	112.32	46.8	Texel x	R & S Bailey
3	112.00	50.0	Texel x	R & S Bailey
4	111.36	48.0	Texel x	R & S Bailey
5	110.92	47.0	Texel x	R & S Bailey

72 CULL EWES & RAMS
Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams

*****Overall Average £63.64*****

Texel Crosses to £100; Suffolk Cross Mules to £100

No difference in trade, but a very small proportion of quality, well fleshed ewes on offer. Best meated sorts to £100, but most of today's entry was of the plainer variety, and mostly between £50 and £70.

57 BUTCHERS CATTLE AT 12 NOON

Auctioneer: Jonathan Farrall

A mixed bag of cattle sold accordingly!

Best "fleshy" cattle of all classes sold on a very strong trade but the plainer sorts and those kept a little too long had an obvious effect on the averages.

A disappointing entry of steers returned a price average of 143p selling to 155p for Doug and Pete Richardsons Limousin x. Farm Assurance made a BIG difference and pushed Hereford's to 143p.

Heifer trade showed marked improvement selling to 188p for Reg Beard's Limousin x and returning an average of almost 150p.

Bulls would be best sold on the day, anything well meated was 150p and with a superb run of Continentals from Geoff Warburton peaking at 172, 169, 167 etc ec.

Meaty Friesians sold to 149p for Frank Longden and were typically mid -30's.

Number		Top p/kg	Average
14	STEERS	155	135.83
15	HEIFERS	188	149.98
28	BULLS	172	141.85
57	OVERALL AVERAGE		142.45

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

	<u>BREED</u>	<u>KG</u>	<u>P/KG</u>	<u>PARISH</u>
1	Blonde x	638	172	Lower Whitley
2	Bazadaise x	676	169	Lower Whitley
3	British Blue x	576	169	Chinley
4	Limousin x	634	167	Lower Whitley
5	Bazadaise x	516	166	Lower Whitley

TOP TEN CATTLE

	<u>BREED</u>	<u>KG</u>	<u>P/KG</u>	<u>PARISH</u>
1	Limousin x H	572	188	Balterley
2	Limousin x H	558	176	Balterley
3	Blonde x H	422	176	Billinge
4	Blonde x H	520	159	Billinge
5	Limousin x S	592	15	Plumley
6.	Limousin x H	458	154	Marston
7.	Limousin x H	588	150	Plumley
8.	British Blue x S	712	149	Gt Warford
9.	British Blue x S	644	145	Gt Warford
10.	Limousin x H	668	145	Rudyard

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

Monday 22nd March

Spring Sale of Breeding Bulls

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.