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TAVISTOCK LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT JULY FAIR CATTLE & SHEEP SALE 7TH JULY 2026

252 CATTLE & 100 SHEEP



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Stags Auctioneers report another good entry of cattle and sheep at the July Fair Sale which included the Special Show & Sale of Galloway Cattle. The sale began with the cattle where trade was very similar to last months with best trade for the younger cattle again.

Top price today was £2700 for a 4yo South Devon Cow with her 1 month old South Devon heifer calf at foot from Messrs RJM Osborne & Sons of North Bovey. The same vendor also had a 3yo South Devon cow with her 1 month old South Devon heifer calf to £2550. South Devon breeding heifers sold to £1760 for 3 23mo purebreds for Messrs J & D Cossens of Peter Tavy.

The sale began with the grazing cows where prices topped at £1860 for a 7yo Hereford x cow from Westcott Farms of Brentor; the same vendor having other cows to £1800, £1770, £1770 and £1700.

Breeding Bulls sold to £1900 for a 13mo Saler from Messrs SJ Hatherley & Mrs KE Rendle of Tamerton Foliot.

In the Galloway section the breeding heifers met a very strong trade with prices topping at £1920 for 2 24mo Blue Grey heifers which were the top prize from Messrs CD, DM & SK Alford & Son of South Zeal; who also had 3 other similar heifers to £1900. Other heifer prices included £1500 for 5 20mo Blue Greys's from Messrs WH & A Willcocks of Ivybridge.

Galloway steers topped at £1540 for 2 26mo from Messrs EM Alford & Son of Tavistock which were awarded 2nd prize in the steer section. 1st prize went to a pen of 5 15mo Galloway steers from Messrs KC & JC Heard of Okehampton which sold to £1350.

In the store cattle pens prices topped at £2080 for a Beef Shorthorn x steer from Messrs WA & EJ Uglow of Milton Abbot. The same vendor also topped the heifers at £1980 for a 26mo Beef Shorthorn x with others selling to £1890.

Younger store cattle were also in very strong demand with prices topping at £1720 twice. Firstly for 5 12mo South Devon's from Messrs GTJ & AR Medland of Tavistock and

also for 2 12mo Charolais x for the same vendor. The same vendor also having other pens of steers to £1680, £1660, £1630, £1620 and £1600. Other younger steers included £1670 for 13mo Charolais x from Messrs G Abel & Son LTD of Peter Tavy and £1580 for 14mo Aberdeen Angus x from Brightstone Galloways of Brentor.

Younger heifers sold to £1590 for 4 13mo Charolais x from Messrs GTJ & AR Medland of Tavistock with the same vendor also selling 5 12mo Charolais x to £1580 and 2 12mo Charolais x to £1520. Other younger heifers included £1520 for 2 13mo Beef Shorthorn x from Messrs EM Alford & Son of Tavistock; £1400 for 13mo Charolais x from Messrs G Abel & Son LTD of Peter Tavy and £1260 for 13mo Aberdeen Angus x from Brightstone Galloways of Brentor.

In the medium age store cattle (15-20mo) prices sold to £1760 twice for 2 17mo Aberdeen Angus x heifers from Westcott Farms of Brentor and secondly for 2 19mo Beef Shorthorn x heifers from Messrs EM Alford & Son of Tavistock; £1680 for 2 19mo Welsh Black steers from Messrs DH & C Legassick of Sheepstor who also had 3 19mo Limousin x steers to £1670 and 3 19mo Welsh Black steers to £1660; £1590 for 17mo Aberdeen Angus x steers for Messrs EM Alford & Son of Tavistock.

There were a few more pens of store bulls which sold to £1310 for 6 13mo South Devon's from Messrs J & D Cossens of Peter Tavy. Overage steers sold to £1360 for a pen of Belted Galloways from R & S Perryman of north Bovey.

100 SHEEP

Couples

A small entry of couples as the season draws to an end with the majority of the show being those late lambers and out of season sheep. That said, still buyers looking for them and a reasonable trade for those on offer.

Topped at £168 for a pen of broke mouth single couples from Mr MH Northmore of Horrabridge.

Store Hogs

The last entry of store hogs for the season before we move to the opening sale of store lambs next month. All but two hogs forward had cut their teeth yet very little difference in trade.

Topped at £129 for a pen of scaled store hogs from Messrs SA & NS Mudge of Tavistock and averaged £109.38

Grazing Ewes

A pleasing entry of 53 for the time of year with several buyers around the pens actively looking for ewes. A real show of hill and grazing ewes look very well sold when reflected in the overall average of £108.44. Grazing rams averaged £112.67.

Topping the grazing ewe section was seen for Messrs SA & NS Mudge of Tavistock for their pen of ewes achieving £142.

Topping the grazing ram section was seen for Messrs GTJ & AR Medland of Tavistock for their pen of rams achieving

BREED	STEERS TOPPED	STEERS AVERAGE	HEIFERS TOPPED	HEIFERS AVERAGE
ABERDEEN ANGUS	£1590	£1113.10	£1760	£1285
BELTED GALLOWAY	£1360	£1095.83	-	-
BEEF SHORTHORN	£2080	£1646.25	£1980	£1738.30
HEREFORD	£1620	£1404	-	-
WELSH BLACK	£1720	£1608	-	-
SALER	£1350	£1200	-	-
CHAROLAIS	£1720	£1570.80	£1590	£1404.10
LIMOUSIN	£1720	£1591.25	£1500	£940
SOUTH DEVON	£1900	£1420	£1580	£1553.30
GALLOWAY	£1540	£1165.80	£1240	£1920



The South West July Fodder & Livestock Online Timed Auction

LIVE ON FRIDAY

LOTS INCLUDE

Sheep, Cattle, Horses & Donkeys, Pigs, Goats & Poultry. Flock Dispersals of Greyface Dartmoors, Suffolks and a large quantity of Dutch Spotted. Also including Highland Cows & a small herd of Simmental Cattle!

LOTS CLOSE SUNDAY 19TH JULY



WE ARE HIRING!

Drovers wanted every Thursday for our weekly South Molton Livestock Market.

MAIN DUTIES

Picking and droving of sheep with occasional scanning.

Opportunity for additional hours may become available to the right candidate.

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RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS

Continued demand for rental property

The rental market in West Devon, particularly Tavistock, remains strong, with steady demand for affordable homes. The area continues to attract tenants thanks to its proximity to Dartmoor and good access to Plymouth and Exeter for commuters.

Demand remains highest for 1–3 bedroom properties priced between £650–£1,100 pcm, as these tend to offer the best balance of affordability and space for a wide range of tenants, from single occupants to small families. Well-presented homes in this bracket often let quickly, particularly when located close to local amenities or transport links. Properties above this range are still letting but typically see a slightly longer marketing period as the tenant pool becomes more limited and expectations around quality and features increase. For landlords, this market continues to offer a reliable income stream with competitive yields when properties are priced and presented well.

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