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TAVISTOCK LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT AUGUST FAIR CATTLE & SHEEP SALE 4TH AUGUST 2026

175 CATTLE & 265 SHEEP



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Stags Auctioneers at Tavistock Livestock Centre Report a smaller entry of cattle and sheep at their annual catalogued August Fair Sale. The sale started with the cattle where trade was steadier with the lack of grass, falling beef price and blue tongue causing buyers to be more cautious in their buying.

Top price in the store cattle pens was £2320 for 2 17mo Limousin x steers from Mr AJ Eggins of Roborough. Mr AJ Eggins also had other steers at £2120 for 3 17mo Limousin x and £1990 for 3 16mo Limousin x. The same vendor also had top price heifers at £2080 for 2 25mo Limousin x and had other pens of heifers to £1960 for 3 17mo Limousin x.

Younger cattle topped at £1950 for 14mo Limousin x steers from Mr J Bakehouse of Beaworthy. Younger heifers topped at £1460 for 4 14mo Charolais x from Mr MH Northmore of Yelverton.

There was an excellent run of mainly Charolais x and South Devon x cattle from the Medland Family. There prices topped at £1640 for 2 14mo South Devon steers with other steer prices including £1530 for 5 13mo Charolais x; £1480 for 3 12mo Charolais x; £1470 for 6 12mo Charolais x; £1460 for 3 12mo South Devons; £1450 for 4 12mo Charolais x. The same vendor had heifer pens to £1290 for 6 13mo Charolais x and £1210 for 4 12mo Charolais x.

Other notable prices in the store cattle pens included £1840 for 2 25mo Welsh Black heifers with the same vendor having £1620 for 3 14mo Charolais x steers and £1420 for 2 12mo Saler x steers. £1420 for 3 17mo Aberdeen Angus x steers from Mrs L Knight of High Hampton who also had 2 23mo Holstein Friesian steers to £1340. £1700 for a 28mo Hereford x heifer from Mr B Grindley of Sampford Courtney who also had 2 10mo Hereford heifers to £1100. £1530 for 3

26mo Stabiliser heifers from Mr LC Branfield of Princetown.

There was a good entry of 14 grazing cows with prices topping at £1880 for a 15 year old Limousin x cow (FABBL) for Messrs J & S Eggins of Yelverton. Other prices included £1870 for a 10 year old Blonde x cow for Westcott Farms of Brentor and £1790 for a 10 year old Hereford x cow from Mr MH Northmore of Yelverton.

265 SHEEP

Breeding Ewes

A pleasing entry of 85 breeding ewes met an easier trade which was expected. Several buyers interested in breeding ewes but sceptical to bid with the lack of grass and risk of bluetongue but with that said a 100% clearance rate.

Top of the day was £200 for a pen of pure Poll Dorset shearling ewes from Mr B Grindley of Sampford Courtney with others from the same home to £170. Mr R Hill of Lewdown sold his usual quality run of Suffolk x Cheviot 2T to a top of £188 with others to £182 (x2) and £180, with purer type Cheviots to £180.

Store Lambs

A nice little entry for our opening sale of store lambs. Plenty of lighter, leaner and hill bred sorts on offer with the same scepticism as the ewes regarding bluetongue and lack of grass, despite this plenty of buyers looking for store lambs. A lot more expected next month for St Johns Fair with some goo numbers already received.

Topping the store lambs at £107 was seen for Messrs CD, DM & SK Alford of South Zeal for his Suffolk x lambs with others of the same type to £94 and Texel x from the same home to £105.50. Mr HT Davis of Chagford sold his Suffolk x lambs to £96 with Mule wethers to £85. Mr KJ Watson of Postbridge sol Cheviot x lambs to £87.

Grazing Ewes

A short entry of grazing ewes met an electric trade, all lean and hill bred ewes on offer with plenty of demand.

Topping the ewes at £127 for a Cheviot ewe was Mr KJ Watson of Postbirdge with Suffolk x ewes from the same home to £121 and Dartmoor ewes to £88. Beulah ewes from HT Davis realised £88.

BREED	STEERS TOPPED	STEERS AVERAGE	HEIFERS TOPPED	HEIFERS AVERAGE
ABERDEEN ANGUS	£1420	£1420	-	-
BRITISH BLUE	£1340	£1340	-	-
HEREFORD	£1200	£1153.33	£1700	£1222.50
WELSH BLACK	£1380	£1514.67	£1840	£1840
SALER	£1420	£1420	-	-
CHAROLAIS	£1620	£1447.65	£1460	£1289.03
LIMOUSIN	£2320	£2036.67	£2080	£2008
SOUTH DEVON	£1640	£1497.78	£1580	£1460



The South West August Fodder, Crop & Livestock Online Timed Auction

ENTRIES INVITED

Running from: Friday 28th August until Sunday 6th
September

Entries Close on Monday 24th August

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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