

SALE REPORT

48th Midshires Produce Auction Sale of Hay, Straw and Fodder

Tuesday 26th November 2013

Demand for Silage Exceeds Expectations at Howkins & Harrison's First Produce Sale

An entry of approximately 3,500 tonnes was offered for sale at the A5 Service Park, Clifton Upon Dunsmore for the first Midshires Produce Auction of this winter, with fodder sold in five counties, including Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Buckinghamshire.

Overall, silage appeared to be in short supply after this summers superb harvesting conditions, where many people took advantage of the sunshine and elected to make hay instead. This boosted the price for silage and slightly eased back the price for hay. Mrs J Fowkes took the top spot for 2.1m Claas Quadrant Bales of top quality meadow hay at £35 per bale, closely followed by Messrs Bitteswell Farms for 2.4m Quadrant Bales at £29 per bale. New vendors, Messrs C J Springthorpe achieved £28 for 1.4m Quadrant Bales of first class seeds Haylage and £18 for Round Bales. Round Bales of Silage peaked at £19.50 for June made Silage.

The straw trade can only be described as spasmodic and it was noticeable how many of the hay and straw merchants in particular were not buying large quantities due to livestock still being outside in many counties. Heston Bales of both Wheat and Barley Straw achieved around £20 per bale with Claas Quadrant Bales reaching £16 to £16.50.

With Christmas rapidly approaching vendors are encouraged to enter lots for the next sale which is to be held on Tuesday 7th January 2014. Entries close for cataloguing on Monday 9th December to allow time for the catalogue to be printed and circulated prior to Christmas. Please contact Stuart Long, Shaun Barron or Chloe Gowling on 01788 564749.

SUMMARY OF PRICES

Meadow Hay	£
Claas Quadrant Bales – 2.1m	35.00
Claas Quadrant Bales- 2.4m	27.50 - 29
Conventional Bales	2.10 – 2.90
Round Bales	15.00 – 20.00
Grass Silage	£
Round Bales	13.50 – 19.50
Haylage	£
Round Bales	18.00 – 20.00
Claas Quadrant – 1.4m	28.00
Claas Quadrant – 1.2m	23.20
Produce for Delivery	£
Claas Quadrant Meadow Hay	35.00

Barley Straw	£
Heston Bales	20.20
Claas Quadrant Bales	16.50
Mengele Bales	12.50
Round Bales	10.20
Conventional Bales	1.92
Wheat Straw	£
Heston Bales	20.00
Claas Quadrant Bales	16.00
New Holland 8090 Bales	17.70
Round Bales	9.40
Oat Straw	£
Claas Quadrant Bales	17.20
Pea Straw	£
Welger 4050 Bales	9.80