

## STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, Gloucestershire 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Hay & Straw Auction Report SOCIALLY DISTANCED AUCTION SEES EXCEPTIONAL PRICES DUE TO LIMITED SUPPLY

The social distanced auction, which met government guidance, saw a busy day. With a booked-out room, many commission bids and a large number of telephone bidders, who couldn't attend the sale, led to competitive bidding. The demand, observed by the high clearance rates, led to exceptional prices as purchasers aimed to acquire supplies. Both dealers and farmers attended, with the latter securing supplies due to local collections elevating the prices. Typically we would have offered 6,500t at the first main auction of the season, but this year supply was only at 50% of this quantity and this would be characteristic of the season. Quality was variable leading to a wide range between the maximum and minimum values, and as one would expect the highest quality saw the highest prices ultimately supplying specialist markets.

The many requirements of the sale seemed very impersonable. These included that only buyers were allowed to attend; the requirement of booking in advance due to restricted numbers of the venue; an allowance of only one person per business; the wearing of facemasks throughout the sale and socially distanced seating. We thank all those involved for their adherence and respect, patience and cooperation in following these rules.

As in our October sale, the live streaming via Zoom assisted vendors to watch the sale, but also allowed the telephone bidders to follow the auction and observe the trade as it progressed.

Entries are now being invited for our next sale on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

	Size	0.9m x 1.2m x 2.4m	0.7m x 1.2m x 2.4m	0.8m x 0.9m x 2.4m	ROUND	Conventional	Average	Max	Min	Clearance
	Example	Claas 3300, MF187	Quadrant	D1010 MF185			On Square bales			
	Unit	£/bale	£/bale	£/bale	£/bale	£/bale	£/t	£/t	£/t	%
<b>STRAW</b>	W WHEAT	60	41	40	-	3.00	130	108	160	100%
	Sp WHEAT	-	38	-	-	-	120	112	126	100%
	W BARLEY	-	-	32	-	-	144	144	144	80%
	Sp BARLEY	61	29	35	-	-	126	100	140	100%
	OSR	-	-	43	-	-	132	132	132	100%
	LINSEED	22	15	16	-	-	45	44	46	100%
<b>HAY</b>	SEEDS	70	-	44	-	3.50	151	90	223	68%
	MEADOW	55	45	37	28	2.70	124	89	188	78%
	MIXTURE	47	-	36	-	2.10	110	100	125	100%
<b>HAYLAGE</b>	4ft length	33	-	-	-		122	75	152	48%

**The next Hay and Straw Sales for 2020-21 season at Stow-on-the-Wold are:**

FRIDAYS: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Entries Close 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020), 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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