

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018

The current year will certainly be remembered for a while, because of the weather challenges in the Spring and Summer. I hope we are now set for a more normal Autumn.

It was pleasing to see an increase in the total number of calves sold at our 2017 sales with an improvement of nearly all sale prices on a £/ head basis and p/kg. We again had great quality in the calves offered with average weights up for steers and heifers (+9kg for steers and 3kg for heifers).

Our 2017 sales are summarised below:-

2017

Sennybridge		Weight kg	£/head	p/kg	2016 p/kg
23/10/17	Steers	378	911	241	234
	Heifers	352	806	229	219
Number sold	387				
Knighton					
1/11/17	Steers	303	791	261	262
	Heifers	280	675	241	236
Number sold	373				

Combined sales totals were 760 calves for 2017 compared with 666 in 2016.

With winter forage stocks being down for most herds, autumn marketing of suckled calves is an option to ease pressure on forage stocks. The more entries we have also helps to attract buyer support from further afield.

I would like to thank our management committee, field officer and secretary for their help and also our sponsors for their continued support of our sale shows.

I look forward to meeting again at this year's sales and will be grateful of sale entries support for Sennybridge and Knighton sales.

Many thanks

David Thomas