

REPORT ON 2018 AUCTION SALE OF HAY AND STRAW

The 57th Adkin Annual Sale of Hay & Straw is the first to be held in conjunction with Thimbleby & Shorland for the express purpose of maintaining this important service to the farming community. The sale was held at Ardington, Oxfordshire on Tuesday 16th January 2018 and met with a lively trade. As ever the weather in the summer of 2017 had had a marked effect upon the fodder offered which overall was slightly down in quantity on recent years. The hay was generally of good quality and met with strong demand. The straw from the 2017 harvest inevitably suffered from the weather. Credit goes to our vendors for maintaining supplies. Those who entered met with prices far in excess of recent years.

We are grateful to our regular venders and to those who have joined us this year. We also thank our buyers for their continued support. We look forward to continued support as we move forward together with Thimbleby & Shorland.

The principal prices were:

HAY

Big Bales (100% Clearance)

Meadow Hay

Claas 2100 bales Organic Meadow Hay to £28.00 per bale (Marcham Farms Ltd) Claas 2100 bales Meadow Hay to £34.00 per bale (Marcham Farms Ltd) Claas 2100 bales Meadow Hay to £31.50 per bale (Dews Meadow Farm Ltd)

Conventional Bales (100% Clearance)

Meadow Hay to £3.25 per bale (A'Bear & Cox) Meadow Hay to £3.16 per bale (Mrs C Ackrill)

STRAW

Big Bales (100% Clearance)

Barley Straw

Claas 3200 bales of Winter Barley Straw to £33.75 per bale (Delafield Brothers) Claas 5200 bales to Spring Barley Straw to £33.33 per bale (WL Bowden & Son) Claas 3200 bales of Spring Barley Straw to £32.00 per bale (Gale Partnership)

Wheat Straw

Claas 3200 bales to £32.00 per bale (Gale Partnership) Claas 3200 bales to £31.88 per bale (Delafield Brothers)

Shortly before the sale we received information concerning hay for sale near Aylesbury and haylage near Henley but too late for inclusion in the catalogue. We would be pleased to receive enquiries for this. Please contact Philip Pocock on 01235 434380 or Christopher Boreham on 01189 508611