



NICK CHAMPION - TENBURY SHEEP SALE

9TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Nick Champion auctioneers report a near capacity entry of 3248 store lambs, breeding and cull ewes and rams were forward on the 9th September at the Sale Field, Tenbury Wells.

Breeding Ewes – 1628 Yearling and Two Year Olds

The prize sale of yearling ewes was judged by Ray Nicklin, Abberley who made the following awards:

Class 1 – Welsh Mule

- 1st - S J Yarnold & Sons, Eastham
- 2nd - B & E A Gutteridge, Eastham
- 3rd - R Corfield, Nash

Class 2 – North Country Mule

- 1st - S J Yarnold & Sons, Eastham
- 2nd - G J & D I R Thompson, Frith Common
- 3rd - G J & D I R Thompson, Frith Common

Class 3 – Suffolk x

- 1st - R J Pepper, Little Newcastle
- 2nd - A Rogers & Pts, Sutton
- 3rd - A J Pitt & Son, Thornbury

Class 4 – Continental x

- 1st - Mrs L Hoosenally, Newnham Bridge
- 2nd - R J Pepper, Little Newcastle
- 3rd - N A Liddell, Hatfield

The overall championship was awarded to S J Yarnold & Sons for their best pen of Welsh Mule ewes.

Trade was firm on the strongest well matched yearling ewes whilst second quality and smaller sorts were much more selective. Top price was £152 for Welsh Mules from B & E A Gutteridge, closely followed at £151 for the champion pen of Welsh Mules from S J Yarnold & Sons. North Country Mules yearlings were a solid trade throughout selling to a top of £142 from S J Yarnold & Sons. Suffolk x yearlings topped at £138 twice from R J Pepper and A Rogers & Pts. Continental x and any other breed yearlings topped at £139 from R J Pepper for Texel x. Two year olds topped at £121 for Beltex x from Middleton Farming.

Overall Prices

Welsh Mule yearlings sold from £90 to £152 to average £116.36
North Country Mule yearlings sold from £120 to £142 to average £134.17
Cheviot Mule two year old's sold from £92 to £110 to average £101.74
Suffolk x yearlings sold from £98 to £138 to average £126.56
Texel x yearlings sold from £90 to £139 to average £112.44

The overall average for yearlings was £122.76 (£125.74 – 2016)

Store and Ewe Lambs - 1547

Demand for lambs from the numerous buyers present was terrific from start to finish on an entry consisting of mainly small lambs which would be £5 dearer than recent sales. Despite the fall in the slaughter trade since the Eid festival wether lambs still topped at a creditable £82.50 for Texel x from Mrs A Champion, Rochford with ewe lambs topping at £88 for Suffolk x Mules from K Bowen, Hopton Bank. The few stronger lambs sold from £70 to £82.50. Medium size stores sold from £62 to £68, and smaller runners and hill lambs from £44 to £61.50, with very poorest sorts from £36.50 to £40.

General prices for 1437 mixed/wether and tup lambs

Suffolk x sold from £40 to £65.20 to average £61.01
Texel x sold from £40 to £82.50 to average £60.30
Charollais x sold from £51.50 to £70 to average £58.70
Zwartbles x sold at £69
Shropshire x sold from £59.80 to £67.20 to average £64.24
Jacob sold at £60
Lleyn x sold at £57.80
Romney x sold at £60
Rouge x sold at £66.50
Tup lambs sold from £40 to £60 to average £53

The overall average was £60.95

Ewe Lambs – 110

Suffolk x Mule sold at £88
Texel x sold from £70 to £84 to average £74.08
Lleyn sold at £70
North Country Mule sold from £73 to £83 to average £75

A smaller entry of 53 stock, grazing and cull ewes met with a very strong trade with leaner ewes a lot dearer than reports from red markets this week with plenty of buyers looking for grazing ewes. Top price was £80.50 for a Romney ewe with Texel x selling to £73.80, Suffolk x to £72 and Welsh Mules to £62.50. The overall average was £59.84.

Rams - 20

A small entry of crossing rams met with a fast trade for all the stronger good shaped tups. Top price was £393.75 for a Charollais shearling from A J Humphries, Bayton with Suffolk shearlings selling to £357 from G Read, Brimfield and Beltex x Texel two year old's selling to £378 from M Schoelles, Neen Sollars.

General Prices

Charollais shearlings sold from £357 to £393.75 to average £372.68
Suffolk shearlings sold from £210 to £357 to average £294
Suffolk four year old sold at £320.25
Beltex x Texel two year old's sold from £315 to £378 to average £346.50
Lleyn two year old's sold from £157.50 to £178.50 to average £168
Bleu du Maine x North Country Cheviot shearling sold at £210
Kerry Hill two year old sold at £105