



## NICK CHAMPION - TENBURY SHEEP SALE

**8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

Nick Champion reports an entry of 3310 store sheep were forward at the second of the monthly sales on the Sale Field at Burford, Tenbury Wells on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The sale included the grand annual prize show of yearling ewes which was very ably judged by Geoff Probert of Holt Heath and Michael Ayres of Middleton-on-the-Hill who made the following awards:-

### Continental x

- 1<sup>st</sup> - R J Pepper, Little Newcastle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - A Rogers & Partners, Sutton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - A J Pitt & Son, Thornbury

### Suffolk x

- 1<sup>st</sup> and  
Champion - E H Handley & Sons, Sutton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - E H Handley & Sons, Sutton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - R J Pepper, Little Newcastle

### Welsh Mule

- 1<sup>st</sup> - E H Handley & Sons, Sutton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - B & E A Gutteridge, Eastham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - S J Yarnold & Sons, Burford

### North Country Mule

- 1<sup>st</sup> and  
Reserve  
Champion - S J Yarnold & Sons, Burford
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - E H Handley & Sons, Eastham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Oldfields Farm Partnership, Frith Common

The trade on the yearling ewes was selective with the best ewes meeting a reasonable trade with generally all finding new homes, whilst some of the poorer secondary types were harder to clear.

1574 yearling and two year old ewes went through the ring with quality as always meeting the best trade with the better yearlings generally selling from £130 to £148 with second quality types from £110 to £125 and others from £80 to £104. Two year olds sold from £100 to £140. The overall average was £122.40 (£121.95 2017).

### General Prices as follows:

Texel x yearlings sold from £112 to £146 from T G & V A Durston-Smith to average £126.74

Texel x 2 year olds sold at £100 from T G & V A Durston-Smith

Suffolk x yearlings sold from £102 to £148 (twice) from E H Handley & Sons to average £122.43

Suffolk x two year olds sold at £140 from T G & V A Durston-Smith

Welsh Mule yearlings sold from £90 to £136 (twice) from S J Yarnold & Sons to average £117.11

North Country Mule yearlings sold from £96 to £144 from S J Yarnold & Sons to average £124.65

Scotch Mule yearlings sold from £116 to £118 from C Corfield to average £117

Lleyn yearlings sold from £82 to £134 from J H Sutton to average £107.49

The 1568 store lambs as a whole were smaller and plainer than the previous sale, however trade was strong from start to finish. The stronger and meatier lambs were selling at similar levels to August despite the weaker slaughter trade and topping at a very respectable £75.50 and generally from £66.50 to £75.50. Choice farming lambs made between £58 and £65 and small long keep lambs from £45 to £56 with a few mini lambs between £36 and £39.50. The overall average was £60.40.

General breed prices were as follows:

Texel x sold from £47 to £74.50 from Mrs A Champion  
Charollais x sold from £49 to £75.20 from Ms S Levi  
Beltex x sold from £54.50 to £64.80 from Mrs S J Moseley  
Ryeland x sold from £48.50 to £75.50 from Mrs A Watson  
Suffolk x sold from £39.50 to £66.80 from T G Bunting  
Lleyn x sold from £36 to £60 from O J Skyrn & Son  
Shropshire sold at £63 from B J Lloyd  
Wensleydale x sold at £49 from Mrs E C A Bayliss  
Mule x sold from £45 to £58.50 from C Corfield

104 stock ewes met with a firm trade and a total clearance with a top price of £90 (twice) for 3 and 4 year old Texel and Suffolk ewes from Mrs A Watson. The small flock dispersal of 18 Jacob ewes for P A Hancox sold to a top of £62 for yearlings with 3 and 4 year olds at £56.

48 cull ewes and rams also met a fair trade as an entry of chiefly lightweight plain and grazing ewes with a top price of £80 for Charollais x, Mules to £65, Welsh to £36 and rams to £60. The overall average was £50.86.

16 breeding rams were on offer with all the Continentals fiercely sought after with a top price of £546 twice for Charollais and Charollais x Texel shearlings from A J Humphries. Texel shearlings sold to a top of £472.50 from D E Ayres & Co. A Suffolk 2 year old sold at £315 from G Read and Suffolk ram lambs sold to £147.

NEXT SALE – SATURDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018