

### Tenbury August Sheep Sale 2020

Nick Champion, Auctioneers report an entry of 2,155 store sheep forward at the first monthly sale on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

1,895 store lambs met with a marvellous trade despite a shortage of grass locally with all the short keep lambs matching the current slaughter trade. Top price was £103 for a pen of Charollais x mixed lambs from S.T. & D.S. Hodges, Temple Farm with seven other pens selling between £90 and £96. Plenty of medium keep lambs sold well up in the £80s and generally from £78 to £85 and the grand run of 302 Texel x April born mixed lambs from S.J. Adams & Sons were like peas in a pod with every pen selling between £84.50 and £85.50. Long keep lambs generally sold between £64 and £75 with only the small hill and island lambs selling from £52.50 to £64. The overall average was an exceptional £78.44 (2019 - £63.50).

The show section was judged by Matthew Parkes of Much Wenlock who made the following awards to the best pens of store lambs:

1<sup>st</sup> and The Advertiser Cup – S.J. Adams & Sons, Lower Rochford – Texel x - £85.50

2<sup>nd</sup> – T.G. Bunting, Kimbolton – Suffolk x - £92

3<sup>rd</sup> – H.E.L. & H.M. Bradley & Sons, Knighton-on-Teme – Texel x - £78

General breed prices as follows: -

Texel x sold from £65 to £89 from A. Layton, Vowchurch

Beltex x sold from £69 to £73.50 from M.A. Jordan, Oldwood

Charollais x sold from £61 to £103 from S.T. & D.S. Hodges, Little Hereford

Suffolk x sold from £68.50 to £92 from T.G. Bunting, Kimbolton

Berrichon sold from £80 to £80 from Woodston Manor Partnership, Lindridge

Lleyn sold from £69.50 to £91 from Mrs. S.E. Peters, Bewdley

Zwartbles sold from £64 to £76 from G. Wassink, Knowbury

Kerry Hill x sold at £64 from Mrs. E. Bayliss, Richards Castle

Romney x sold at £70 from W. Redman Ltd, Stockton-on-Teme

Welsh x sold from £52.50 to £60 from I.C. Mapp, Knighton-on-Teme

Herdwick x sold from £52.50 to £58.50 from Miss M. Graham, Oldwood

Norfolk Horn x sold from £52.50 to £58.50 from Miss M. Graham, Oldwood

Clun x sold at £89.50 from Mrs. M. Thomas, Boraston

Ryeland sold from £70.50 to £74.50 from S. Ridge, Knowbury

Tup lambs sold from £65 to £96 for Charollais x from S.T. & D.S. Hodges, Little Hereford



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46 cull and grazing ewes were a very mixed bag with no quality or much strength and were very ably sold by Henry Hyde at his first attempt with the gavel selling sheep, with seven buyers competing who ensured a terrific trade.

Top price was £98 for Texel x / Mule x from C.L. Norwood, Boraston, Ryelands sold from £75 to £82, Mules sold from £56 to £89, Wensleydales sold from £45 to £93, Suffolk x at £81, Jacob at £55, Icelandic at £50, Zwartbles at £80. The overall average was £71.80.

18 stock ewes sold to a strong trade to a top of £101 for Charollais x from C.L. Norwood, Boraston, Mules sold at £91 and Clun Forest at £67.

192 yearling breeding ewes met a good demand for white faced ewes in particular. Top price was £157 for Texel x Mule yearlings from R.A. Davies, Bridgnorth who sold another pen at £155. North Country Mules sold from £132 to a top of £145 from A.C.H. Bradley, Milson. Texel x Aberfield sold at £140 from L.K. & C.A. Lewis, Ditton Priors who sold another pen of Texel x Cheviot Mules at £138. The yearling ewes averaged £138.49.

4 breeding rams saw Texel shearlings sell from £210 to a top of £294 from Mrs. J.M. Mapp, Boraston.

NEXT SALE – Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Prize Sale of Breeding Ewes, also store lambs, cull and grazing ewes, and breeding rams.