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NICK CHAMPION – TENBURY SHEEP SALE – 12TH DECEMBER 2020

Nick Champion, auctioneer reports a very pleasing entry of 1497 store sheep at the Sale Field, Burford, Tenbury Wells for the final sale of the season held on Saturday 12th December. Plenty of buyers were in attendance despite the lack of a Brexit deal leading to a fall in confidence and a weaker trade during the latter part of the week. Bidding was again strong from start to finish on the store lambs with the strongest and meatier lambs seeing no decline in price, whilst the majority of the entry consisted mainly of very small end of draw tailenders including a lot of hill bred lambs which still looked very dear.

Store Lambs – 1224

Top price was £98 for Texel x mixed lambs from J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle with tup lambs selling to a top of £96.50 from W J Lewis & Son, Berrington. Stronger mixed lambs sold from £87 to £98, medium term better bred farming lambs sold from £77 to £85.50, small lowland bred long keep lambs sold from £65 to £75 with hill bred types from £50 to £64 and the tiny tailenders and wrecks from £20 to £46. Tup lambs sold from £27 to £96.50. **The overall average was £69.98 (£64.18 - 2019).**

Breed prices for wether and mixed lambs:-

Breed	Min	Max	Leading Vendor
Texel x	£40	£98	J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle
Charollais x	£20	£94	R J Nott & Son, Rock
Beltex x	£71.50	£88.50	J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle
Suffolk x	£53	£95	W J Lewis & Son, Berrington
Romney x	£52	£90.50	T Aldridge, Newnham Bridge
Zwartbles	£71	£78	Nicholls Bros, Kingsland
Welsh x	£52	£71	D T Jordan, Oretton
Mule (wether)	£55	£64	R Corfield, Nash
Beulah Speckled (wether)	£52	£52	R Dahn & Son, Stoke St Milborough
Ryeland x	£57.50	£57.50	R G Mapp, Knighton on Teme
Clun x Welsh	£70.50	£70.50	D H Heighway & Co, Clee St Margaret
Wiltshire Horn x	£66.50	£66.50	R J & K A Smith, Nash

Tup Lambs:

Texel x	£27	£87.50	P Jones, Haytons Bent
Charollais x	£74	£90	R J Nott & Son, Rock
Suffolk x	£50	£96.50	W J Lewis & Son, Berrington
Coloured Ryeland	£82	£82	Miss Amy Jones, Haytons Bent
Clun Forest	£70.50	£75	Mrs S Thackery, Haytons Bent
Welsh x	£75.50	£79.50	B G Churchill, Stanford Bridge
Rouge x	£81	£81	H E L & H M Bradley & Son, Knighton on Teme





Cull & Grazing Ewes, Rams & Wethers – 262

An increased entry with over 50% being Welsh and Swaledales met a terrific trade with 9 bidders for all types. The better quality stronger lean ewes were in very short supply and prices were £10 dearer whilst the few heavy and over fat Suffolk x ewes were an equally good trade selling to a top of £99.50 from A H Bemand & Sons, Thornbury. Lean continental x ewes sold to a top of £90 for Texel x from J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle and from Miss Amy Jones, Haytons Bent. Wethers sold to a top of £81 for a Shropshire from Mrs S Breakwell, Caynham and for a Texel x from J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle. Rams sold to a top of £115 for a Charollais from M Coles, Defford.

Stronger ewes sold from £80 to £99.50, medium weights from £64 to £79, plain boners, lightweight and hill ewes from £19 to £58.50. **The overall average was £55.24 (£45.98 - 2019).**

General breed prices as follows:-

Breed	Min	Max	Av	Leading Vendor
Suffolk x	£58.50	£99.50	£87.94	A H Bemand & Sons, Thonbury
Texel x	£48.50	£90	£75.79	J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle Miss Amy Jones, Haytons Bent
North Country Mule	£50	£81	£64.26	A G Hingley, Pensax
Welsh Mule	£56.50	£74	£64.43	R Dahn & Son, Stoke St Milborough
Ryeland	£50	£80	£65	Mrs I Rollings, Rhos
Romney	£54	£54	£54	K I Matravers, Eastham
Welsh	£33.50	£69.50	£43.04	D M Edwards & Son, Clee Hill
Cheviot	£64	£64	£64	W & C Amphlett, Bitterley
Specklefaced	£24	£50	£36.80	R Dahn & Son, Stoke St Milborough
Swaledale	£19	£52	£34.42	M W Edwards, Coreley
Wethers	£67.50	£81	£76.50	J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle Mrs S Breakwell, Caynham
Rams	£36.50	£115	£75.75	M Coles, Defford

In Lamb Ewes – 11

The flock dispersal for Harry Wragg, Little Hereford attracted plenty of interest despite not being scanned, with the two pens of 2 year old to fullmouthed Texel /Charollais x ewes running with a Charollais ram and due sometime in March both selling at £130.

A huge thank you to all our vendors and buyers who have supported our five sales this year at which we have seen throughput and prices increasing across the board.

We wish all of our supporters a Covid free Christmas and most importantly a settled trading, virus free and prosperous new year.