

Tenbury August Sheep Sale 2021

Nick Champion, Auctioneers report an entry of 2,305 store sheep forward at the first monthly sale on Saturday, 14th August 2021.

1,950 store and ewe lambs met with a fantastic trade from start to finish with prices well exceeding most vendors' expectations and up over £15 on the year. Top price was £114 for a pen of Suffolk x NC Mule ewe lambs from T G Bunting , Kimbolton and the only two other pens of ewe lambs bought for retention made £107 for Suffolk x from C E Preece , St Michaels and £104 for Beltex/Texel x from J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle.

Mixed and wether store lambs topped at £107.50 for Texel x from J B Jennings, Whatmore and for Beltex/Texel x from J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle with 12 other pens selling between £100 and £105.50. All the better quality farming lambs sold well up in the £90's, and longer keep from £84 to £88 with only a few pens of small hill and lightweight lambs selling from £67 to £82. The grand run of 300 Texel x and Suffolk x April born mixed lambs from S.J. Adams & Sons, Rochford were strongly sought after selling from £94.50 to £102.50 as were the 150 Texel x wether lambs from Ray Nicklin, Abberley which sold from £90 to £99.50. The four pens of 100 Texel x wether lambs and Texel x Rouge mixed lambs from H E L & H M Bradley & Son topped at £102.50 and averaged £100.38. Top lambs also sold very well topping at £107 for Texel x Mules from Brian Morris, Ludlow. The overall average was £93.70 (2020 - £78.44).

The show section was judged by Neville Morgan of Pembrokeshire who made the following awards to the best pens of store lambs:

- 1st and The Advertiser Cup – J B Jennings, Whatmore Farm – Texel x - £107.50
 2nd – S J Adams & Sons, Lower Rochford – Suffolk x - £100
 3rd – T.G. Bunting, Kimbolton – Suffolk x NC Mule - £105.50

General breed prices as follows: -

Texel x sold from £80 to £107.50 from J B Jennings, Whatmore
 Beltex x sold from £86 to £107.50 from J R brick & Son, Richards Castle
 Charollais x sold from £67 to £98 from Mrs E C A Bayliss, Richards Castle
 Suffolk x sold from £78 to £105.50 from T.G. Bunting, Kimbolton
 Berrichon x sold from £86 to £97 from Woodston Manor Partnership, Lindridge
 Zwartbles sold at £95 from Mrs K Morgan, Little Hereford
 Welsh sold at £70 from L Beddoe, Coreley
 Tup lambs sold from £40 to £107 for Texel x from B Morris, Ludlow



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45 cull and grazing ewes, wethers and rams were nowhere near enough for the eight buyers in attendance with no strength or quality on offer and prices were up on local reports. Top price was £100 for Texel x Mules from C.L. Norwood, Boraston, Ryelands sold to £84, North Country Mules to £92, Welsh Mules to £83, Suffolk x to £92, Jacob at £83, Zwartbles to £90, Welsh at £70. The overall average was £76.68.

306 breeding ewes met a good demand for all the stronger ewes. Top price was £200 for Texel x Mule yearlings from E H Handley & Sons, Sutton and from a Rogers & Partners, Sutton. The genuine flock reduction on behalf of G T Dallow, Tedstone Wafre saw his two pens of two year old Suffolk x selling at £190 and £180 and his three & four year old Texel x to £178. R.A. Davies, Chelmarsh sold Suffolk x yearlings to £175. North Country Mule two year olds from C L Norwood, Boraston sold at £150 and North Country Mule three and four year olds sold from £127 to £134 from C J Wall, Greete. Zwartbles yearlings sold at £128 from Mrs S Spring, Hanley Childe. The yearling ewes averaged £174.64 (2020 - £138.49).

4 breeding rams saw a Charollais x Texel shearling from A J Humphries, Bayton top at £367.50 and two Cheviot x Bleu Du Maine shearlings from M L & J E Holmes, Stottesdon sold to a top of £304.50.

NEXT SALE – Saturday, 11th September 2021 – Prize show and sale of breeding ewes, also store lambs, cull and grazing ewes, and breeding rams.



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