



Tenbury September Sheep Sale – *RECORD ENTRY*

Nick Champion Auctioneers report a record entry of **4059 sheep** forward at the monthly sale on Saturday 11th September 2021. The store and ewe lambs met with a terrific trade despite the recent ease in the slaughter trade. Yearling ewes were in general a touch easier although there was a firmer demand for Mules, whilst the cull and grazing ewes again met a fast trade as did the strongest and better-quality breeding rams.

Store Lambs – 2576

Trade was almost similar to last month's flier although the top prices for the heaviest lambs partially reflected the fall in the slaughter trade. More buyers were out looking for quality stretchy ewe lambs. Good quality mixed and wether lambs topped at £101 and were generally £90 to £98 with medium and long-term farming lambs from £75 to £89 and only the very smallest hill type and poorest quality lambs were selling from £50 to £70. Tup lambs topped at £100 with plenty selling between £85 and £88 with small and poorer quality sorts from £53 to £75. Ewe lambs for retention topped at £180 for a pen of pure Beltex, with a pen of pure Texels at £150, Suffolk x NC Mule to £118 and Texel x Welsh Mule to £116.

General prices as follows for mixed and wether lambs:-

Texel x sold to £100 from P Jones, Haytons Bent
Charollais x sold to £101 from A Layton, Vowchurch
Beltex x sold to £93 from Cleeton Farming Company, Mamble
Rouge x sold to £95 from H E L & H M Bradley & Son, Knighton on Teme
Suffolk x sold to £100 from Mrs J E Price, Brimfield
Lleyn x sold at £98.50 from G R Budd, Malvern
Welsh Mule wethers sold at £82 from R Dahn & Son, Stoke St Milborough
Herdwick x sold at £50 from M Graham & M Francis, Oldwood
Valais Blacknose x Mule wethers sold at £70 from M A Jordan, Oldwood

Tup Lambs

Texel x sold to £100 from T G & V A Durston-Smith, Sutton
Charollais x sold to £88 from C F J Rea, Kyre
Suffolk x sold to £88 For C F J Rea, Kyre
Lleyn sold at £84 from Mrs L Hoosenally, Whitton

The overall store lamb average was £89.10 (2020 £75.78)

Ewe Lambs (for retention)

Texel sold at £150 from M Coles, Defford
Beltex sold at £180 from Mrs M Buono, Worcester
Texel x Welsh Mule sold to £116 from K J & J E Davies, Nash
Texel x North Country Mule sold to £118 from J C & M Goddard, Eardiston
Berrichon Mule sold at £108 from Woodston Manor Partnership, Lindridge

Yearling Breeding Ewes – 1164

A solid trade but generally slightly easier than seen a month ago as most lowland lamb producers seem to be favouring purchasing replacements earlier in the season. Nevertheless, plenty of ewes selling between £175 and £195 and more customers looking for Mules for later lambing.



In the show section sponsored by Chanelle Animal Health & Tenbury Farm Supplies, the judges Phillip and Graham Edwards, Wolferlow made the following awards:

Class 1 – Best pen of Texel x

- 1st + Champion – E H Handley & Sons, Sutton
- 2nd A Rogers & Partners, Sutton
- 3rd D G & P V Staples, Little Witley

Class 2 – Best pen of Suffolk x

- 1st + Reserve champion – R J Pepper, Little Newcastle
- 2nd R J Pepper, Little Newcastle
- 3rd R J Pepper, Little Newcastle

Class 3 – Best pen of Mules

- 1st E H Handley & Sons, Sutton, (Welsh Mule)
- 2nd S J Yarnold & Sons, Eastham, (North Country Mule)
- 3rd S J Yarnold & Sons, Eastham, (North Country Mule)

General prices as follows:

Texel x sold to £190 from R J Pepper, Little Newcastle & from D G & P V Staples, Little Witley to average £174.27

Beltex x sold at £188 from Miss H Levi, Wychbold

Suffolk X Mule sold to £190 from R J Pepper, Little Newcastle to average £172.59

Coloured Welsh Mule sold to £195 from E H Handley & Sons, Sutton to average £181.40

White Faced Welsh Mule sold to £180 (x2) from Ray Nicklin Farming, Abberley to average £175.51

North Country Mule sold to £190 (x2) from S J Yarnold & Sons, Eastham to average £177.88

Scotch Mule sold to £170 from C Corfield, Nash to average £160

Herdwick sold at £172 from Mrs. J L Gittins, Burford

The overall average was £175.75 (2020 - £151.13)

Breeding Ewes – 133

A firm trade on a very variable entry. Top price was £142 for a pen of 3 & 4 y o North Country Mules from C J Wall, Greete who also sold another pen at £136. Texel 3 & 4 y o sold at £104, Beltex x 4 y o sold at £112, Herdwick 2 y o sold at £68, Welsh Mule x 4/5 y o sold at £82, Lleyn 4 y o sold at £81. Dartmoor x 2 & 3 y o sold at £58.

Cull, Grazing and Stock Ewes - 159

No strength or quality to the entry with mainly lean and plain Mule and hillbred ewes on offer, nevertheless a very strong demand with plenty of buyers. The section topped at £85 for North Country Mules, Welsh Mules to £82, Badger Face to £70 and Welsh to £48.

The overall average was £72.20

Breeding Rams – 27

A very mixed entry met with a selective trade with the strongest as usual easiest to sell with a top of £577.50 for a Charollais x Texel shearling from A J Humphries, Bayton. Charollais shearlings sold to £420, Beltex shearlings to £262.50, Beltex x Charollais shearlings to £178.50, Texel 2 y o at £257.25, Suffolk shearling at £378, Suffolk 2 y o's at £535.50 & £367.50, Ryeland 4 y o at £157.50.

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