

TENBURY SHEEP SALE – Saturday 11th November 2023

Nick Champion, Auctioneers report another good entry of 2558 store sheep forward for the fourth monthly sale at the sale field Burford on Saturday 11th November 2023 where we were blessed with a fine day. The large entry of store lambs was generally not the size of previous sales with many vendors at the end of their crop, however trade was again terrific on all types especially on the better fleshed lambs following the increasing slaughter trade and on the long term small lightweight lambs. The end of season entry of breeding ewes met with plenty of interest. The large entry of cull and grazing ewes met a faster trade on the fleshier ewes with only the poorer ewes no dearer. A mixed entry of older exotic breeding rams met with a clearance.

Store Lambs – 2275.

The store lambs met tremendous competition on all types with fresh buyers again in attendance with some going home empty handed. Prices were £5 to £10 up on the stronger well fleshed lambs, good quality medium term farming lambs were £5 dearer whilst the high proportion of small long-term lambs were probably £10 ahead of October. The sale topped at a whopping £185 for a pen of 5 pure Texel tup lambs from T G & V A Durston-Smith, Sutton. Wether lambs topped at £138 for a pen of 13 Suffolk x from N Wildig & Sons, Thornbury and mixed lambs topped at £120 for Charollais x from C G Pound & Partners, Stoke Bliss.

Best shorter-term lambs generally sold from £110 to £120, with choice medium term types from £95 to £110, lightweight long-term lambs from £80 to £95 with very small and poor tail enders from £62 to £79. Tup lambs of all types sold from £46 to £185.

The overall average was **£96.52** (£86.75 – 2022)

BREED	Mixed/ Wether Max £	Vendor	Tup Max £	Vendor
Texel x	118.00	P D Levi, Wychbold	125.00	P J Hulland, Milson
Texel/Charollais x	130.00	L K & J L Gittins, Burford		
Texel x N C Mule	118.00	Bray & Sons, Martley		
Charollais x	120.00	C G Pound & Partners, Stoke Bliss	120.00	A C Jeffries, Martley
Suffolk x	138.00	N Wildig & Sons, Thornbury	90.00	T G Bunting, Kimbolton
Rouge x	109.00	C L & C S Birks, Nash		
Beltex x	124.00	J & S Amphlett, Bitterley		
Blue Texel	98.00	M & H Smith, Cradley	96.00	M & H Smith, Cradley
Wiltshire Horn x	117.00	R J & K A Smith, Nash		

Mule	104.00	D Seckerson, Hopton Bank	92.00	R Dahn & Son Stoke St Milborough
Berrichon x	90.00	P T Reynolds, Leysters		
Masham	91.00	K I Matravers, Eastham		
Ryeland			110.00	S J Thackery, Haytons Bent
Kerry Hill	86.00	P T Reynolds, Leysters		
Welsh	72.00	R Dahn & Son, Stoke St Milborough		
Gritstone	72.00	R Dahn & Son Stoke St Milborough		
Teeswater x	78.00	M Graham & M Francis, Oldwood		
Badger Face	78.00	M Graham & M Francis, Oldwood		
Shropshire	95.00	A E Field & Son, Sutton	105.00	R Parkes, Burford
Zwartbles x	109.00	A E Field & Son, Sutton		
Lleyn	100.00	Mrs J E Ree, Longbank		
Cheviot	114.00	J & S Amphlett, Bitterley		
Clun Forest	110.00	M E Deakin, Craven Arms	107.00	S J Thackery, Haytons Bent
Jacob	96.00	J Foster, Rock		
Herdwick			68.00	P Laight, Boraston

Breeding Ewes – 57.

Plenty of interest still with some decent North Country Mule 2 & 3 year olds from K I Matravers, Eastham topping at £148 with 3 & 4 year olds selling to £142. Small yearling Blue Texels sold at £105.

Breeding Rams – 5

A total clearance on a very variable entry with a Clun Forest 2 y o topping at £157.50, Jacob 3 y o at £105 (twice).

Cull & Grazing Ewes & Rams – 221

A very mixed bag of ewes with fleshier ewes certainly dearer selling to a top of £130 for Texel x with others at £121 & £113. Not much strength in the Suffolk x which sold to £100 and Mules to £91. Plenty of plainer & lightweight mule grazing ewes which sold from £50 to £70 and plain/boning & lightweight hill ewes sold from £12 to £54.00. A wether sold at £85 and rams from £50 to £120. **The overall average was £58.40.**

Next sale: Saturday 9th December – Final monthly sale and Christmas show of Store Lambs; Breeding Ewes, Cull & Grazing Ewes, Wethers & Rams. Entries invited.