

**TENBURY SHEEP SALE – Saturday 26th October 2024**

Nick Champion, Auctioneers report an excellent entry of **3899** store sheep forward for the third monthly store sheep sale which was postponed by a week due to the flooding in Tenbury and held on Saturday 26th October 2024. The **3604** store lambs forward met with spirited bidding from a full ringside of buyers despite the easing slaughter trade and the overhanging threat of Blue Tongue. The variable end of season entry of **50** yearling and breeding ewes and **8** rams were very keenly sought after. The **237** cull and grazing ewes also met an improved trade on all types.

Store Lambs – 3604.

A generally good quality yard of lambs although much less strength with many more long-term lightweight lambs, very few well fleshed lambs and quite a number of small hill types and tups in the entry. All the better bred and tight skinned choice farming lambs were again keenly sought after, and the many smaller long-term better-bred lambs were perhaps dearer whilst the strongest lambs were a bit less on the back of the weaker slaughter trade.

Top price was £137 for a pen of Texel x North Country Mule ewe lambs from Ray Nicklin Farming, Reynolds Farm. Mixed and wether lambs sold to a top of £128 on three occasions for Texel x from Sarah Levi, New Brick Barns, and Tom Grosvenor, Woonton Court Farm and for Charollais x from John Evans, Valley Farm.

Very few stronger tup lambs in the entry which topped at £120 from Michael Lewis, Lower Town Farm. Not many ewe lambs for retention on offer but still some buyers looking for all types and other than Ray Nicklin's sale topping pen of Texel x N C Mules, Suffolk x North Country Mules sold at £124 from Tim Bunting, Grove Farm and the same price was achieved for a pen of Texel x from Christine Birks, Fern Farm.

The stronger mixed lambs generally sold from £120 to £128, with medium keep lambs from £100 to £115 and long-term lambs from £84 to £100. A larger entry of hill lambs including mainly lightweight Mule wethers generally sold from £70 to £98.50. Very plain small tailenders and some hill types sold from £40 to £70. The stronger tup lambs generally sold from £90 to £120 with poorer and lightweight mainly hill types selling from £45 to £84. Lowland lambs averaged £100.10 and hill lambs averaged £78.17

The overall average was £95.94 (£95.43 – 2023)

Breed	Max £	Average £	Top price Vendor
Mixed/Wether			
Texel x	128.00	98.07	Miss S Levi, Newnham Bridge & T A Grosvenor, Woonton
Charollais x	128.00	102.52	J A Evans, Middleton on the Hill
Suffolk x	116.00	103.77	G Read, Brimfield
Beltex x	110.00	110.00	C L & C S Birks, Nash





Dutch Spotted x Texel	115.00	112.00	C Corfield, Nash
Berrichon	116.50	101.52	P T Reynolds, Middleton on the Hill
Clun Forest x	103.50	95.76	M E Deakin, Craven Arms
Mule Wether	98.50	83.37	Burwarton Farms
Cheviot x	104.50	100.54	J & S Amphlett, Bitterley
Black Welsh Mountain	101.00	101.00	Miss S Parfitt, Stanford Bridge
Kerry x Hebridean	66.00	62.38	Hailey Heeley, Chorley
Tup Lambs	120.00	74.44	W J Lewis & Son, Lower Berrington
Ewe Lambs (for retention)			
Suffolk x N C Mule	124.00	124.00	T G Bunting, Kimbolton
Suffolk x	110.00	110.00	D J Evans, Martley
Texel x N C Mule	137.00	137.00	Ray Nicklin Farming, Abberley
Texel x	124.00	103.90	C L & C S Birks, Nash
Lleyn x	95.00	95.00	Bitterley Hyde Farms, Pencombe
Welsh Mule	97.00	97.00	Farlow Farm Nursery Ltd
Zwartbles	100.00	100.00	G Wassink, Knowbury

Yearling & Breeding Ewes – 50.

A small and selective entry met with plenty of interest with Cheviot x two-year-olds topping the trade at £185 from Phillip Breakwell, Oretton who also sold a pen of three-year-old Lleyns at £170. Suffolk x two-year-old sold at £165, Welsh Mule two year olds at £150, and Clun Forest two year olds at £148. Yearlings topped at £165 for Texel x Mule from Mrs R Skellern, Coreley.

Cull & Grazing Ewes – 237

A mainly lean lightweight entry met an improved trade with all ewes in good demand from boners to meatiest and the grazing types. Texel x ewes topped at £150, Suffolk x to £142, Cheviot Mules to £124, North Country Mules to £115, Welsh Mules to £90, Kerry/Speckles to £90, Berrichon at £121, Lleyn to £112, Jacob to £105, Wiltshire Horn at £78, Welsh to £70, Zwartbles at £129, Badger Face at £49.

The overall average was **£80.30**.

Breeding Rams – 8

Still plenty of buyers looking for tups with two strong well shaped Texel shearlings selling at £735 and £682.50 from T G & V A Durston-Smith, Sutton. Two-year-old Texels sold to £399 and a four-year-old at £336, a Clun Forest shearling made £141.75.

Next sale: Saturday 23rd November – Store Lambs, Breeding, Cull & Grazing Ewes, Rams. Entries now being taken. (Please note new sale date).