

**TENBURY SHEEP SALE – Saturday 23rd November 2024**

Nick Champion, Auctioneers report a Storm Bert depleted entry of **1640 store sheep** forward for the fourth monthly store sheep sale held on Saturday 23rd November 2024. Vendors of the **1487** store lambs forward were rewarded with a storming trade for all sizes from a full ringside of confident buyers on the back of the rising slaughter trade with prices some £20 up on the month. The **153** stock, cull and grazing ewes also met a fast trade with eight buyers present.

Store Lambs – 1487.

A fairly good quality yard of store lambs overall considering the time of year met a phenomenal trade on all sorts. Top price was £190 for a pen of six Texel tup lambs from Tom and Ann Durston-Smith, Lower House Farm who also sold another pen at £155. £160 was achieved for five Dutch Spotted x from Martin Angell, Kempton. Mixed lambs sold to a top of £144 for a pen of twenty Charollais x from Alan and Fi Jeffries, The Tegs and wether lambs sold to £141 for Suffolk x from Jenny & Andrew Barbe, Parsonage Farm.

The stronger mixed lambs generally sold from £135 to £144, with medium keep lambs from £124 to £134 and long keep small lambs from £96 to £121.50. Mule wethers sold from £108 to £126. Lightweight hill lambs sold from £75 to £120 and very plain small tailenders and some exotic island types sold from £42 to £70. A very plain entry of crossbred tup lambs forward with strongest from £115 to £123 with very poor and the lightweight hill types selling from £45 to £106. Lowland lambs averaged £121.95, and hill and island lambs averaged £80.52.

The overall average was £117.82 (£96.52 – 2023)

Breed	Max £	Average £	Top price Vendor
Texel x	141.00	119.15	P A Jones, Haytons Bent
Charollais x	144.00	127.55	A C Jeffries, Martley
Suffolk x	141.00	128.61	J Wilding & Partners, Rochford
Beltex x	120.00	120.00	C L & C S Birks, Nash
Dutch Spotted x Texel	160.00	116.67	M D Angell, Lydbury North
Berrichon	138.00	138.00	P T Reynolds, Middleton on the Hill
Clun x	121.00	121.00	I Matravers, Eastham
Mule Wethers	126.00	111.94	Mrs E Gittins, Oretton
Beulah Wethers	105.00	105.00	G K Jarrett & Partners, Onibury
Valais Black Nose x Wethers	118.00	100.00	G A J Watkins, Bitterley
Jacob	120.00	120.00	J Foster, Rock
Badger Face	87.00	79.34	R J Huffer, Clunton
Kerry x Hebridean	70.00	70.00	Hailey Heeley, Chorley
Tup Lambs			
Texel	190.00	181.25	T G & V A Durston-Smith, Sutton
Crossbred	123.00	95.05	I Matravers, Eastham

Stock, Cull & Grazing Ewes, Wethers & Rams – 153

A lean lightweight entry met a strong trade with all ewes in very good demand from boners to the meatier and for the many grazing types. Fleshier ewes topped at £168 for Suffolk x, with Texel x to £166, North Country Mules to £116.50. The plain and mostly Mule grazing ewes sold from £66 to £98.50 with the lightweight hill ewes from £54 to £75 and boning ewes from £15 to £44. A Zwartbles ram sold at £125 and yearling wethers from £50 to £131. **The overall average was £75.37.**

Final sale: Saturday 21st December – Christmas prize sale of Store Lambs and Cull & Grazing Ewes. Entries now being taken. All our sale clients are welcomed for mince pies and port! (Please enter early and note revised sale date to calendar).