

**TENBURY CHRISTMAS SHEEP SALE REPORT – Saturday 21st December 2024**

Nick Champion, Auctioneers report an entry of **1520 store sheep** forward for the Christmas final monthly store sheep sale held on Saturday 21st December 2024. The **1456** store lambs forward were mainly long keep and tailenders with plenty showing the effects of the continued wet weather. The few short keep meatier lambs on offer met a flying trade up to £160 as did all the better medium keep lambs, whilst the long keep smaller lambs were no dearer. A disappointing entry of just **64** cull sheep also met a strong trade to average £128.03.

Store Lambs – 1456.

Top price was £160 for a Beltex x tup lamb from J R Brick & Son, Merefield Farm, closely followed at £157 for a pen of Texel x mixed lambs from Burwarton Farms and £150 for Texel x wether lambs from K J & J E Davies, Weston Court Farm. Mule wether lambs topped at £145 from C J & S J Rogers, Pateshall Farm with whitefaced Welsh Mule wethers at £129 from Burwarton Farms.

The strongest lambs generally sold from £134 to £157, with choice medium keep farming lambs generally from £115 to £130 and the long keep and smaller lambs from £80 to £105. Lightweight hill lambs generally sold from £67 to £100 and very plain and tiny tailenders from £30 to £66. A larger entry of tup lambs saw the strongest selling from £130 to £160 and medium keep from £100 to £110, better bred small and plain tups generally £80 to £95, whilst the large proportion of very small mainly hill bred tups sold from £30 to £75. Lowland lambs averaged £102.75, and hill lambs averaged £78.23.

The overall average was £98.94 (£84.51 – 2023)

Mixed/Wether Lambs (1324)	Max £	Average £	Top price Vendor
Texel x	157.00	102.41	Burwarton Farms
Charollais x	132.50	103.65	A C Jeffries, Martley
Suffolk x	127.00	93.28	N Wildig & Sons, Thornbury
Beltex x	130.00	123.17	J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle
Lleyn x	127.00	116.94	R J Pratt, Haytons Bent
Ryeland	120.00	92.40	S J Thackery, Haytons Bent
Clun Forest	92.50	92.26	S J Thackery, Haytons Bent
Mule Wethers	145.00	92.57	C J & S J Rogers, Kimbolton
Beulah Wethers	75.00		G K Jarrett & Partners, Onibury
Welsh x	100.00	83.29	S J Edwards, Ludlow
Zwartbles x Valais Black Nose	100.00	74.58	P Macdonald, Knighton
Tup Lambs (132)			
Texel x	144.00		J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle
Beltex x	160.00		J R Brick & Son, Richards Castle
Crossbred	132.00		J E Miles, Bayton
Hill Radnor	80.00		G Booker, Knowbury



Beulah	80.00		G K Jarrett & Partners, Onibury
Welsh x	69.00		M D Angell, Lydbury North

Cull & Grazing Ewes, Wethers & Rams – 64

A fleshier entry overall met a strong trade with Suffolk x topping at £161, Texel x to £155, North Country Mules to £137 and Welsh Mules to £137. Suffolk x & Texel x wethers sold at £140, and rams topped at £134 for a Charollais.

The overall average was £128.03.

Next Sale: Thursday 6th February 2025 – Sale of Fodder and Straw – entries invited for cataloguing by Thursday 23rd January 2025.

We would like to wish all of our vendors and purchasers as well as our many helpers a very happy Christmas and New Year.