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TENBURY SHEEP SALE – Saturday 19th September 2026

Nick Champion, Auctioneers report an entry of **2962 store sheep** forward for the second monthly store sheep sale at the sale field Burford on Saturday 19th September 2026. The rain since August has certainly increased buyers' appetites for both breeding ewes and store lambs which met a tremendous trade. The best yearling ewes were highly sought after and topped at £335 for North Country Mule yearlings with all the better-quality yearlings selling from £270 to £310 and plainer sorts from £200 to £250. The older stock ewes also met spirited bidding with Texel two-year-olds topping at £305. An increased entry of store lambs met a stronger trade with grass and stubble turnips growth boosting the demand and the long-terms lambs are certainly dearer with hardly any lambs selling under £110 and mixed lambs selling to £158 and Suffolk x ewe lambs to £200. Some good quality rams within an entry of all types met a fast trade selling to another new market record of £997.50 (x 2) for Charollais x Beltex shearlings. The cull and grazing ewe trade was a real flier with grazing ewes up another gear selling to £144.

Breeding Ewes – 462.

North Country Mule yearlings topped the section at £335 from P T Breakwell, Oretton. A pen of **Berrichon Mule yearlings** sold at £310 from Woodston Manor Partnership, Lindridge, the same price achieved for **Lleyn yearlings** from J Gregory, The Oaks. **Texel 2-year-olds** sold to £305 from T G & V A Durston-Smith Sutton, and **Texel x Welsh Mule yearlings** topped at £305 from D & B Amphlett, Bitterley. **Cheviot yearlings** from J & S Amphlett, Angel Bank sold to £295. Stock ewes sold to a top of £275 for **Texel three-year-olds** from T G & V A Durston-Smith and the dispersal of **full mouthed Lleyn** ewes from O J Skyrme & Son, Broadheath topped at £202.

Sale averages for yearling & 2/3-year-old ewes as follows:

Breed	Max £	Average £	2025 Average £		+/-
Suffolk x Mule	240	217.12			
Texel x	305	277.15	213.19		+ 63.96
North Country Mule	335	283.36	205.43		+ 77.93
Berrichon Mule	310	310.00			
Lleyn	310	302.00			
Whitefaced Welsh Mule	245	245.00	198.00		+ 47.00
Cheviot	295	281.00	184.00		+ 97.00
Blue Texel x	270	270.00			
Shropshire	220	220.00			
Herdwick	200	200.00			
Texel 2/3-year-olds	305	279.79			

The overall yearling ewe average was **£258.45** (2025: £189.55 + £68.90)



**Store Lambs – 2,362.**

An increased entry and again not many well fleshed lambs on offer and most in proper store condition. The stronger well fleshed lambs topped at £158 for the very first pen offered of Suffolk x mixed lambs from Pat Milbourne, Ludlow. A pen of Blue Texel x mixed lambs were next best at £152 from Kerry Barber, Mill Meadow closely followed at £151 for a pen of Charollais x from W Redman Ltd, Upper Ridney. A super run of 150 Charollais x mixed lambs from Stuart, Josie and Neil Ward, Lower Houe Farm sold to £148 for the first prize winners to average £143. The stronger mixed lambs in store condition mostly sold from £140 to £145, with the best quality medium-term lambs generally from £135 to £143 and more open coated lambs from £125 to £135. Long keep lambs were a flier with better continental bred types from £116 to £125 and open coated mules from £113 to £120 with only a few very poor tail enders selling from £80 upwards.

The entry included over 100 tup lambs with a top of £150 for Texel x from Sue & Mike Cross, White House Farm. The medium-term types sold from £120 to £138 and the plain long-term tups from £100 to £120 with only the very small hill types from £80 to £100 and some tiny Manx at £40.

Ewe Lambs for retention were a flier for the better bred Suffolk x North Country Mules selling to a top of £200 from Jim & Mary Goddard, Lindridge and from Paul Jones, Hints with all the stronger lambs selling from £178 to £195. Smaller Suffolk x & Texel x ewe lambs would sell around £5 - £10 above the store trade.

The store lamb overall average was £131.23 (£123.45 – 2025).

Maximum prices:

Breed	Mixed/Wether £	Tup £	Ewe Lambs (for retention) £
Texel x	148	150	139
Charollais x	151	136	
Beltex x	146	115	
Blue Texel x	152		
Dutch Spotted x			131
Suffolk x	158	121	200
Abermax x	136	120	
Meatlinc x	119	105	
Shropshire	144		
Mule x	115	110	
Clun Forest		117	
Herdwick x	100	100	
Ryeland x	120		
Torddu		90	
Torwen		82	
Balwen		84	
Black Welsh Mountain		49	



Cull & Grazing Ewes & Wethers – 104

All types in very good demand and grazing ewes very highly sought after. Top was £196 for Shropshire x, Texel x to £190, Lleyen to £177, plain North Country Mules to £144, wethers to £158, Ryeland rams to £130. **The overall average was £126.23** (£95.98 – 2025)

Breeding Rams – 34

A mixed entry with some very good tups and also some hill bred rams to fit all pockets. Two Charollais x Beltex shearlings from Ben James, Bockleton, setting at a new market record at £997.50 followed at £945 for a Texel shearling from the same home. Best of the ram lambs was a Charollais from Ben James at £928 and another at £903 whilst a Suffolk ram lamb from Holly Lockley, Stockton on Teme sold at £787.50. Lottie Raybold sold her Dutch Spotted ram lamb at £367.50 and Katie Macdonald a Blue Texel at £357. Amongst the hill breeds Kerry Hill ram lambs from Mr & Mrs Skellern, Coreley sold to £315.

Next sale: Saturday 17th October – Sale of Yearling & Breeding Ewes, Store & Ewe Lambs, Cull & Grazing Ewes, Breeding Rams. Entries now being taken.