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23RD SHEARWELL THAME SUMMER SHEEP SALE

An Entry of 15909 head met strong demand for the forward sheep, however this year's entry comprised more second quality sorts suffering from a wet winter and a very dry summer. Averages in general must be quoted less on the year with several groups of buyers missing due to the blue tongue restrictions.

TFAM Ltd, thank all concerned with making the sale a huge success, especially Shearwell Data for their continued sponsorship of the show and our staff who work tirelessly to ensure a successful sale. A big thank you to our judges. Charlotte and Georgia Davies kindly judged the White Face sheep awarding the Chairmans Trophy to Harrison Bros, Calverton for their pen of Texel x Scotch Mule Theaves which went on to sell for £250.00 per head. Angela Tarry-Smith and Louise Todd, judged the Suffolk x awarding the Micheal Capel Smith trophy to Philly Batchelor, Eydon with her run selling at £260.00. Louise and Angela came back for day 2 awarding the Best Run of NC Mule Theaves and The Best Pen of 20 or more NC Mule Theaves to T J Smith & Son, Puxley.

Texels sold to £318 from G E Haynes & Son followed at £310 from J A Shaw & Partners. Texel Average £255.9.

Texel X Cheviots from MR & JS Cross topped at £272 average £241. Texel X North country mules topped at £268 for had lambs from Harrison Brothers and best pen followed with £258 from E S Bullman. Texel X Scotch Mules sold to £272 from M/S Harrison Brothers. Texel X from M/S Haynes sold to £322 followed by C J Watkins at £280. Texel X average £216.

Charollais and Charollais X sold to £310 for G A Stephens.

Suffolk X the surprise of the day, strong shearlings topping at a very respectable £385 from M/S Mason & Morley. Garfield Stephens sold his run to £290. Suffolk x average £217.80.

Other ewes topped at £230 for Suffolk X North Country mules from George Eaton, Lleyens to £201 for David Barnett Farms and Texels to £220 for A J Smith Farming.

North Country Mule ewes sold on a strong trade for all on offer except the plainer sorts. David Barnett Farms Dispersed their flock selling at £198, £195 and £190, M/S Pearson & Son took £175.

Shearlings topped at £275 for the champion pen of 25 for the second-year by T J Smith & Son, Puxley selling to one of the Judges Mrs A Tarry- Smith. M/S F C Lester & Son sold two pens of second crop at £265, with S F Deeming £250 and M/S CR & DP Hunt at £245 for had lambs. Mule Average £207.61 down £2 on the year.

Top prices & averages

Breed	Average	Top
NC Mule Theaves	£207.61	£275.00
NC Mule Ewes	£165.92	£198.00
Suffolk x NC Mule Theaves	£217.83	£290.00
Texel Mule Theaves	£209.09	£268.00
Texel X Scotch Mule Theaves	£237.27	£250.00
Texel x Cheviot Theaves	£241.00	£272.00
Texel Theaves	£255.92	£318.00
Texel x Theaves	£216.72	£322.00
Cheviot Mule Theaves	£200.63	£215.00
Beltex Theaves	£258.05	£280.00
Lleyen Theaves	£178.38	£195.00
Charollais X Theaves	£200.11	£285.00

Ram Sale Report

Charollais from the Atchill flock of the Tombs family very much in demand, topping at £1420 with others from the same excellent pen to £1260, £1160, £1100, £1080, £1040 & £1010 and finding a tremendous buying support. Jennifer Curtis brought her usual consignment topping at £900 for her 2-shear stock tup. Shearlings to £880 & £850 from the same flock.

Beltex X Charollais sold to £800 & £780 for Chiltern Beltex. Colin Roots pen topped at £890, £850 & £760. Texels from R & B Smith sold to £850, £820 & £720 achieving a clean sweep. Charollais theaves sold to £320 for Kingston Blount Farms.

On the whole, demand was strong in places with others finding limited support as expected for this early sale.

Our Next sale is 5th September for NSA South East Region with good entry expected.

Auctioneers:

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