



# BUILTH MARKET REPORT

## FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

### PRIME LAMBS – 1,446

*Auctioneer – Greg Christopher*

A smaller show of lambs with trade slightly easier, however still a good way in front on this week last year. Interesting this week was the lowest point last year. Huge numbers still pouring out from the North has just added pressure to the trade. Trade still remaining sharp with all weights keenly bid for, however the heavier lambs would be meeting more resistance. Lambs to £132, £131, £130.50 and £130, several large bunches trading £122-£127. 46-50kg lambs from £114-£122, the smarter lambs £116-£120 with the few best types still £120 plus.

Smart lambs 255-265p/kg topping at 289p/kg, 38kg £110 from Worts Bros. 46kg £129 (280p/kg) from JE & SJL James. Again less than 300 lighter lambs, with the smarter cross-bred lambs remaining a very good trade 250-270p/kg.

Several 38-42kg clean lambs trading 245-255p/kg with the better end going back out as stores. Hill lambs continue to be scarce, not too plentiful with 31kg £79, 31kg £75.20. Hardy speckles 29.5kg £65.20 with meated hill lambs 220-235p/kg, plainer hill lambs trading either side of 200p/kg.

***PRIME LAMBS SQQ 243.7p/kg      Top price £132.00 for lambs grading 56.0kg***

	TOTAL NO.s	LIGHT 25.5 – 32.0		STANDARD 32.1 39.0		MEDIUM 39.1 - 45.5		HEAVY 45.6 - 52.		+ HEAVY 52.1 -	
		PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME	PREMIUM	PRIME
<b>PRIME LAMBS</b>	1,446	265.0	227.2	289.0	255.6	273.0	241.6	280.0	240.7	243.0	230.3
<b>PRIME HOGGS</b>											

### LAMBS

### Top p/kg

### Top £/head

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Kg</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>p/kg</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Kg</u>	<u>£</u>
Worts Bros	38.0	£110.00	289.4	P Jones & Son	56.0	£132.00
C C Evans & Son	33.0	£ 94.20	285.4	JS & MS Kinsey	54.0	£131.00
JE & SJL James	46.0	£129.00	280.4	TMB,RK & A Jones	60.0	£130.50
P Hepworth	35.0	£ 97.50	278.5	WTJ & JE Bridgewater	61.0	£130.00
F M James	42.0	£114.50	272.6	J F Woosnam	55.0	£130.00
J T Jones	33.5	£ 90.00	268.6	A Goodwin	55.5	£129.80
WSV Davies & Co	33.0	£ 87.50	265.1	JE & SJL James	46.0	£129.00
J T Jones	31.0	£ 82.20	265.1	A J Abberley	54.0	£127.00
TD & SJ Gwillim	37.5	£ 99.50	265.1	Worts Bros	54.5	£127.00
S & GL Jones	38.0	£ 99.80	262.6	A J Abberley	56.0	£127.00

## **CULL EWES – 1,126**

***Auctioneer – Rory Matthews***

An excellent entry of cull sheep selling stronger than expected given recent reports of steadier trades nationally. Several grazing and 'good under' customers present ensuring a competitive trade throughout. Large proportion of the entry off to live which sums up the lacklustre demand from the meat trade on cull ewes at present.

Strongest ewes easy to sell seeing Texel cross Mules to £137 and £127 from M/s GV Hardwick & Son and JE & SJL James respectively. Others to £121 and a large bunch of seventeen cashed at £117. Other stronger sorts trading £108 to £114 to include Suffolk cross and Mules. No end of leaner and half meated ground ewes £80 to £97, with the smaller types generally ranging between £60 and £75.

As is to be expected for the time of year, vast majority of the entry made up of hill ewes. Very strongest in the £80's however these few and far between, meat commanding a significant premium seeing several £60 to £75. Smaller yet well covered ewes £45 to £58 depending on size and weight and well framed half meated ewes £50 to £65. Smaller and plainer ewes again plentiful and meeting plenty of customers down in the £30 to £45 bracket. Very plain in the £20's, with only a handful of poor sorts in the teens. Still interest in the good under ewes with these selling well above killing value.

Over seventy cull rams and weathers penned and topping at £114 for a Blue Faced Leicester. Several lean and tired Texel and Suffolks in the £90's with meated hill sorts at similar money. Harder Welsh and Speckles £65 to £80.

**Overall averaged £55.72.**



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**SALE ON BEHALF OF IRFON &  
TOWY HUNT**

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

## **New Veterinary Attestation rule for farmers to be introduced on 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Changes in EU legislation, as from 13th December 2023, will require all producers selling livestock for slaughter to have had an annual on-farm veterinary visit to allow their animals, and/or part of any animal, to be exported out of the UK.

Up until now, a farmer declaration has satisfied the requirements, however from 13th December 2023, producers will require a Veterinary Attestation. This will certify that an annual on-farm visit has taken place to verify the absence of notifiable diseases and provide general advice on farm biosecurity, meeting EU requirements. The Vet will provide the producer with a unique Veterinary Attestation Number, known as a "VAN" (see section 2) within their certificate. Templates can be found here. 2. What is the "VAN" number?

The Veterinary Attestation Number, known as "VAN", is a unique reference number provided by Vets to producers within their Veterinary Attestation certificate to certify that an annual on-farm visit has taken place. A VAN number is valid for 12 months. This information will need to be provided to livestock markets, and onwards to buyers, for livestock sold for slaughter.

Farms that are part of qualifying assurance schemes do not need to complete the veterinary declaration. Membership of these farm assurance schemes is accepted as evidence that the premises of origin meet the requirement for regular health visits from a vet. The qualifying schemes are: • Red Tractor • Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Beef and Lamb Scheme (FAWL) (Welsh Lamb and Beef Producers Ltd (WLBP)).

## **HEREFORD AUCTIONEERS**

### **FORTHCOMING CATTLE SALES :-**

#### **THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

At 10.30am (Note new time) CATALOGUED SALE OF STORE CATTLE STOCK & FEEDING BULLS COWS & CALVES BARREN COWS cattle entries to the office by Wednesday of previous week at 12 noon Cattle catalogues will be available from the Thursday afternoon prior to the sale date.

#### **THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

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