

BUILTH MARKET REPORT

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024

3,921 SHEEP AT CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE



PRIME LAMBS - 3,474

Auctioneer – Greg Christopher

A tremendous entry of lambs for the Christmas primestock Show with just under 3,500 lambs, a huge show of lightweights with just under 1,700 under 39kg. Huge thanks to all Vendors patience on Friday on a busy morning with most being well rewarded with a sharp trade throughout with all weights keenly bid for. The large offering of smalls but these a good trade with plenty of hill lambs 240-250p/kg. A good entry of Show lambs and many thanks to all for your support on this day. The champion pen exhibited by Mr Pip Langford 48.5kg £240 (495p/kg) and purchased by the Judge Mr Arwyn Morgans of Morgans Family Butchers, he also purchased the first prize pen of YFC lambs from Rhys Abberley, Cerrigroes with 45kg Texels to £150 (333p/kg). Smart Beltex lambs from Mr A Rees 45kg £153.50 (341p/kg). Several pens of show lambs 300p/kg plus.

In the commercial lambs heavy lambs topped at £150 (60kg) from J Lewis, Yrabber, other heavy lambs to £142.80 and £140 with several 52kg plus lambs at £134-£139.20. 46-50kg lambs nearly all £120-£130 with the smarter sorts seeing 47.5kg at £148.50 (313p/kg) from W L Jerman & Sons.

More hill types & Mules in the entry these well competed for throughout with the better fleshed types either side of 250p/kg plenty 240-250p/kg and £107-£115 for 43-46kg sorts.

40-45kg lambs a little easier with the well bred export lambs all 255-265p/kg smart types into the 270's.

A large show of light weight lambs with 1,700 under 39kg and a vast majority of these being hill lambs, these very good to sell throughout with demand from 28kg to 36kg, the better meated 32-36kg lambs 240-250p/kg with plenty of hill lambs from £75-£85.

28kg Hardy speckles £64.80 230p/kg, demand from 23kg this week with all weights meeting strong demand. Cross-bred lighter lambs remain easy to place with these 250-270p/kg, smarter sorts 270-280p/kg.

PRIME LAMBS AVERAGE 251.0p/kg

Top price £240.00 for lambs grading 48.5kg

| | TOTAL NO.s | | | | | | | | | + HEAVY 52.1 - > | |
|----------------|---------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| | | PREMIUM | PRIME | PREMIUM | PRIME | PREMIUM | PRIME | PREMIUM | PRIME | PREMIUM | PRIME |
| PRIME LAMBS | 3,474 | 257 | 230.6 | 287 | 248.6 | 341 | 254.5 | 495 | 260.4 | 263 | 247.7 |

| LAMBS | | | Top £/head | | | |
|---------------------|------|--------|-------------|------------------|------|--------|
| Vendor | Kg | £ | <u>p/kg</u> | Vendor | Kg | |
| P G Langford | 48.5 | 240.00 | 494.8 | P G Langford | 48.5 | 240.00 |
| P G Langford | 49.5 | 240.00 | 484.8 | P G Langford | 49.5 | 240.00 |
| A Rees | 45.0 | 153.50 | 341.1 | A Rees | 45.0 | 153.50 |
| A Rees | 42.0 | 141.00 | 335.7 | J Lewis | 60.0 | 150.00 |
| A J Abberley | 45.0 | 150.00 | 333.0 | Rhys Abberley | 45.0 | 150.00 |
| W J Jerman | 47.5 | 148.50 | 312.6 | W J Jerman | 47.5 | 148.50 |
| SN, RD & J R Powell | 47.5 | 138.50 | 291.5 | M E Thomas & Son | 56.0 | 142.80 |
| JE & SJL James | 39.0 | 112.50 | 288.4 | A Rees | 42.0 | 141.50 |
| P W Jones & Sons | 42.5 | 119.50 | 281.1 | J M Jones & Son | 58.0 | 140.00 |
| W R Protheroe & Son | 43.0 | 120.00 | 279.0 | ID & SB James | 50.0 | 139.20 |

447 EWES/RAMS

Auctioneer – Rory Matthews

A reduced entry with vendors seemingly more focused on drawing lambs and not encouraged by the recent ewe trade. Trade still not very inspiring however noticeably sharper this week especially on the leaner and in-between ewes.

Best ewes once again the easiest sold with Blue Texels to £155 for a pair from ID & SB James, Highbury. Texel bred ewes to £139 from CJ Davies & Co, Goitre. Several examples of Texel and Suffolk cross Mules trading £100 to £116 with smaller meated ewes in the £80 to £95 bracket. BFL to £100 and Coloured Mules to £96 both from M/s RG Jones, Tymawr. Several well framed leaner Crossbreds and Mules £60 to £84.

Hill types to £78 for Welsh ewes consigned by MJ & EM Dyke & Sons with other stronger types £60 to £70. Fat hill ewes in the £55 to £60 bracket looking the cheapest with steady demand on these types, plainer ewes £35 to £50 and far easier sold than in the past fortnight. Poorer ewes down in the £20's. Only a handful of cull rams forward with these topping at £144 for two Texels from WS Jones, Fronhir. **Overall Average £51.28**

BUILTH MARKET CHRISTMAS SALE DATES:

FRI 15TH DECEMBER – Normal Weekly market

SUN 17TH DECEMBER – Builth Babes Sale of Pedigree Texel in- lamb Ewes

WEDS 20th DECEMBER – Sale of Primestock Weighing 2 p.m

Sale at 4.30 p.m

FRI 22nd DECEMBER – No Sale

VET ATTESTATION NUMBERS – NEEDED FROM 13TH DECEMBER

If your farm is not Farm Assured you will need to obtain a V.A.N. from your Vet. Without a V.A.N. your livestock will not be eligible for export and your livestock may reduce in value because of fewer buyers. WE suggest that if you sell Prime Lambs & Cull ewes at Builth Market and are not Farm Assured you should obtain a V.A.N

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FATSTOCK SHOW & PRIME LAMBS



With thanks to our Judge : Mr Arwyn Morgans, Morgans Family Butchers, Builth Wells & Brecon

- Class 1 : Best pen of 5 Black-Face Lambs, Sponsored by Wynnstay Group
 - 1) J Lewis, Yrabber, Penybont
- Class 2 : Best pen of 5 Continental Cross Lambs, Sponsored by Trevoil Farm Feeds
 - 1) P G Langford, Brynglas, Hundred House
 - 2) DB & EM Davies, Awaliach, Llanafan
 - 3) P W Jones & Sons, Cwmrhybin, Hundred House
- Class 3 : Best pen of 5 Welsh or Speckled face Lambs (36kg & over), Sponsored by Oil4Wales
 - 1) T I Jones, Cilfodig, Llandefalle
 - 2) IT & HM Matthews, Llwyncelyn, Llanfrynach
 - 3) WCR Pugh, Bodalog, Cwmstwyth
- Class 4 : Best pen of 5 Hill bred lambs (35kg & under), Sponsored by Caleb Roberts Insurance, Builth Wells
 - 1) WCR Pugh, Bodalog, Cwmstwyth
 - 2) J Hughes, Cwmbrith, Cefnllys

Class 5 : Best pen of 5 Welsh Mule Lambs, Sponsored by Welsh Mule Association

- 1) Ken Jones, Cornel, Cilmery
- 2) A T Bennett, Bronreval, Llandewi
- 3) RG & BM Jones & Son, Ty-Mawr, Garth
- Class 6 : Best pen of 5 Lambs, shown by a YFC Member, Sponsored by Radnor YFC and Cup kindly given by Peter & Marie Hill, Neuadd-Isaf, Maesmynis and also receiving Vouchers from Hay & Brecon Farmers
 - 1) Rhys Abberley, Cerrigroes, Llanyre
 - 2) Lewis Bennett, Bronreval, Llandewi
 - 3) Elin Protheroe, Cwmdulas, Llanafan
- Class 7 : Best pen of 5 Lowland Ewes, Sponsored by Agricultural Banking Manager, HSBC
 - 1) RG & BM Jones & Son, Ty-Mawr, Garth
 - 2) RG & BM Jones & Son, Ty-Mawr, Garth
 - 3) WJ,AJ,PM & JK Christopher, Rockyfold Farm, Michaelchurch

Class 8 : Best pen of 5 Hill Bred Ewes, Sponsored by Farmers Union of Wales

- 1) MJ Dyke & Sons, Gwernfach, Hundred House
- 2) A J Abberley, Cerrigroes, Llanyre
- 3) ER & ME James, Penrhiwgoch, Beulah

Overall Champion pen of lambs and winning the Challenge Cup presented in memory of J D Lloyd, Barley Mow and an engraved cup given by The Erwgilfach Family. And £50.00 sponsored by National Farmers Union (NFU)

Champion Mr P G Langford, Brynglas, Hundred House Selling for £240.00 (48.5kg) to Judge Mr Arwyn Morgans

















The Partners of Builth Market Auctioneers & Sunderlands would like to thank you for your tremendous support throughout 2023 and look forward to continued business with Builth Wells Market in 2024

We would like to wish all our Client's a very Happy Christmas and Healthy 2024