



STORE LAMBS - 4664

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A very good entry with just over 4500 lambs on show, despite the continued horrendous weather and ground conditions a remarkably busy ringside of customers which led to a very strong trade throughout and the number easily coped with. Several distant purchasers still travelling to acquire lambs each week.

Stronger lambs more plentiful and still very easy to cash with customers certainly prepared to bid for the stronger farming lambs. Lambs topped at £125.50, others to £124, £122 and £121.50. A bunch of 37 Charollais x mixed lambs to £119, other stronger bunches trading £100-£114, these being very similar on the week.

Another excellent show of farming lambs proved to be very good to sell with the smarter bred and stronger sorts £93-£100, the next step down late £80's into the £90's. A few bunches of strongish Romney lambs to £95.50 for 50, others £92.50 with smaller sorts in the £80's.

Medium keep lambs would be a shade easier with ground conditions just putting a few customers off these longer term lambs. The well bred lambs £83-£88 with plenty mid to late £80's, anything with condition keenly sought after to kill. Smaller and harder bred lambs late £70's into the early £80's.

Longer term lambs a little easier, the better bred types from £66-£74, with harder bred lambs in the £60's. Several small types this week from £48-£58. A large show of nearly 1300 ram lambs with the stronger ram lambs £95-£105, topping in the £120's.

A large show of farming ram lambs, anything with frame and condition very good to sell with firms still sourcing lighter weight and meat lambs to kill. Better bred lambs with potential £87-£94, others £80-£92.

Several smaller hill lambs this week with these remaining good to sell from £55-£70 depending on frame and condition. Very small sorts £45-£54. A smaller show will be required next week with several purchasers now waiting for January to re-stock for store lambs.

	MIXED LAMBS (£)	RAM LAMBS (£)	EWES LAMBS (£)
TEXEL	121.50	112.50	-
CHAROLLAIS	124.00	122.00	-
SUFFOLK	114.00	125.50	-
WELSH MULE	98.50	93.00	-
WELSH	89.50	94.50	-
SPECKLE	68.00	-	-

Overall Average - £85.97/head

Please note - NO SALE ON TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY
First sale of store hogs - TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2024

A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET ~ GREEN MARKET STATUS

FORTHCOMING SALES

TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER

4,000 SHEEP

Section for

200 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am

3500 STORE LAMBS - 11.30am

REARING & WEANED CALVES

Store sheep/rearing calf entries by Friday 15th December

WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER

PRIME LAMBS - 10.00am

CULL EWES - 12 noon

All sheep penned on arrival

THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER

400 STORE CATTLE

Special Sale of Suckler Herd

90 CONTINENTAL CROSS IN-CALF COWS

6 STOCK BULLS

From

Upper Court Farms, Clifford

To be sold first at 10.30am

Catalogue available online

Followed by

BARREN COWS

COWS IN OR WITH CALVES

STOCK/FEEDING BULLS

STORE CATTLE

Catalogue available shortly

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BREEDING EWES - 246

Auctioneer - Rory Matthews

Numbers starting to build in the in-lamb section with trade off to a reasonable start.

The strongest ewes on offer seemingly all carrying triplets which aren't for everyone. 3/4-year-old Suffolk cross Mules carrying three to £200 twice from M/s WJ Brick & Son, Lawton Farm. Mr GG Chandler, Cefn Clytha selling flock aged Suffolks also scanned for triplets to £185 three times.

Full mouthed Texel cross ewes carrying twins and due in January to £165 with flock ages scanned either side of 150% to £160, £150, and £140. Full mouthed Suffolk cross ewes to £150 with others at £145. Several less-backed ewes due well into February, young Suffolk ewes cashed at £148 and £142, mixed bred Texel cross at £135 and Mules to £120. Some very small and leaner farming ewes on offer meeting a limited enquiry, demand likely to increase on these types into the new year.

Some strong entries to hand already for next week.

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VET ATTESTATION NUMBERS

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.

If you sell the following classes of livestock and are not Farm Assured you

MUST obtain a V.A.N. :

PRIME LAMBS & HOGGETS

STORE LAMBS & HOGGETS

CULL EWES

PRIME CATTLE

STORE CATTLE

BARREN COWS

THIS IS NEEDED FROM TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS - **2023/24**

NORMAL -

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Store lambs ~ in-lamb ewes ~ calves

WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER

Prime lambs ~ cull ewes

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**FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER - TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER 2023 inc.
CLOSED**

WEDNESDAY 27th DECEMBER - OPEN

Prime lambs & cull ewes only

all stock penned on arrival

Market opens at 6.30am ~ weighing from 7.00am

Sale starts at 10.00am with prime lambs

Rory Matthews – 07983 465226, Rob Meadmore – 07774 763971

Greg Christopher – 07770 972815

**THURSDAY 28th DECEMBER 2023 - MONDAY 1st JANUARY 2024 inc.
CLOSED**

TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY 2024

NO SALE

WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY

Prime hogs ~ cull ewes

First cattle sale of 2024 - **THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2024**

Entries close Wednesday 27th December at 12 noon

A Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy

New Year to all our Customers