



# 4532 STORE SHEEP

## 5th DECEMBER 2023

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### STORE LAMBS - 4532

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

A busy ringside of customers with numbers starting to tighten as we enter December. Trade very sharp throughout with all classes very keenly bid for and sharper on the week. Strength continues to be easy to place with several bunches trading £100 plus. Strength topped at £124.50, £123, £122 and £120. Other stronger lambs trading from £107 to £116. Some large bunches of Texels seeing 36 to £112.50, with 65 Texels to £109.50.

A super show of farming lambs for December - these proving to be an animated trade throughout with the better sorts all £94 to £106 with more lambs this week £100 plus. Well fleshed farming lambs very good to sell and more of these will be wanted each week going forward. The next step down from £88 - £93.50. Mule wethers into the £90's with others £80 - £87.

Medium keep lambs sharper on the week with these £4 - £6 dearer again. The better bred lambs all £85 - £88 with plainer lambs either side of £80. Longer term well bred lambs still trading in the £70's for the continental and Suffolk x lambs, plainer and harder bred lambs in the £60's. Small lambs continue to be a remarkable trade with very few under £50.

Over 1100 ram lambs with again several hill types and Mules, strength to £124.50 for 20 Texel x, others to £123 and £120. stronger sorts all £94 to £104 to include the strongest Welsh/Cheviots and Mules.

Farming types all from £75 - £90 depending on condition and frame, better meat types keenly sought by several firms to kill for the lighter Southern European trade. Small and backward ram lambs £55 - £70.

### **Overall Average - £86.45/head**

	MIXED LAMBS (£)	RAM LAMBS (£)	EWE LAMBS (£)
TEXEL	116.50	124.50	-
CHAROLLAIS	112.00	123.00	-
SUFFOLK	108.50	102.00	-
WELSH MULE	94.00	102.00	-
WELSH/CHEVIOT	86.00	97.00	-

### 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. WE suggest that if you sell the following classes of livestock and are not Farm Assured you should obtain a V.A.N. :

Prime Lambs & Hoggets

Store Lambs & Hoggets

Cull Ewes

Prime Cattle ~ Store Cattle ~ Barren Cows

**THIS WILL BE NEEDED FROM TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER**

**A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET ~ GREEN MARKET STATUS**

**FORTHCOMING SALES**

**TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER**

**6,000 SHEEP**

**Section for**

**250 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am**

**6000 STORE LAMBS - 11.30am**

**SECOND SPECIAL SALE OF SUCKLED CATTLE**

*Catalogue available shortly*

**REARING CALVES**

*Store sheep/rearing calf entries by Friday 8th December*

**WEDNESDAY 13th 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 soon*

Followed by

**50 BARREN COWS**

**COWS IN OR WITH CALVES**

**STOCK/FEEDING BULLS**

**250 STORE CATTLE**

*Store entries to the office by Wednesday 13th December at 12 noon*





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

NORMAL -

**TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER**

Store lambs ~ in-lamb ewes ~ calves

**WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER**

Prime lambs ~ cull ewes

**THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER**

Sale of

**90 CONTINENTAL CROSS IN-CALF COWS**

**6 STOCK BULLS**

From Upper Court Farms

To be sold first at 10.30am

Followed by

**BARREN COWS ~ FEEDING BULLS ~ STORE CATTLE**

**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

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

**TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY 2024**

Store hogs ~ in-lamb ewes ~ calves

*All stock penned on arrival*

**WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2024**

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***