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**5603 STORE SHEEP**  
**4052 STORE HOGGS**  
**1551 IN-LAMB EWES & COUPLES**  
**13th FEBRUARY 2024**

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**STORE HOGGS - 4052**

**Auctioneer - Greg Christopher**

Another week with new records broken and another price increase, a much larger entry however trade continues to gain more momentum with the overall average levelling at £108.93. All classes of hogs proved very easy to cash and several purchasers left short of requirements. Strength found new record highs with a bunch of 13 crossbred hogs to £168. Texel x hogs to £167, with others to £166 and £150. A cracking bunch of 39 Texel x hogs to £147.50, several stronger hogs trading £134 to £145, with confidence in the heavy hogs in the finished ring.

A very good show of farming hogs for February and considering the weather in the last seven days all breeds and sizes of farming hogs an animated trade and as dear as we have seen all season. The smarter, stronger end from £120-£132 with several large bunches trading either side of £130. A grand bunch of 80 Texel x hogs to £134.50. Several excellent runs of farming hogs presented with 195 from one farm to £134 averaging £120.85/head. 260 hogs from another farm topped at £126 and averaged £118.88. Smaller farming hogs from £112-£120.

Medium keep hogs £100-£110 with the better bred sorts £106-£110. Plainer and harder bred hogs trading around £100. Longer keep hogs seeing the well bred types £80-£90. Plainer types from £65-£75, with very few under £60.

Over 1000 ram hogs with every breed represented in the entry. Over 500 hill bred hogs with all shapes and sizes good to sell. Strength to £150, others to £138, £137.50 and £136. Several pens over £130. Cheviot ram hogs to £135, Mule ram hogs to £134 for 18, others to £131.50. Scotch Blackface to £115, several stronger Welsh ram hogs trading £108-£118 with numerous bunches trading in the teens. Smaller longer term ram hogs from £75-£95, with very few ram hogs under £70.

Another large entry is required next week to satisfy the current excellent demand for store hogs.

***Overall Average - £108.93/head***

	MIXED HOGGS (£)	RAM HOGGS (£)	EWES HOGGS (£)
TEXEL	167.00	138.00	-
CHAROLLAIS	168.00	150.00	-
SUFFOLK	145.00	136.00	-
WELSH MULE	129.50	134.00	-
WELSH	106.50	135.00	-
SPECKLE/SCOTCH	107.00	115.00	-

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

**FORTHCOMING SALES**

**TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY**

**4000 SHEEP**

**150 EWES & LAMBS - 11.00am**

**800 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am**

**3000 STORE HOGGS - 12 noon**

**REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.30am**

*Store sheep and calf entries by Friday 16th February at 5.00pm*

**WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY**

**PRIME HOGGS - 10.00am**

**CULL EWES - 12 noon**

*All sheep penned on arrival*

**TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY**

**Special Sale of**

**300 SUCKLED CALVES/YOUNG STORES**

*Entries to the office by Tuesday 20th February*

**THURSDAY 7th MARCH**

**Genuine Complete Herd Dispersal of**

**28 pedigree Limousin cows & calves**

**5 pedigree bulling heifers**

**2 pedigree stock bulls**

**On behalf of M/s R W & C S Richards, Park Farm, Craswall**

*Catalogue available online*

*Ref: Matthew Nicholls - 07811 521267*

**650 STORE CATTLE**

**BARREN COWS**

**COWS IN OR WITH CALVES**

**STOCK/FEEDING BULLS**

**STORE CATTLE**

*Entries for catalogue by*

*Wednesday 28th February at 12 noon*

# **1808 BREEDING SHEEP**

## **COUPLES - 190 ewes/257 lambs**

**Auctioneer – Rory Matthews**

Numbers starting to build with trade excellent throughout once again.

The weekly consignment from M/s DE & SJ Cheacker one of the highlights and generating fierce interest seeing ten Suffolk ewes suckling seventeen Texel cross lambs cashing in at £332 (£122.96/life!), with two lots of five suckling nine to the same money.

Twins soared to £338 (£112.67/life) for Texel cross ewes suckling smart lambs from M/s IT Davies & Son, Danyreglwys with other twins from the same stable to £332. Aged Suffolk cross ewes with twins to £302 with broken mouthed Mules with two to £280 for a large bunch.

Singles rocketed to £305 (£152.50/life) for a pure Charollais outfit from M/s J Lawrence, Home Farm with plenty of business done between £200 and £220 for commercial types to include Mules.

The recent trade seems to be drawing out longer term outfits with these meeting no shortage of customers. Better bred outfits around and over the £100 a life barrier with smaller sorts generally £80 to £95. Smaller ewes with very young or mixed bred lambs a touch less. Several Dorset couples on offer with these anywhere from £75 to £100 a life depending on strength and breed of lambs. We envisage customers in the next few weeks looking for younger flock replacements and therefore more couples will be needed.

**Averages £224.80 per outfit and £95.55 per life**

## **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**

## **IN LAMB EWES - 1361**

**Auctioneer – Rory Matthews**

The largest entry of the season to date and without a doubt the strongest trade.

Some fantastic ewes in places with several trading £200 plus. Topping proceedings at £240 twice was the consignment of Beltex 2's, 3's & 4's, due from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, from Sam Morris, Lower Pentrecaeau. A lovely run of flock aged April lambers from M/s ME & AW Wright ticked all the boxes and topped at £228 for Texel cross Mules, Suffolk cross to £205 and other Texel types to £200. More promised from this good home for next week. Flock aged Suffolks and Texel cross Mules trading £160 to £195 for the well-bred and backed types.

As has been the case since the turn of the year, Mules very much in demand. Two-year-old Welsh Mules from M/s TJ Powell, The Foyce flying to £222, flock aged Scotch types to £210 from M/s PG Newman and North Country yearlings to £200. Welsh Mule 3's, 4's and 5's scanned over 200% to £188 and £180. North Country's carrying three to £175.

Hill ewes strongly contested for with several nice runs of Cheviot, Welsh and Speckle ewes on offer. The second instalment of aged Cheviots from M/s SDR & LJ Price outsold last week topping at £155 and finding an average of £146.59. Large run of Welsh ewes (2's, 3's & 4's) in lamb to Blue Faced Leicester and Welsh rams sold on behalf of the Executors of the late Mr WK Morris, Coedtrewernan found strong interest seeing bunches to £142 and £130 twice. Several examples of Welsh and Speckle ewes toothing well trading £100 to £125. Older types missing teeth generally from £80 to £95 and well in line with, if not exceeding, vendor expectations.

Wide range of good on offer today with customers present for all breeds, shapes, and sizes. Romney yearlings to £135, £132 and £130, aged Jacob ewes to £150 and £130 with a large run of aged ewes unscanned yet clearly in lamb selling well given the circumstances. These trading £80-£105, with some rare breed types under £50.

**Please call Rory (07983 465226) or Rob (07774 763971)  
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