

4738 STORE SHEEP 3482 STORE HOGGS 1256 IN-LAMB EWES & COUPLES 20th FEBRUARY 2024

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STORE HOGGS - 3482

Auctioneer - Greg Christopher

An excellent entry of hoggs with a large ringside of customers operating and trade again, outstanding throughout. A more varied entry with several longer term hoggs and clear up runs. However, trade easily maintained to recent rates and levelling at £107.48, another remarkable average considering the hoggs on show. Strength continues to be very easy to cash and topped at £166 for some Charollais cross hoggs, 13 Texel cross hoggs to £163, others £153, £150 and £149.50. Several stronger farming hoggs trading £135 - £148 to include some large bunches trading either side of £140.

Farming hoggs becoming more mixed as the season progresses, however the better types continue to be very strong money with the better end trading £120 - £134, Texel hoggs fence trained off keep with strength £130 plus, strong Mule wethers to £126, other Mule wethers from £104 to £118. The smaller end of the farming hoggs £107 - £118 to include a few more harder bred hoggs.

A large show of medium and longer term hoggs - these probably the trade of the day, better bred hoggs \pounds 95 - \pounds 106 with plenty \pounds 100 plus. Plainer types \pounds 88 - \pounds 95 depending on strength and potential.

Well bred long keeping hoggs from £75 - £90 with plenty mid to late £80's, small and plain types £60 - £70, with very few under £60.

Just shy of 1000 ram hoggs, these a sharp trade with all ram hoggs averaging £102 to include a large proportion of hill types. Ram hoggs topped at £166, others to £148, £144 and £140. Several stronger ram hoggs from £120 - £139.50, a grand run of strong Clun cross and Easycare cross ram hoggs topped at £138 for 46, others £130. Easycare ram hoggs to £129 with 218 hoggs from one farm averaging £126.

Farming ram hoggs trading £105 - £120, with Welsh ram hoggs to £136.50, several larger bunches, of Welsh & Cheviots £100 - £118, smaller farming types £85 - £95.

Scotch cross ram hoggs to £96, other Scotch cross to £90, with several smaller farming types from £65 - £85.

Small and very long term ram hoggs from £60 - £75.

Another large entry of store hoggs required next week.

	MIXED HOGGS (£)	RAM HOGGS (£)	EWE HOGGS (£)
TEXEL	153.00	148.00	163.00
CHAROLLAIS	149.50	166.00	-
SUFFOLK	130.00	139.50	-
WELSH MULE	126.00	118.00	-
WELSH	110.00	136.50	-
SPECKLE/BEULAH	-	£105	-

Overall Average - £107.48/head

A Designated STORE/FAT MARKET ~ GREEN MARKET STATUS

FORTHCOMING SALES

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY
4000 SHEEP150 EWES & LAMBS - 11.00am
1000 IN-LAMB EWES - 11.15am
To include two genuine dispersals:
200 Dutch Texel ewes 115 yearlings and 80 flock aged
Scanned in lamb to Dutch Texel rams
Due 1st April from the Late R Slade250 Beulah Speckle ewes all flock ages, scanned to Beulah rams, due 25th March
3000 STORE HOGGS - 12.30pm
REARING/WEANED CALVES - 10.30am
Store sheep and calf entries by Friday 23rd February at 5.00pm

Store sheep and calf entries by Friday 23rd February at 5.00pm Followed by Special Sale of

400 SUCKLED CALVES/YOUNG STORES

90 Feeding Bulls 300 Suckled Calves & Store Cattle

WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY PRIME HOGGS - 10.00am CULL EWES - 12 noon

All sheep penned on arrival

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 750 STORE CATTLE

BARREN COWS COWS IN OR WITH CALVES STOCK/FEEDING BULLS STORE CATTLE

Entries for catalogue by Wednesday 28th February at 12 noon

1256 BREEDING SHEEP

COUPLES - 102 ewes/246 lambs

<u> Auctioneer – Rory Matthews</u>

A reduced entry this week with a larger proportion of longer-term outfits on offer not the show of stronger couples like recent weeks. Trade would be very similar to levels seen over the last month with purchasers seemingly confident of a strong spring lamb trade on the horizon.

Holding couples until the lambs are circa 3 weeks old seems to be paying dividends with several trading well over £100 a life once again for the shorter-term outfits. Strong twins flying to £340 (£113.33 per life) for Suffolk cross types from M/s DE & SJ Cheacker who also received £312 for six suckling ten (£117 per life). Full mouthed Texel cross ewes with young but shapely twins to £300 from M/s IT Davies & Son, Danyreglwys. Singles mostly achieving a premium per life with Suffolk bred outfits to £220, Texel cross to £210 and Mules to £208 all from Mr J Hughes, Newton Farm.

Several ewes suckling multiple young lambs with these in the £90's per life for the betterbred sorts. Mixed bred types in the £80's with small ewes suckling very young lambs in the £70's regardless of if singles or twins.

Keep the couples coming, more can be sold to advantage!

Averages £231.42 per outfit and £94.67 per life

Advance Notice – In Lamb Ewes For 27th February

Two genuine dispersal sales only due to bereavement and poor health

250 flock aged Beulah Speckle ewes sold on behalf of Mr D Price, Argoed Farm, Llanafan, Builth Wells



Due from 25th March onwards to Speckle Rams

114 Dutch Texel yearlings and 78 flock age Dutch Texel ewes sold on behalf of the late Robin Slade, Almeley, Herefordshire

IN LAMB EWES - 1008

Another large and varied entry with trade picking up where we left off last week.

Fewer best-bred ewes on offer seeing a top of £200 twice, first for a pen of flock aged Suffolk cross ewes scanned at 150% from M/s ME & AW Wright and secondly from M/s AW Lawrence & Son for younger Texel cross sorts. Several flock aged Texel bred ewes trading £150 to £190 depending on power and scanning percentage. Smaller types £130 to £145.

Mules once again the easiest selling topping at £185 for Welsh Mule 3's, 4's & 5's scanned over 200% from M/s ER & CB Williams, Dafern with others to £178. North Country yearlings and 2's to £180 with 3's and 4's to £180, £175, £165, £155 etc. Small Welsh Mule yearlings to £165. Older and mixed bred ewes £130 to £145 same as the continentals.

Several customers still looking to source triplets seeing Suffolk cross ewes to £175 and £172 with Aberfields to £160.

Hill ewes now the majority with no end of customers present for the low-maintenance ewes. M/s I Sevenoaks & Son's large run of Welsh and Cheviots scanning well over 150% and in lamb to a Blue Faced Leicester seeing large bunches realise £144 twice and £140 for 4's and full mouth. Several pens from this good home trading £120 to £128. Customers looking for Cheviot & Welsh ewes in lamb to BFL and these easier sold than Hill ewes in lamb to Texels or Suffolks.

Harder bred ewes to £120 twice from Mr P Williams, Llwyngwilym with others in the low £100's. Trade on the hill ewes understandably dependent on tooth with the older sorts generally £80 to £95 depending on condition. Handful of more tired ewes £65 to £75. Sole pen of small but sweet Welsh yearlings scanned singles to £115.

A lovely consignment of flock aged registered Badger ewes from M/s S & D J Williams, Cefn Llech really caught the eye and sold at £146 and £140.

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