

## **Cutcombe Market Sheep Sale 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019**

Exmoor Farmers report an excellent entry of 1199 sheep forward for sale at Cutcombe with a much improved trade for Hoggs and plenty of demand for the best fleshed meat ewes.

### **493 Hoggs**

A good quality entry forward sold to a brisk trade, with the SQQ average standing at 190.57p/kg. The top price of the day per kg was for a pen from V Ellicott, selling at 202p/kg while the top total price of the day was from D W and J Jones, selling a pen of 9 at £95.20 (51.5kg). This was closely followed by others from the same home to £93.50 (48kg) and equalled by Mr J Brown with Hoggs of the same weight. Several other vendors cleared the £90 mark for heavy lambs; pens from Goosemoor Farming Ltd sold to £93.20, equalled by G G Gribble and further pens from D W & J Jones sold to £92 and a pen from M G Vellacott sold to £90.50 (53.kg).

Medium weight Hoggs from V Ellicott sold £89 (44kg) with other medium weight to £88.20 from D W & J Jones (45.5kg) and pens from G G Gribble to £87.50 (45kg) and E R Dascombe & Son to £85.80 (44kg). A brisk trade across the board, with buyers very competitive for all types forward. Quality and shape certainly made a difference and received a premium.

### **83 Store Hoggs**

83 Store Hoggs followed the fat and met with a continued brisk trade, with a top price of £71.80 for a pen from S Ellicott, who sold a second bunch to £68. Stores from Allercott Farm Partnership sold to £61.50 with others from J Brown to £61.20 and a pen from I Palmer & son at £60.50. More stores could certainly have been sold to advantage.

### **623 Grazing Ewes & Rams**

597 Grazing Ewes and 26 Cull Rams forward for sale met with a continuation of the same level steady trade seen before Christmas. Top price of the day hit £97.50 for a pen from S J & R J Webber. Buyers continue to want well fleshed ewes ready to kill and are not so keen on the longer term grazing types. Other leading prices included D W & J Jones with a pen to £86.50; a second pen from S J & R J Webber hit £82.50 and Cook Partners sold a pen to £78, with a second bunch to £72.50. The best of the cull rams were a bunch of 4 from I Palmer & Son which sold to £79.50, with a further one sold to £77.50.

**The next sale at Cutcombe will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.**