

Cutcombe Market Sheep Sale Wednesday 28th November 2018

Exmoor Farmers report another strong entry of 1290 sheep forward for sale on Wednesday 28th November. A good entry of 545 Fat Lambs met with a trade that was certainly up on a fortnight ago with the best of the lambs hitting 182p/kg and a top price of the day at £88. The overall SQQ average stood at 168.1p/kg. It was a pleasure to see new vendors rewarded with some leading prices, the top price per kilo of 182p was for a pen of lambs from Mr. G L Steer selling a pen of 44kg lambs at £80; other new vendors included Mrs. M Heard whose lambs sold to £86.50.

Heavy lambs

Overall top of the day was for a pen of heavy lambs from Mr. V Ellicott sold at £88, this was followed by a run for D W & J Jones who sold lambs to £86.80, £83.50 and a further pen to £83. Pens from GG Gribble sold to a top of £84.80 and a pair from S J & R J Webber sold to £83.50.

Medium Lambs (39 - 45kg)

Medium lambs sold to a top of £80 for G L Steer being followed by two pens from Luckyard Farm Ltd. selling a pen of 44.5kg to £79 and a pen of 44kg lambs to £76.50. This was equalled by A J Mather with a pen of 45kg lambs. A pen of 37 from E J W & A J & M J Land sold to £76(42.5kg) with a final pen for D W & J Jones selling to £75(44kgs)

Light Lambs

Trade for lighter lambs was slightly better this week with a pen from T P Gliddon of 37.5kg lambs selling to £65, others from H J Stevens sold to £62.20 and a pen from M Rawle at £60.80 and this was followed by a pen of 38 Swale lambs weighing 37kg sold to £58.50 for R. Rawle.

Across the board a good entry of lambs this week met the rising trade and prices were notably better from a fortnight ago, the biggest difference seen between 39-45kg lambs on average meeting 170.93p/kg closely followed by the heavier lamb at 168.42p/kg. **With the upturn set to continue we require more lambs for the next sale which will be on the 12th December, being the Christmas Show & Sale day. Early entries are now required. Please contact the office or Gethin to book in your lambs.**

Store Lambs

A smaller number of store lambs this week saw 72 forward for sale with the best-selling to £70.20 for a pen of eleven from C T Rawle whose second pen of twenty sold to £63.80. This was equalled by a pen from P Shearing. The overall average stood at £58.87. Please advise us of any store lamb entries ahead of the sale as this helps us to advise buyers and ensure the best trade for your lambs.

Grazing Ewes

It was a very mixed run of ewes again this week with quality and type to suit all types of buyer. There was continued demand for all types with a shortening supply of bigger ewes and many longer term grazing types forward again. A total of 656 forward met with a brisk trade as seen in previous weeks with a top of the day standing at £86 for V Ellicott, this was closely followed by a pen of Suffolks from D W & J Jones selling to £84.20 and a pen from J Brown selling to £79.20. A pair from R Richards sold to £79 with a second pen of ewes from V Ellicott to £76.50 being equalled by pens from R J Nancekivell. We continue to expect trade

for ewes to be good. Should you have ewes to sell, please let us know in advance that we can advise buyers.

Cull Rams

Cull rams met with a continued quick trade again this week with the top price at £118 for a ram from R B & J E Stephens, this was followed by two rams from J R Richards & Son sold to £75.50.

The next sale of sheep at Cutcombe will be on Wednesday 12th December and will be the last sale of 2018.