

## **ASHBURTON BREEDING SHEEP FAIR**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual July Sheep Sale**

Nr. Peartree Cross, Buckfastleigh Rd, Ashburton TQ13 7JW

The first sheep sale at Ashburton for 2023 was held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, with the traditional rural event taking place under mixed and changeable weather. Buyers were certainly not put off with a number of regular and fresh faces attending. Entries were short for this early breed sale however there was something for everyone.

**Ewes** sold to a top price of £188 for a smart pen of strong North Country Mules 2T from MJ Tozer, Cornworthy while RJ & EJ Blackler sold a genuine pen of Lleyn Shearling Ewes to £180. A pen of Masham 2T sold to a top of £165 for MJ Tozer, Cornworthy. The trade was in line with other markets where pens of 2T ewes were in the region of £20 per head dearer than last year with 100% sold!!

**Couples** a consignment of cross bred ewes with lambs at foot sold to a top of £81 a life followed my many more at £74, £71 & £60 a life.

**Store Lambs** were once again in keen demand with the smaller sorts looking to be very well sold. RJ & EJ Blackler sold a pen of Lleyn store lambs to £102 with a pen of small early pure Blue Texels selling to £74.



The Auctioneers would like to thank all the farmers, breeders and buyers who support this traditional event set on the foothills of Dartmoor very conveniently located for farmers from Dartmoor and South Devon.

**Next sales Ashburton Sheet Sale Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**