

ASHBURTON BREEDING SHEEP FAIR

5th Annual September Sheep Sale

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

Rendells Auctioneers reports an excellent final sheep sale for 2023 at Peartree Cross, Ashburton held on Wednesday 13th August with great weather and many faces providing a fantastic atmosphere for this traditional and rural event. The recent warm weather has given a good flush of grass which has allowed Ewes to be forward met with a large compliment of buyers aiding a very strong and enthusiastic trade for both commercial and native breeds. Store lambs were in huge demand attaining well above local and regional prices and the exceptional number of Rams entered saw a flying trade with over 70% sold and off to new homes.



Ewes sold to a top price of £198 for a smart pair of Derbyshire Gritstones 2T Shearling Ewes from Mr R Manning of North Tawton. His next pen of three 4T Derbyshire Gritstones sold to £165 each, finding their way to a native sheep owner in the Diptford area. Commercial pens of Suffolk Mules were in strong demand with Suffolk Mule 2T selling to £140 each, while pens of 4T & 6T sold to £130. Many pens of North Country Mules and Suffolk Mules FM selling to around £125 and £130 each.

Rams An extremely large entry for this sale met with great success having over 70% of the Rams entered sold away to new buyers throughout the West Country. Top price of the day was SJ & RM Lang of Plympton with their pure-bred Suffolk 2T

Rams selling for £500 on three occasions, closely followed by P L Bond of Blackawton selling his pure Texels 2T for £470, £460 & £450.

Reg and Annie Pedrick supported the sale with their Suffolk and Charollais Rams 2T selling to a top of £425 while many other Rams sold between £350-£450 with many vendors selling their entries. Buyers stayed to the very end to see three cracking Beltex Cross Charollais 4T Rams from Mr R Bond of Blackawton selling to £350 each.

Store Lambs were once again in very keen demand with the smaller sorts looking very well sold. A pen of store lambs from M Shergold of Totnes sold to a trade topping of £102, while a pen of six Wensleydale Cross Store Lambs from H Bond & Daughters of Bovey Tracy sold to £95 each. Vendors JJ & N A Bell of Diptford sold their pens of Store Lambs for £90, £88, £86. A F Cook of Ivybridge sold his pen to £86, while R Bleach of North Bovey sold his pen of nine Suffolk Mule Cross Store Lambs to £85 per piece.

A local vendor A S & L Prowse of East Ogwell sold his three pens to an average of £69.50 looking well sold.

Ewe Lambs it was a day for Blue Texel and Blue Texel Cross Ewe Lambs with two pens of Blue Texel Cross Ewe Lambs from S Harler of Buckfastleigh selling to £107 each, while vendors JJ & N A Bell sold Blue Texel ewe lambs to £90. Other sorts sold for between £78 and £90 including two pens from M Northmore of Holberton for her Zwartble ewe lambs.



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, South Devon & Exeter.

The 2024 sales date will be released soon on our sales calendar!!

Please look on our website www.rendells.co.uk or pick up a calendar from any of our offices when available.