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KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 22nd MARCH 2018

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 1652 sheep on Thursday last the 22nd March. The sheep trade has remained firm during the week in all sections due to restricted numbers being marketed due to the weather and farmers not being able to finish the sheep to the levels that the market requires mainly due to recent weather conditions. The sheep in both the hogs and cull ewe sections were very dear again. We had an excellent trade in all sections with excellent buying support for the hogs and cull ewes.

HOGGETS

We had an entry of 1268 hoggets which sold to a super trade on the week. Meat is very important to receive a good trade. Lean hoggets were at a disadvantage so it is well worth selecting the best hoggets for a premium trade. The trade this week would be in front of any dead weight quotations.

The trade was excellent throughout all weight ranges. The yard of hoggets ranged from 28kg to 60kg. We had an exceptional trade on the heavy hoggets above 50kg and these sold up to a fabulous £130 per head.

The hoggets averaged a super SQQ of £2.42ppk up to £2.70ppk and averaged an excellent £98 per hogget through all the hoggets sold. The whole hogget section averaged an excellent £2.35ppk from the lightest to the heaviest in the market.

The heavy hoggets over 52kg averaged an excellent £121 per head which would be as dear as anywhere if not dearer!

The 45kg to 52kg hoggets averaged an excellent £2.32ppk and an excellent £112 per head

The best meated hoggets received the best following and they sold up to £130 per head for some 60kg hoggets from B W Speakman & Son

The hoggets sold up to £2.70ppk for some 42kg hoggets from Brobury Farms which made £114 per head.

**Hoggets between 25.5 kg to 32 kg averaged 2.19ppk up to 2.63ppk which averaged £73 per head
Hoggets between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 2.28ppk up to 2.34ppk which averaged £88 per head
Hoggets between 39.1 kg to 45.5 kg averaged 2.43ppk up to 2.70ppk which averaged £104 per head
Hoggets between 45.6 kg to 52 kg averaged 2.33ppk up to 2.45ppk which averaged £112 per head
Hoggets over 52kg averaged 2.12ppk up to 2.26ppk which averaged £121 per head**

We are fortunate to have excellent buyer support from 7 regular buyers giving excellent competition for the lambs each week.

CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE HOGGETS & GOATS

There was a good entry of 381 cull & store sheep, which sold to an excellent trade on the week. The cull sheep trade was very dear on all types. Larger meated ewes were off the clock again in terms of trade.

The cull sheep sold to a top of £128 per head for some Texel x ewes from ewes from DA Dufty and averaged an excellent £79 per head which included an entry of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes sold to the best trade and they would be very dear again

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £109 per head and sold up to £128 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £87 per head and sold up to £100 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £63 per head and sold up to £76 per head.

Tups sold to £90 per head and averaged £80 per head

We have buyers requiring store hoggets and light hoggets each week to suffice their orders.

We have buyers for in excess of 3000 hoggets and 750 cull sheep per week to meet our buyers' requirements.

McCartneys at Kington, offer an on-farm livestock grading and marketing advice service on a free of charge basis.

**Kington Market is every Thursday,
commencing at 11.00am with Lambs
Followed by Cull Sheep, Light and Store Lambs**

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