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KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2018

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 1192 sheep on Thursday last the 20th of September.

The sheep trade has hit its difficult period as most people had expected. Both the fat lambs and the cull sheep are a more difficult trade and this has resulted due to thinner sheep being marketed and a larger amount of sheep being available to purchase nationally.

The buyers continue to require good meated sheep for their orders in all sections and thinner sheep are at a disadvantage at present.

There was good demand in all sections as long as the sheep were meat from a number of buyers.

LAMBS

We had an entry of 938 lambs which averaged a reasonable SQQ for the week of £1.73ppk up to £1.80ppk for some 46kg lambs from Joe Price. Lambs sold up to £85 per head on a number of occasions 53kg to 55kg. All prime lambs forward averaged a £77 per head.

The buyers are requiring well meated lambs for their orders and all lambs in all weight ranges received a reasonable trade and were sort after by the buyers as long as they were meat. Meat continues to be very important for a good trade. The buyers are looking for the heavier weight lambs at present over 43kg and particularly heavy weight sheep over 48kg.

Lambs between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 1.67ppk up to 1.68ppk which averaged £65 per head

Lambs between 39 kg to 45 kg averaged 1.73ppk up to 1.78ppk which averaged £76 per head

Lambs between 45kg to 52 kg averaged 1.69ppk up to 1.80ppk which averaged £80 per head

Lambs between over 52 kg averaged 1.57ppk up to 1.58ppk which averaged £85 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 LAMBS & GOATS

There was an entry of 254 cull sheep on offer with very few meated sheep forward in terms of quality, size and meat, which sold to a reasonable trade on the week.

The cull sheep trade was good on the meated ewes but more difficult on the thinner ewes. The trade on the thinner ewes was helped by a number of grazing ewe buyers present which is good to see.

The cull sheep sold to a top of £80 per head for some Texel x ewes from T Hughes and Sons and averaged £45 per head which included a large entry of thin and smaller hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes on the day were few and far between again but sold to the best trade.

Continental ewes averaged £78 per head up to £80 per head

Mules averaged £56 per head up to £72 per head

Hill bred ewes averaged £38 per head up to £47 per head

Tups sold to £70 per head and averaged £60 per head

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

We have buyers for in excess of 3000 lambs 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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