



McCartyneys
Rural

KINGTON MARKET
FAT SHEEP AND BREEDING EWE REPORT
THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2019

McCartyneys of Kington report a smaller entry of 1042 sheep on Thursday last the 5th of September.

A smaller entry of sheep sold to a reasonable trade in all sections. The sheep trade has eased throughout the week mainly due to larger numbers being marketed nationally and only steady demand from consumers in the UK and in Europe.

LAMBS

We had a small entry of 863 lambs, which sold to a reasonable trade on the week.

The buyers are requiring the heavier 40kg plus good well bred and meated lambs for their orders. The heavier weight ranges over 44kg would be the best weights to sell on the day.

The lambs averaged a reasonable £1.67ppk up to £2.06ppk from S Postons for some Beltex lambs. The lambs sold up to £86.80 per head for some 52kg lambs from BH James.

The whole lamb section from the lightest to the heaviest in the market averaged a reasonable £76 per head.

Lambs between 35 to 39 kg averaged 1.65ppk up to 2.06ppk which averaged £61 per head
Lambs between 40 to 45 kg averaged 1.67ppk up to 1.80ppk which averaged £73 per head
Lambs between 46 to 52 kg averaged 1.66ppk up to 1.75ppk which averaged £81 per head
Lambs over 52kg averaged 1.52ppk up to £158ppk which averaged £86 per head

Our light lamb section for lambs under 35kg sold to a reasonable trade and averaged £1.64ppk up to £2.06ppk. All light lambs averaged a good £56 per head for lambs weighing from 28kg to 35kg.

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

CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE HOGGETS & GOATS

There was a smaller entry of 179 cull & store sheep, which sold to a strong trade on the week.

The strong meated well-bred cull sheep would be the best trade. We had a number of smaller, thinner and hill ewes forward again this week and these sold to a good trade with new buyers looking for grazing ewes.

The buyers are currently requiring good meated sheep for their orders and there is also good demand for grazing ewes.

All types of cull sheep were in good demand.

The cull sheep sold to a top of £103.50 per head for some Texel x ewes from RR Jones & Co and averaged a good £59 per head.

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £87 per head and sold up to £103.50 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £60 per head and sold up to £78 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £48 per head and sold up to £65 per head.

Tups sold to £80 per head and averaged £69 per head.

SPECIAL SALE OF BREEDING EWES

We held our sale of 400 breeding ewes after the sale of the fat sheep. We had an excellent attendance of buyers for the ewes forward. The ewes were all yearling and where Suffolk x, Texel x, Welsh Mule and Cheviot x Mule.

The whole breeding ewe sale averaged a very good £129 per head up to £136 per head for some Welsh Mule ewes from WJ Lloyd & Co.

Suffolk x ewes averaged £120 per head up to £121 per head from LSP & WM Dowdeswell
Texel x ewes averaged £115 per head up to £122 per head from MJ Bayliss.
Welsh Mule ewes averaged £132 per head up to £136 per head from WJ Lloyd & Co.

The strong well bred breeding ewes were the best trade and were sort after by the buyers and were easy to sell.

The smaller bodied ewes were the harder sellers with most buyers on the day looking for strength and scale in the ewes they were buying.

We have buyers for in excess of 2000 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**

**For further information please contact
Gareth Wall on 01544 230316 or 07974 143336**

PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF STORE CATTLE, FEEDING COWS & BULLS, PLUS COWS & CALVES ON TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER 2019 at 11.00am.

We write to invite your entries for our next Store Cattle Sale to include Feeding Bulls and Cows plus Cows with Calves. We have a number of buyers looking for Store Cattle and Cows with Calves, please can we ask for your support with entries for this sale.

We can offer a free on farm inspection and valuation at your convenience.

Catalogue entries close Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 5pm

COLLECTIVE PLANT AND MACHINERY SALE TOGETHER WITH POULTRY AND PLANT SECTION.

We will be holding our collective machinery sale together with plants and poultry on Saturday 28th September 2019 at 11.00am at The Beech sale ground, Ludlow. We invite your entries for this sale.

FARM ASSURANCE AND GREEN FORMS

Please could all livestock entries be accompanied with a completed green form with correct and up to date farm assurance details on. If you are selling livestock which is stated that it is farm assurance then the details must be valid and up to date. Some sheep buyers can only buy farm assured stock and if they are found to be not assured after the sale or worse in the abattoir they will not process the sheep nor pay for them. If you have a farm assurance inspection and further information is required then please forward that information to the relevant office as the farm assurance schemes will suspend farm assurances and this then makes the livestock non farm assured.

SHEEP TAGGING AFTER 1st JANUARY 2016

We can accept all sheep tags for cull sheep at Kington Market at our weekly sale.

If you have any queries regarding this please give us a call for guidance.

All sheep BORN in England and Wales after the 1st January 2016 must be EID tagged either by a single or double tag depending on whether the animal will be a store/fat sheep or breeding sheep.

READING SHEEP TAGS

Please be aware of the Defra requirements for reading ear tags. There is a disclaimer as far as McCartneys is concerned concerning tags that don't read, tags that have come out and dare we say sheep that are not tagged. Ultimately the vendor is responsible to ensure that he has 100% records to meet Cross Compliance requirements. We can only read what we can read! Please take note of the disclaimer which states:

"McCartneys have taken all due care and diligence in reading the EID sheep tags shown in this document but will not accept any failure resulting from the tags themselves either because of tag malfunction or installation error and will not accept any financial consequences from such error. Vendors/Purchasers must satisfy themselves as to the correctness of information shown in relying upon it to meet their regulatory responsibilities."

Please take note we will do all we can to help you and not shirk our responsibilities.

We can do no more than this. Please see on our website www.mccartneys.co.uk the Defra Q&A Sheep Electronic Identification (EID) CPRCs & Record Keeping Tolerance.

AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL FINANCE

McCartneys can offer access to competitive finance from a number of lenders for the purchase of land and property, development opportunities, poultry buildings and renewable energy projects ect. Please contact Gareth Wall for further information.

FARM BUSINESS COMPLIANCE SERVICE

McCartneys are launching a new farm business compliance service to assist farmers regarding the completion of records and documentation required for Basic Payment Scheme Cross Compliance, Farm Assurance and other statutory requirements.

This service will include the completing of the following documentation for the RPA and Welsh Assembly.

- * Records and documentation for BPS cross compliance.
- * NVZ documentation
- * Personal Guidance and support during inspections
- * Under taking appeals against RPA and Welsh Assembly
- * Mapping Issues
- * BPS applications
- * Greening and EFA advice and calculations
- * Agreements for the letting of land
- * Countryside Stewardship, Glastir and other grant scheme applications
- * Farm assurance documentation.
- * Environment Agency/ Natural Resources Wales issues

For further advice please contact

Gareth Wall, Beth Hanson or Amelia Crofts Hill on 01544 230316

ELECTRIC CABLES AND WATER PIPE LINES

The utility providers are under taking works of repair and renewal of electricity and telephone lines in the area and also water pipe lines. As a landowner or tenant of land which is affected you are entitled to compensation. If you are affected we can undertake the compensation claim on your behalf and the utility company also pays our fees in addition to the compensation claimed on your behalf.

FARMS AND LAND WANTED

We have a number of enquiries for potential purchasers to buy farms and land in the Herefordshire, Shropshire and Mid Wales area. If you are considering selling please contact us for a confidential appraisal. Please contact Gareth Wall on 07974 143336.

C OVIS IN SHEEP

We are having a lot of problems with C Ovis in sheep when they are slaughtered. This condition is picked up from mainly dog muck when dogs have not been wormed. The abattoirs are condemning whole carcasses because of this as they are not allowed to enter the food chain. The cost of these deductions is becoming excessive. Please can you ensure dogs are wormed and we appreciate it is difficult to control dog walkers where you have foot paths going over your land. The abattoirs have now agreed to give us ear tag numbers of the affected sheep so we will be able to identify where problems are arising.

**Further enquiries regarding the above please contact:
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