

KINGTON MARKET
FAT SHEEP REPORT
THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2020

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 857 sheep on Thursday the 16th January 2020. The trade is strong up in all sheep sections, mainly helped by the tight supply of sheep coming to the market. This has created a very strong trade for the hoggets and cull sheep, which is good to see.

HOGGETS

We had an entry of 604 hoggets which sold to an excellent trade throughout all weight ranges. The hoggets were well sort after for all types and weights with the biggest hogget are selling to £104 per head.

The buyers are requiring well-bred and good finished lambs for their orders which are not fat or lean

The hoggets averaged an excellent SQQ of £2.16 ppk up to £2.23 ppk from KR Price & Co

The hoggets sold up to an excellent £104 per head for some 52 kg hoggets from SN & RD Powell

A number of heavy hoggets of 50kg plus sold over £100 per head again and up to £104 per head

The whole hogget section from the lightest to the heaviest in the market averaged an excellent £90.60 per head or £2.10ppk throughout the whole hogget section.

Hoggets between 32 to 39 kg averaged 2.13ppk up to 2.18ppk which averaged £77 per head
Hoggets between 40 to 45 kg averaged 2.16ppk up to 2.23ppk which averaged £93 per head
Hoggets between 46 to 52 kg averaged 2.05ppk up to 2.15ppk which averaged £99 per head
Hoggets over 52kg averaged 1.88ppk up to £1.97ppk which averaged £103 per head

We had a good entry of light hoggets which were in good demand by the buyers.

The light hoggets sold exceptionally well and ranged from 25 kg to 36 kg and averaged a very good £2.05 ppk (£72 per head) up to £2.15ppk (£77 per head).

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

CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE HOGGETS & GOATS

There was a good entry of 253 cull & store sheep, which sold to an excellent trade for the types forward with excellent demand from the buyers on all types.

All types of ewes would sell to an excellent trade to 6 buyers with a number of cull sheep selling over £100 per head

The strong meated well-bred cull sheep would be the best trade again, but the smaller and thinner sheep would be as dear in comparison.

There are a number of buyers still wanting 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 excellent demand.

The cull sheep sold to a top of £131 per head for some Texel x ewes from MG & GJ Morgan and averaged an excellent £76 per head throughout all the cull sheep section

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £98 per head and sold up to £131 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £70 per head and sold up to £90 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £55 per head and sold up to £70 per head.

Tops sold to £110 per head and averaged £90 per head

We have buyers for in excess of 2000 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 Hoggets
Followed by Cull Sheep, Light and Store Hoggets**

**FEBRUARY SALE OF STORE CATTLE,
FEEDING COWS & BULLS, COWS & CALVES
ON TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2020 at 2.00pm.**

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 4th February 2020 at 5.00pm

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

We will be holding our collective machinery sale together with plants and poultry on Saturday 29th February 2020 at 11.00am at The Beech sale ground, Ludlow. We invite your entries for this sale.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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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