

KINGTON MARKET
FAT SHEEP REPORT

THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2020

McCartyneys of Kington report an entry of 1156 sheep on Thursday the 20th February 2020.

We had an excellent trade right through the hogget section on all types and weights but slightly less than the previous week mainly on the heavier weight. The buyers are complaining that the hoggets are too dear and they are losing money.

The cull sheep are an incredible trade and just keep getting dearer.

Please take advantage of this excellent sheep trade at present.

HOGGETS

We had an entry of 1002 Hoggets which sold to an excellent trade again throughout all weight ranges.

The Hoggets were well sort after for all types and weights with the biggest hogget were selling upto £118 per head on a number of occasions. A number of handy weight Hoggets selling over £2.50ppk.

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

The trade again today would be as dear as anywhere and far in front of dead weight quotations.

The Hoggets averaged an excellent SQQ of £2.39 ppk up to £2.53 ppk from KR Price & Co

The Hoggets sold up to £118 per head from T & M Goodwin & C Powell and a number over £115 per head on a number of occasions for 50 kg plus Hoggets.

The whole hogget section from the lightest (29kg) to the heaviest (55kg) in the market averaged a staggering £108 per head or £2.34 ppk throughout the whole hogget section.

Hoggets between 32 to 39 kg averaged 2.37ppk up to 2.42ppk which averaged £87 per head
Hoggets between 40 to 45 kg averaged 2.40ppk up to 2.53ppk which averaged £103 per head
Hoggets between 46 to 52 kg averaged 2.30ppk up to 2.36ppk which averaged £112 per head
Hoggets over 52kg averaged 2.10ppk up to £2.20ppk which averaged £118 per head

We had a good entry of light/store Hoggets which were in incredible demand by the buyers.

The light/store Hoggets sold exceptionally well and ranged from 29 kg to 36 kg and averaged £82 per head or £2.37ppk up to £2.43ppk

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 an entry of 154 cull & store sheep, which sold to a fabulous trade for the types forward with excellent demand from the buyers on all types. The cull sheep just keep getting dearer

All types of ewes would sell to an excellent trade to 6 buyers with a number of cull sheep selling over £100 per head and up to an excellent £125 per head for the stronger well-bred ewes.

All cull sheep sold to an excellent trade. The buyers require good meated sheep which are not fat.

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 £125 per head for some Suffolk x ewes from CJ & HM Evans and averaged a superb £87 per head throughout all the cull sheep section.

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £111 per head and sold up to £125 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £79 per head and sold up to £99 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £59 per head and sold up to £70 per head.

Tups sold to £120 per head and averaged £96 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**

**For further information please contact
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****COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP SCHEME****

APPLICATION WINDOW NOW OPEN – BE PREPARED AND ACT EARLY

The Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier, Water Capital Grants and Hedgerow and Boundary Grants are now open for applications.

Mid Tier

A five year scheme with over 75 management options and 65 capital items to choose from. Farmers can choose which fields to include or exclude from the scheme and can enjoy annual payments for the five year agreement of up to £640/ha, alongside an unlimited amount of capital items, subject to Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) approval.

Water Capital Grants:

A two-year scheme for up to £10,000 towards over 40 capital items including concreting of farmyards (£27.14/m²), yard drainage, livestock handling buildings and covered manure stores (£62/m²), fencing (up to £4.90/m²) and biofilters (£990/unit) etc. These items can also be included within a Mid-Tier application with no maximum limit, subject to CSFO approval.

Deadlines:

- 31st May 2020 – Request CSFO approval (required for certain capital options) deadline.
- 30th June 2020 –Application pack request deadline.
- 31st July 2020 – Application submission deadline

Hedgerow and Boundary Grants

A two year capital grant for up to £10,000 for farmers to restore existing farm boundaries and hedgerows on their land. Items include hedgerow laying (£9.40/m), hedgerow gapping up (£9.50/m) and stone wall restoration (£25/m). There are no additional payments for fencing, but both sides of the hedge must be fenced.

Deadline for applications is 1st May 2020.

If you wish to apply for any of the above grants or require any further information, please contact any of our grant experts.

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