

KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2020

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 1367 sheep on Thursday the 5th March 2020.

The trade on sheep just keeps getting dearer.

We had a superb trade right through the hogget and cull sheep sections on all types and weights.

The tight supply of sheep is keeping the trade buoyant; it is time to take advantage of the trade if you have sheep to sell.

HOGGETS

We had an entry of 1226 Hoggets which sold to a superb trade again throughout all weight ranges and dearer than the day before on all types.

The Hoggets were well sort after for all types and weights with the biggest hogget were selling up to £130 per head. A number of handy weight Hoggets selling from £2.60ppk to £2.80ppk.

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

The Hoggets averaged an excellent SQQ of £2.48 ppk up to £2.80 ppk from DJ Bedford

The Hoggets sold up to £130 per head from S Giordano and a number over £120 per head on a number of occasions for 49 kg plus Hoggets.

The whole hogget section from the lightest (32kg) to the heaviest (65kg) in the market averaged an excellent £113 per head or £2.41 ppk throughout the whole hogget section.

Hoggets between 25 to 32 kg averaged 2.76ppk up to 2.80ppk which averaged £87 per head Hoggets between 32 to 39 kg averaged 2.52ppk up to 2.75ppk which averaged £98 per head Hoggets between 40 to 45 kg averaged 2.48ppk up to 2.60ppk which averaged £108 per head

Hoggets between 46 to 52 kg averaged 2.41ppk up to 2.51ppk which averaged £119 per head Hoggets over 52kg averaged 2.23ppk up to £2.35ppk which averaged £127 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 32 kg to 37 kg and averaged £89 per head (2.40ppk) up to an incredible £97.50 per head (£2.60ppk)

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 141 cull & store sheep, which sold to a very dear trade for the types forward with excellent demand from the buyers on all types. The cull sheep just keep getting dearer and this trade is being fuelled by low numbers being marketed nationally.

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 £165.50 per head for the stronger well-bred ewes.

All cull sheep sold to an excellent trade. 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 £165.50 per head for some Texel ewes from CR Evans and averaged a superb £93 per head throughout all the cull sheep section, which included this week several hill and thinner mule ewes.

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £125 per head and sold up to £165 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £86 per head and sold up to £115 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £65 per head and sold up to £85 per head.

Tops sold to £100 per head and averaged £78 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

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