

BREEDING RAMS – TWILIGHT TUPS 1 - Tuesday 27 September

The top price ram at Gisburn auction marts multi breed ram sale on Tuesday 27 September was £900 from eighteen year old Seth Blakey, Bolton by Bowland, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

Mr Blakey was delighted with his trade, having just graduated from Bishop Burton College with a National Diploma in Agriculture. His second prize Texel shearling ram was out of a homebred ewe and sired by Dutch Texel, which sold to Simon Duerden, Blacko, Lancashire.

Next best was the first prize Texel shearling ram from Sam Mellor, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, which sold for £600 to Steven Entwistle, Darwen, Blackburn, Lancashire. Suffolk breeding and dairy farmer Mark Gornall, Clitheroe, Lancashire sold his Suffolk Shearling for £600 to JM Fisher, Belmont, Bolton, Lancashire. Alan Harker, Long Preston, Settle, North Yorkshire was in the money with his pen of Texel shearlings which sold topped at £590 and averaged £535.

Frank Cleary, Tockholes, Darwen, Lancashire sold £590 for his Beltex crossed Charollais lamb. Another Lancashire farmer to achieve over the £500 plus mark was Joe Holden, Edgworth, Bolton, Lancashire with his Texel shearling ram which sold for £590 to Simon Foster, Calton, Skipton, North Yorkshire.

M Williams & Sons journey from Denbyshire, North Wales was worthwhile when they sold their pen of Beltex shearlings to top at £580 to average £548.

The champion ram, was from the Hull House flock, a Castlecairn Red Arrow sired February born Texel lamb, out of a homebred ewe from John Mellin, Hellifield, Skipton, North Yorkshire this lamb sold to the pre-sale judge Richard and Jonathan Frankland on behalf Frankland Farms, Rathmell, Settle, North Yorkshire. Tony Turner, Derbyshire was the biggest vendor on the night with eleven Texel shearlings averaging £475.

In particular, Beltex cross Charollais lambs were in demand with Frank Cleary, Tockholes, Darwen, Lancashire selling his for £590 and Robert Towers, Farleton, Lancaster his for £550 and £520 Generally a good night –a 95% clearance rate with an overall average for all ages and quality of £346.

Averages:Texel Shearlings £394; Suffolk Shearlings £366; Charollais £350; Suffolk Lambs £322; Texel Lambs £271.

Auctioneers Richard Turner & Son

Next Twilight Tup Sale – Tuesday 18 October



BREEDING & STORE SHEEP SAT 24 SEPT

Probably the biggest Saturday sheep sale so far at Gisburn saw the yard packed to the rafters. The annual draft horned and hill going show and sale competing for the Frank Wade Perpetual Memorial trophy was co-judged by Henry Hawley, Grassington and Tom Boothman, Linton. First and third prize was awarded to T Robinson & Son, Catlow Farm, Slaidburn. Their three crop Swaledale ewes later sold for £130 and £122 respectively.

Jimmy Baines, Trawden took second prize and his drafts sold for £110.

Joe Jackson, Goosnargh, touching 90 years old!!! Still has an eye for a good pen of sheep. His fantastic pen of Cheviots won the hill going shearling class later sold for £158 to Jim Holden, Summerseat, Bury. Variety is indeed the spice of life on a Saturday! Mule ewes sold to £134 and averaged just shy of £100. Mule shearlings met a firmer trade averaging £150 throughout. Mick Crawshaw, Trawden sold the top price Blue Faced Leicester ewes at £255 and £230, going north to Penrith and also top priced horned gimmer lambs at £88.



Richard Mawson, Addingham achieved top price Mule gimmers with a bonny pen of runners at £118. Store lambs

sold to a high of £69 and an overall average right through of £55. Many more lots should have been presented in larger lots.

There was a lot of interest in the 70+ rams on offer. Top price in this section was for a Beltex shearling from CH Hull, Oswaldtwistle and plenty of Suffolks and Texels at the £300 mark, The surprise of this section was a very smart Herdwick ram from Mrs Gill Turner, which was keenly bid for and sold for £190.

HODDER VALLEY SHOW Saturday 10 September

A traditional show, being the perfect family day out, with something for everyone to enjoy. The President this year, Turner Robinson welcomed all visitors to the show. Our Guess the breed competition was well supported. John Mellin (Director) was the winner in the Adult section, apparently he didn't ask the audience, but we are sure his friend was Blonde!!! Rachel Pinder, West Bradford was the winner in the under 16 year old section



BREEDING & STORE SHEEP Saturday 10 September

Another full yard of sheep on Saturday 10 September all found new homes to a large audience of buyers, inspite of it being Hodder Valley Show. Ewes were still in demand, Correct Swaledales from P & JA Fielding briskly bid to £76. A run of full mouthed Mules from E & S Baines topped at £114. Texel ewes sold to £128. In the shearling section Mules readily sold in the £145 to £160 price bracket and Texels proved once again a better trade than at other centres recently, averaging £135 right through for all quality. Bonny faced twin born Mule gimmer lambs from Richard Mawson, Addingham sold to £130 (ave £128). Texel gimmers were a shade easier than last week, but still plenty of well grown lambs selling in excess of £85 (ave £81) for all quality. Messrs Brass Appleby's first visit to Gisburn with Lleyn gimmer lambs proved successful with a total clearance and topping at £73. Henry Atkinson sold powerful tight skinned Texe/Beltex shearling rams to £490 down to £475. Store lambs sold to £69 for short keep Texels and plenty in excess of £60. Gritstone and Cheviot lambs always seem to sell well on Saturday in the mid to late £50 region. Mule lambs all sold in excess of £50. Vendors should not be nervous about presenting lambs in bigger lots, as Henry Hawley demonstrated with 78 in the ring.

BREEDING & STORE CATTLE

Saturday 10 September at Gisburn
Winners of Guy Machinery Ltd Vouchers

Highest Price Bull – £995, JS Langhorn, Ulverston
Highest Price 3 Steers - £805 D Seed, Wakefield
Highest Price 3 Heifers - £740 N & M Hugill, Hellfield

PRIME LAMBS Thursday 8 September –

A much improved trade for prime lambs this week with an overall average for up to 39kg lambs 174p/kg. Top price on the day was achieved by RH & MR Ireland, with their 42kg Texels achieving £86.50/head. Top price/kg on the day coming from again Messrs RH & MR Ireland with their 39kgs Texels achieving 207p/kg. On the day an improved trade with a shortage of numbers forward with the normal ringside buyers with new buyers present to fill new orders. To be noted were good runs of lambs from H & FG Smalley with his 40kg Charollais achieving 183p/kg & others such as WA Towler, with their 39kg Texel lambs achieving 195p/kg. Mule wether becoming more apparent in numbers, selling between £18 and £20 over their weights with H Horsfield & Sons selling 44kg mule wether to £63 head. Ewes a much improved trade today. More quality needed today to suit buyers' needs. Top price for M & E Hartley with a Texel ewe selling for £109. Feeders in massive demand looking the most expensive on the day with all buyers looking to fill these type of orders. Mule ewes very good to sell & increasing in price every week, topping today at £85/head. Horned ewes good to sell with the best up to £70/head for good Lonks.

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT Tuesday 6 September

Despite floods and strong winds the autumn machinery sale was very well supported and gave lots of vendors the chance to have a clearout before winter. Older livestock trailers were out in force and sold from £300 to £500 with useable later models selling to £1000. Larger equipment was in demand from Machinery dealers, two well used rear discharge spreaders sold easily at £4500 and £3800. Vicon fertilizer spreaders no matter how old, were still in demand and even the worst example can make £180 to £200. Tipping trailers attracted strong bidding with a 10 tonne twin axle Weston Trailer selling at £3500. The Tuesday sales always attract a good row of tractors and vehicles. Jonathan Turner took the opportunity to offer his much loved Discovery 3 which sold at £8000. Top price tractor was New Holland 7840 dual power, which at £9700 was a respectable price for this popular model. David Moorhouse drove one of his grey Fergie to the sale and despite it being a scraper tractor it sold for £640. A David

Brown selectamatic which had lived rough for the last few years, but still ran well sold for £760. Star attraction was Barrie Jackson's David Brown 1490 4wd which was VAT free and in superb condition. This tractor fit the description of work or play and sold a very respectable £5400 to a local farmer. Finishing the sale was a Nissan Pickup which despite being well used came with a MOT and new tyres sold for a satisfactory £3000. Next Machinery & Equipment Sale Saturday 19 November

Gisburn Auction Marts Breeding Sheep Sale Saturday 3rd September

Mule Shearlings were the highlight of the day at Gisburn Auction Marts Shearling & Gimmer Lamb show and sale on Saturday 3 September.

Cameron & Irene Walton, Hellifield, Skipton, North Yorkshire took the first prize ticket in the pre-sale show, sponsored by Laycocks Chemists, Skipton, the pen of ten powerful shearlings achieved the top price of £200 each.

Other notable Mule shearling prices were James Towler, Grindleton, Clitheroe with a run of smart shearlings selling between £192 and £185.

Texel shearlings sold to £160 for the first prize continental section winners from Tim Jackson, Goosnargh, Preston. In general other Texel shearlings were in the £140-£120 price bracket. Demand for Lleyne shearlings was good with most pens selling around the £140 mark.

Topping the ewe trade at £170 was JC & I Walton, with a pen of powerful, 2 shear Mules. Plenty of pens of Mule 2-4 shears ewes sold between £100 and £140.

The first Mule gimmer lambs of the season were shown by Richard Mawson, Addingham, Ilkley, West Yorkshire and readily sold for £112 twice, a great start to the season as main show and sale of gimmer lambs is not until the Saturday 17 September at Gisburn.

First prize in the continental gimmer lamb show was E & M Townley & Son, Clapham, Lancaster which sold for £95. Second prize went to MH & MA Handley, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, Lancashire with Lleyne, which sold for £82. Top price of the day and third prize went to Julie Lee, Accrington, Lancashire with her Millennium Blue ewe lambs which went on to sell for £132. Numerous runs of Texel ewe lambs sold in the mid £80.

Rams sold well with Swinbank & Doyle, Tosside, Skipton achieving £460 for a two shear Texel ram. SR Symes sold Texel ram lambs to £235. Don't forget the Twilight Tups sale on Tuesday 27 September.

Averages: Ewes Mule £116; Texel £111, Suffolk £125; Shearlings Mule £165, Texel £147, Lleyne £127, Ewe Lambs Blue M £116, Mule £109, Chev £89.

Auctioneers Richard Turner & Son

Richard Mawson, with his first prize gimmer lambs which sold for £112, alongside Rosie Elms of pre-sale show sponsors Laycocks Agricultural Chemists

Gisburn Auction Marts Prime Lamb Show & Sale Thursday 1 September

Robert Lambert, Wigglesworth, Skipton, North Yorkshire was the worthy winner of Gisburn Auction Marts September show and sale on Thursday 1 September.

His pen of six Beltex cross lambs, sired by a homebred ram and out of Texel ewes, they weighed 41kgs and sold for £89 to the pre-sale show judge, Anthony Swales on behalf of Knavesmire Butchers, York.

Averages Beltex 199/kg; Texel 164p/kg, Charollais 163p/kg

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Robert Lambert with his pen of his first prize lambs which sold for £89 to Knavesmire Butchers York.

Gisburn Auction Marts Dairy Show & Sale Thursday 1 September

J & AH Rogerson, Singleton, Poulton Le Fylde achieved the top price of £2150 for his second lactation cow, just seven days calved at Gisburn Auction Marts dairy show and sale on Thursday 1 September.

The purchaser of this first prize winning cow was Roger Naylor, Middleton, Ilkley, North Yorkshire who went on to pick up an other newly calved heifer at the same price from Gordon Beresford, Hellifield, Skipton, North Yorkshire.

East Lancashire farmers, Robert & Mary Mares, Darwen sold their newly calved heifer, giving 36 litres at £2000 to JWC George & Sons, Pembrookshire, Wales.

Stuart Forshaw, Longridge, Preston, Lancashire picked up the first prize rosette in the pre-sale show with his newly calved heifer, which sold for £2060. Ceasing milk production Simon Thompson, Longridge, Preston, Lancashire achieved £2050 for his three weeks calved, second prize heifer. W Cornthwaite, Clayton on Brock, Garstang, Preston sold his four week calved heifer, giving 32 litres, she sold for £2020 to David Coulthurst, Goosnargh, Preston, Lancashire.

Averages: Newly Calved Heifers £1752; Newly Calved Cows £1655

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Dugdale Nutrition Dairy Cattle Show & Sale

Best Newly Calved Heifer

1st S Forshaw, £2060 JWC George & Sons

2nd SA & C Thompson, £2050 JWC George & Sons

3rd G Beresford, £2150 R Naylor

Best Newly Calved Cow

1st J & AH Rogerson, £2150 to R Naylor

2nd	WA & A Booth, £1580 to E Moss
3rd	R Jackson & Son, £1600 to GJ & G Billington
Best Coloured Newly Calved Animal	
1st	D Graveston, £1850 to N Edmondson
2nd	F Barton & Son, £1140 to S Postlethwaite
3rd	D Graveston, £1660 to J Hoggart



Stuart Forshaw with his first prize newly calved heifer which sold for £2060