



EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

MARKET REPORT AUGUST 2026

**Tuesday 4th August –
Special August Sale of Breeding Sheep**



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3964 SHEEP

Auctioneer: Russell Steer 07788 318701

Fortune Favours the Brave!!

Amidst all the turmoil and heartache in the sheep industry and in particular here in the south west at present, the leading sheep sales centre in the area forged forward with the Annual August show and sale of Mule shearlings. Providing both buyers and sellers the option to continue to trade in these uncertain times and the results were far better than anticipated.

596 OLDER EWES

Numbers in this section were maybe the hardest hit with just 50% appearance rate but 80% clearance was achieved. Topping this trade were the flock dispersal of 4T aged Cheviot Mules from Graham Taylor of Gillingham which sold in large pens at £260, £250 & £215. Across in the smaller pens there were FM Suffolk ewes from the Heard Family of Hughslade, Okehampton selling at £245 as Norman Dalgarno of Truro made £240 & £235 of his Suffolk's as well as crossbred FM's at £228 and Charollais at £220. Andrew Mabin of Totnes sold 4T aged Suffolk crosses at £215 & £205 as more Cheviot Mules, this time FM's from Charlie Hutchings and Family of Bradninch rose to £200 and the best of the Mule FM's sold to £180 for both David Chugg of Barnstaple and Whitcombe Farm Ltd of Sherborne with North Country's whilst Scotch Mule FM's also reached £180 for the Heard Family of Hughslade. Leaner and lighter sorts back from that and all older ewes averaged £188.

1863 MULE & MASHAM SHEARLINGS

2800 catalogued, 2200 forward and 1863 sold to level at a rather pleasing £254.55, up almost £50 on the year with roughly 500 less sold.

Championship honours for the second year running went to J & L Bosley of Upplowman, also identifying as Greenend Farming Enterprises had a tremendous run of 233 NC Mule shearlings that were awarded the first prize pen and the Bentham Auction Mart Cup before selling for the days top price of £302, this fine run sold a further two pens at £300 and others at £295 & £290 to average £283.50 overall. Second prize Mules came from Evershott Farms of Abbotsbury and sold at £280 to the days judge, Andy O'Brien of Whimble to whom we extend our thanks with the Evershott consignment of 318 shearlings levelling at £268. Third prize went to Maurice Hockridge and Family of Crediton with their fine run selling to tops of £280 and averaging £261 of 167 sold. Also worthy of a mention were the fine run of 102 naturally done shearlings from Dallyns Dairy of Muddiford that reached £300 & £290 and averaged £281 and Emily Pearse of Crediton sold a pen of lambed Mule shearlings at £290 as well as not lambed sorts at £280 and averaged £262 of her 166 sold. In general a lot of business between £240 and £265 with the next cog down £220 to £240 and very few less than £200. A single pen of Welsh Mule shearlings sold well at £270 for the Burrough Family of Chard, a trio of Scotch Mules made £260 for Merv Woodward of Kentisbeare and young flock master John Steer of Ashburton sold his pen of Masham shearlings for a centre record of £295!

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89 CHEVIOT MULES

Cheviot Mules to £300 & £285 for the Jordan Family of Chagford, £280 for Maurice Hockridge and Family and all in averaged £278.

455 SUFFOLK X SHEARLINGS

Again depleted numbers but trade ahead of expectations with Suffolk cross Mule shearlings selling to £308 for five pens from John Simons of South Chard who had another at £302 whilst Evershott Farms sold their best at £300 as well as another two pens at £298 and Roger Rottenbury of Black Dog sold two pens at £298 and another two at £295. 100% clearance in this section and overall average of £272.

126 CONTINENTAL SHEARLINGS

Steve Dennis of Bow made £370 of a smart pen of Charollais shearlings as well as a pure Texel at £320 and pen of CharTex at £275. Texel cross Mules to £292 three times, again from John Simons whilst a nice pen of $\frac{3}{4}$ Texel $\frac{1}{4}$ BFL from Norman Dalgarno of Truro rose to £285.

230 NATIVE SHEARLINGS

The always eye catching run of NC Cheviots from Sam Pedrick of Bovey Tracey raced away to £360, £305 twice and averaged £312.50 and the fine run of Dorset x Mules from Mark Johnson and Family sold very similar to the last two sales with eight pens at £282 and few odd pure Dorset's selling to £270 for Sam Pring and £250 for Merv Woodward as Sam Diment of Wellington had Lleys to £250.

150 EWE LAMBS

A run of April born Suffolk cross ewe lambs, recently shorn from Biddesdon Farm Partners of Andover sold to £142 for 4 pens and averaging within a few pence of £130.

137 PEDIGREE & COMMERCIAL RAMS AND 29 FEMALES

A much reduced entry of Rams as expected with the current Bluetongue situation saw a very pleasing strong trade and excellent clearance!

The South West Texel Show & Sale saw a strong trade for females which topped at 900gns twice for Messrs MG & KJ Coumbe of Liskeard who sold others to 650gns & 600gns three times. Charle Coombes of Frome had Champion Female and overall Champion with his shearling ewe which sold at 850gns. Henry Summerhayes sold the best of his shearlings to 720gns & 700gns with Messrs FH Chave & Son of Peacehay close behind at 680gns & 600gns.

Rams sold well and topped the day at 1300gns for the best of 4 from Ben Roberts & Sam Ball of Exmouth who sold others to 1250gns & 1100gns. Gareth Hutchings of Launceston sold a cracking run to top at 1100gns with others to 1000gns twice and 850gns. Messrs FH Chave & Son sold the best of theirs to 1000gns with others to 900gns & 850gns for Ross Edwards of Dorset and 850gns for Henry Summerhayes.

In the commercial Rams trade was strong topping at 900gns for the best of a super run of Suffolk ram lambs from Brandon Roth of Redruth who sold others to 800gns and several between 700-750gns to average £804 of his 7 lambs! Suffolk shearlings topped at 900gns for Norman Dalgarno of Truro who sold others to 850gns. Rachel Lang of Plymouth sold the best of her Suffolks to 880gns twice. Best of the Charollais shearlings topped at 880gns for Steven Dennis of Crediton who sold others to 850gns & 820gns as well as Chartex Rams to 850gns. Other Charollais to 800gns twice for Steve & Rachel Lang and Messrs MG & KJ Coumbe.

FORTHCOMING SALES

WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST – NORTH DEVON SHOW Block 3, Row C No 6

Come along and meet the team.

THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST – HONITON SHOW Avenue B No 127

Come along and meet the team.

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include 1st Season Show & Sale on behalf of the Devon & Cornwall Longwool Sheep Association plus Sale of Innovis Rams.

MONDAY 10TH AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST – OKEHAMPTON SHOW Stand No 59

Come along and meet the team.

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Sale of Dairy Cattle, Sale of Dutch Spotted Sheep plus Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 17TH AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

NSA South West Ram Sale

FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include 103rd Annual Show & Sale on behalf of the Greyface Dartmoor Sheepbreeders Association, Monthly Sale of Beef Breeding Stock and Rare Breeds Sale

MONDAY 24TH AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Monthly Sale of TB Restricted (Orange Market) Cattle

THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

26th Official Sale on behalf of the Lleyen Sheep Society

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Market to include Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle & Sheep. Sale of Dairy Cattle. Annual Show & Sale of behalf of the Whiteface Dartmoor Sheep Breeders Association plus Fortnightly Pigs.

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST – HONITON HILL RALLY, SMEATHARPE AIRFIELD

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