



EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

MARKET REPORT

August 2025

Tuesday 23rd September – Autumn Breeding Sheep Sale



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2383 SHEEP

Auctioneer: Russell Steer 07788 318701

Ewe Lambs to £220

Shearlings to £270

Older Ewes to £245

Ped Dorset Shearlings to £609

Shearling Rams to £1418

1339 EWE LAMBS

A larger number of lambs on offer and something for everyone with some real classy well bred, fed and presented lambs forward this year from breeders who were well rewarded as the notoriety of this sale continues to grow. Topping the ewe lamb trade at £220 were a trio of black Bluefaced Leicesters from Helen Havill of Trusham who also sold another trio of black's at £200 as well as white traditional sorts at £200. Also at £200 were a pen of 27 smart Texel x Mules from the Nancekivell family of Lovistone Barton, Okehampton as other strong Texel x Mules sold to £175 & £170 for the Cawsey family of Torrington who sold just over 100 to average £160. Suffolk x Mules were out in force too and well received, especially for the better end with a smart run from Tom & Leh Cole of Heasley Mill climbing to £198 for those bred out of Cheviot Mules, £190 for the best of their sorts out of NC Mules and £185 for the Suffolk x Scotch Mules. Other Suffolk crosses to £185 for John Heard and family of Hughslade, Okehampton who saw their run of 70 average £160 whilst Martin Barons of Diptford had a run of 150 smart shorn lambs that sold to £170 and averaged £159 and Mike Stanbury of Throwleigh sold his best Suffolk crosses at £170. The ever popular Cheviot Mules saw two consignments again this year with first time seller Ray Jordan and family of Broadwoodwidge selling a lovely matching pen of 20 strong sorts at £195 as Ben and Jess Collings of Launceston sold their best at £190. Just two pens of pure Dorset's peaked at £180 for Michelle Warring of Ashwater and £160 for Chris Hall of Blandford as Dorset x Mules sold to £168 & £162 to average £162 for Mark Kimber and family of Merton, Okehampton and Michael & David Snell of Knowstone claimed £160 & £158 of theirs. Plenty of business done between £130 and £160 with some smaller end lambs £100 to £120 to leave the average similar on the year at £149.

568 SHEARLING EWES

A shortage of shearlings compared to what was advertised and a strong competitive trade for all the varied goods on offer with the better end continuing to sell ahead of expectations. Top money to a classy pen of Mule shearlings from Lewis Strawbridge of Awliscombe that rose to £270 whilst other smart Mules sold to £250 for Ron Manning of North Tawton, £238 & £232 for John Simons of South Chard, £235 for Brian Webber of Cullompton and a run of Aberfield x Scotch Blackface shearlings from the Savery family of Diptford sold to £220 & £215. Suffolk crosses peaked at £252 & £220 for Jon & Helen Putt of Tedburn St Mary who also had Texel x Mules at £215 and a run of smart Suffolk x Mules that had all had lambs from Ian Johnson and family of Bridport sparked frenzied bidding and sold to £248 & £230 to average £233 of the 55 sold. Two smart pens of NC Cheviot shearlings from Graham McLeod of Swimbridge reached £218 & £200 with some second and third quality sorts from £140 to £175 and all shearlings averaged £190.

252 OLDER EWES

Helen Havill topping here too with her powerful Bluefaced Leicesters reaching £245 whilst Lewis Strawbridge sold his 4/6T aged Mules well at £208 & £185, the Lees family up from Redruth sold FM Cheviots well at £180 as well as Lleyens of the same age at £175 & £170 and Messrs Cambusmore Estates of Meeth saw their best sell to £155 & £150 twice. Older ewes averaged £162.

67 MV ACCREDITED FEMALES

A definite highlight of today's sale was the consignment of 53 summer born pedigree Dorset shearlings from Les & Heather French's Wilsey flock, Launceston. Sparking great interest both ringside and on Marteye this cracking run of well bred and impeccably turned out scanned in lamb shearlings sold readily to twelve individual buyers spanning the length and breadth of the country with some heading as far north as Northumberland. The pick of the individuals sold to 580gns, 520gns and 500gns whilst the pairs peaked at 520gns twice, 500gns twice, with nothing selling less than 350gns and giving an overall average for the flock of £459. Well done Les and Heather. Other MV Females saw Texel's from the Rolle Texel Flock of Okehampton sell at 350gns and 340gns and Richard Rideout of Exeter sold his Ebford Bluefaced Leicester shearlings at 190 & 170gns.

152 BREEDING RAMS

A generally decent show of rams for the time of year met with a pleasing trade overall with plenty of customers throughout the whole sale ensuring a 75% clearance rate and overall average of £585 per head. Richard and Ian Rottenbury travelled down from Chipstable with a great pen of Texel's that topped the day at 1350gns, with others from the same good home at 1120gns, 900gns and several around the 800 mark whilst a pair of CharTex rams from the Rottenburys were a real eyeful and sold at 920gns and 880gns. Mark Kingdon of Shirwell, Barnstaple topped the Suffolk trade with a ringfull which sold to 920gns three times and 850gns twice, Rob Hopper and family of Cove sold their best Suffolk at 920gns and Lee Whitrow and family of Honiton sold their two Suffolk shearlings at 820gns and 800gns. Next best Texel's at 850gns for both Halwell Farms of Kingsbridge and EW Quick & Sons of Crediton and 800gns for FH Chave & Son of Wellington. Miss G Loader of Piddletrenthide sold the best of her strong Suffolk ram lambs well at 800gns and there plenty of other shearlings, older rams and ram lambs from 450 to 650gns.

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FORTHCOMING SALES

MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

38th Autumn Special Sale of Breeding Ewes & Rams including the Annual Main Sale of Ewe Lambs

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle & Sheep, Sale of Dairy Cattle, 2nd Autumn Judged Sale of Continental and Continental X Store Cattle plus Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Monthly Sale of TB Restricted (Orange Market) Cattle

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc 3rd Autumn Judged Sale of Continental and Continental X Store Cattle plus 12th Annual Sale of Hampshire Down Sheep on behalf of the HDSBA

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Sale of Dairy Cattle plus Fortnightly Pig Sale.

MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Monthly Catalogue Sale of Beef Breeding Stock.

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Prime Stock Market

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Monthly Catalogue Sale of Beef Breeding Stock.

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

26th Annual Sale of Ewe Lambs, Breeding Ewes & Rams including 14th Annual Hill Sheep Fair and 12th Exeter Annual Sale of Mule Ewe Lambs for SWMG

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER – EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE

Weekly Store Stock Market to inc 1st Autumn Catalogued Show & Sale of Suckled Calves & Stirks, Sale of Dairy Cattle and Fortnightly Pigs