Exmoor Farmers report another good entry of 1330 sheep froward for sale at Cutcombe this Wednesday, with some strong prices across the board with lambs seeing a much-improved trade up on the previous week.

## Prime Lambs

Leading prices of the day saw a pen from R B \& J E Stephens at $£ 129$ for some well finished 76kg lambs, followed by pens from C Raffe to $£ 121.50$. D W \& J Jones saw pens to $£ 116.80$ ( $58 . \mathrm{kgs}$ ) and the same weight to $£ 113.80$ with further pens to $£ 111.50(57.5 \mathrm{kgs})$ and $£ 106.80$ ( 55 kgs ). D \& M Elliott and G L Steer managed to split the run with the first selling a pen of 56 kg lambs to $£ 112$ and G L Steer's 56 kgs to $£ 110.80$, who followed up with a further pen at $£ 106.50(54 \mathrm{kgs})$. A pen of 54 kg lambs from M R Scott \& Son hit $£ 105.80$ and 14 super shape lambs from R \& M F Rottenbury \& Son made $£ 101.80$ ( 52 kgs ). D L \& E L Wallace also broke the $£ 100$ mark with a pen of 752.5 kgs to £101.80.

## Lighter Weight Lambs

The dearest pence per kilo was seen for smaller lambs again this week with a pen from D Takle topping 219 pence per kilo for his bunch of 39 kg lambs at $£ 85.50$; others from R J \& C E J Milton saw 38 kg at $£ 82.50 .44 \mathrm{~kg}$ lambs from E T, J A \& S Kennen sold to $£ 92$ with others from E J W Land who saw their pen of 2644 kg lambs to $£ 91.20 .44 .5 \mathrm{kgs}$ from D W \& J Jones hit $£ 90.50$ and S Norman saw his pen of 44 kgs to $£ 90$ also. With plenty of demand for these lighter sorts, making well over the 200 ppk , again others from C Govier at $42 . \mathrm{kg}$ to $£ 89$ looked well sold. I Palmer \& Son saw his lambs to 214ppk also with R \& M F Rottenbury's to 207ppk. The overall average across the board stood at 199.61ppk and the SQQ average at 204.57ppk.

## Store Lambs

358 store lambs forward for the special sale were met with the continued demand seen for the lighter weight lambs in the fat. A top for a pen from J Brown at $£ 82$ and followed up with a bunch of 9 to $£ 79.80$ for pens of Suffolks. J Toze saw her pen of 11 to $£ 81.20$ and I Mabbutt's pen of 7 to $£ 81$. Pens from J Elliott at $£ 79.50$ and a pen of 49 lambs from D Wood hit $£ 79.20$ and the second biggest bunch of the day, a bunch of 46 from S Morgan hit $£ 79$. The pen from T Yandle sold at $£ 75.50$ and an extra 2 sold for the DSSH at $£ 77$. A strong demand again for these store lambs which look extremely well sold against the fat with several buyers in attendance and many more could have been sold to best advantage.

## Grazing Ewes \& Cull Rams

230 forward this week. A shorter number forward this week but not a problem to sell. Leading prices saw Suffolks from D W \& J Jones which hit $£ 101$ and a second pen at $£ 9950$. R F Rawle saw his Bluefaced Leicesters to $£ 94$ and Whiteface ewes from Polly Curling hit $£ 94$ also. Suffolks for Mr. J Brown hit $£ 92.80$ and F E Rawle \& Son saw their Whiteface ewes to $£ 87.80$. R F Rawle followed up with further BFLs to $£ 87.50$. Other noted Whiteface ewes from D Takle to $£ 84.50$ at E T, J A \& S Kennen at $£ 80$. Blackface ewes from L Williams saw a pen of 20 hit $£ 79.80$ and F E Rawle \& Son followed up their second pen at $£ 78$. North Country Mules from J Brown sold to $£ 72$ and the best of the Exmoor Horns sold to $£ 70$ for Mr. D Butt. Closewools from M R Scott \& Son at $£ 69.50$, Closewool rams sold to a top of $£ 104.50$ for D L \& E L Wallace and Exmoor Horns from M R Scott \& Son hit $£ 94.50$. Very few best ewes on offer today with a limited supply of ewes across the board and even the poorest of the grazing ewes were $£ 30$ plus and certainly strongly contested. The better types of grazing ewes would cost you well over the $£ 50$ mark with several heading over the $£ 60$ mark for those better sorts that still needed feeding to finish.

## Comments

We again encourage those who have not yet outed their cull ewes to have another look as trade and demand continues on the right foot and to take best advantage at this time.

| Store Sheep | Tally | MAX | AVE | MAX PR/HD |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Type | Off | PR/HD | PR/HD | Seller Name |
| Store Lambs | 358 | 82.00 | 70.00 | J Brown |
| Grazing Ewes | 216 | 101.00 | 65.38 | D W \& J Jones |
| Rams | 14 | 104.50 | 67.29 | D L \& E L Wallace |
| Total | 588 |  |  |  |


| Prime Lambs | Tally | MAX | AVE | MAX PR/KG | MAX | AVE | Max PR/HD |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Type |  | PR/KG | PR/KG | Seller Name | PR/HD | PR/HD | Seller Name |
| Lambs <br> $32.1-39 \mathrm{~kg}$ | 26 | 219.00 | 213.73 | D Takle | 85.50 | 80.23 | D Takle |
| Lambs <br> $39.1-45.5 \mathrm{~kg}$ | 202 | 214.00 | 203.54 | I Palmer \& Son | 100.80 | 88.15 | E J W Land |
| Lambs <br> 45.6-52kg | 370 | 207.00 | 198.58 | R \& M F Rottenbury | 105.80 | 93.83 | M R Scott |
| Lambs <br> $52 \mathrm{~kg}+$ | 144 | 203.00 | 195.81 | C Raffe | 129.00 | 108.14 | R B \& J E Stephens |
| Prime NSL <br> SQQ |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 4 . 5 7}$ |  |  |  |  |
| All NSL SQQ |  |  | $\mathbf{1 9 9 . 6 1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| All Prime <br> Sheep |  |  | $\mathbf{1 9 9 . 6 1}$ |  |  |  |  |

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