

Ross on Wye Sale - 2022

On travelling to Ross on Wye expectations were levelled when seeing the dry conditions and lack of grass in the surrounding areas.. Many noting no rain for many months. The droughty conditions effecting the quality of some sheep whilst also affecting buying decisions. However quality female sheep were selected with decent prices seen. Rams saw a positive demand with only 5 of the 68 unsold. The ring remained busy until the last ram through the ring with some buyers not completing their shopping list hence looking to attend further sales.

Senior ewes saw a sparky start with P & C Andrews, Stourbridge sell two year olds for £190/head to CG Ball, Abergaven. N Hodgetts, Whittington sold three year olds for £130/head to L Alexander, Staunton. Messrs Hodgetts & Messrs Rees both sold five year olds and 4 year olds at £120/head.

Shearling ewes were topped in the ring by C & R Bowen, Haverfordwest when selling the 1st prize pen of 10 for £210/head to Penrice Estate, Swansea. JA & R Geldard & Sons travelled down from Kendal and sold their 2nd prize pen of five for £210/head to the same buyer. New breeders the James Family, Bridgenorth had a successful day selling a pen at £202/head to A & R Golledge, Hardwicke. The top price of the section was achieved by E & D Jones, Machynlleth who accepted £220/head outside the ring with five going to F Brewer, Exeter and one travelling to Evesham with S Gunn & S Lucas.

Those stronger selected pens were making £180-£200. There were some slightly lesser pens which with some rain and better going would go forward changing hands for £140-£170.

There were a few pens of tuppung lambs but many more running type lambs probably a result of the summer. There were lambs that on a change of ground would thrive and go on. AW Davies, Nefyn topped the section with his 2nd prize pen selling for £160/head to A Smith, Kyre. Next G & RM Roobottom, Rugeley sold a pen at £140/head to A Hill, Rowleston. C Price, Brecon and T & B Fort, Keighley both sold pens at £135/head.

With the buoyant fat/store trades in mind lambs, vendors were reluctant to accept under the £100 mark.

The ram section saw 15 rams hit 1000gns plus. Many bidders were happy to give 400-800gns. The high-light came from the pen of JA & R Geldard, Kendal. The **Wraycastle Ram (00621/2121001)** sired by a Steen ram sold for 3000gns to Manor Farm East Marden, Chichester. In the same pen by the same sire, another **Wraycastle ram (00621/2121034)** sold for 1600gns to WH Butcher & Son, Towcester. T & B Fort, Keighley sold **Brightonhouse Kingsman (01299/2125698)** by Netherton Injector for 1600gns to E & D Jones, Machynlleth.

The first prize ram from WJ & DJ Williams, Nefyn, **Tacho Ram (00350/2106853)** sired by Madeley Idris sold for 1400gns to P & S Eckett, Sturminster. E & D Jones sold a **Llest Ram (00599/2123035)** by Wraycastle Emmanuel for 1400gns to F Brewer, Exeter. HM Wells, Ceredigion sold **Rowelen Kernel (00575/2101729)**, the 2022 male champion at the Royal Welsh Show, sired by Bronallt Islwyn for 1400gns to WJ & B Lewis, Llanon.

Averages

Senior Ewes to £190 av. £139

Shearling Ewes to £220 av. £167

Ewe Lambs to £160 av. £108

Rams to 3000gns av. £753

Top Prices

Senior Ewes

P & C Andrews (2YO) £190

N Hoggetts (3YO) £130

N Hoggetts (5YO) £120

T Rees (4YO) £120

Shearling Ewes

E & D Jones £220

C & R Bowen £210

JA & R Geldard & Sons £210

James family £202

C & R Bowen £200

J Hamer £200

GG & HE Sevenoaks £195

James Family £195 (x2)

JA & R Geldard £195

E & D Jones £190

AW Davies £190

JA & R Geldard £190 (x2)

H & M Dugdale £190

Ewe Lambs

AW Davies £160

G & RM Roobottom £140

C Price £135

T & B Fort £135

C Price £132

C Price £125

P Hale £125

W Roobottom £125

P & C Andrews £125

N Hodgetts £120

N Hodgetts £115

WJ & DJ Williams £110

T & B Fort £110 (x2)

Rams

JA & R Geldard & Sons (455) 3000gns

T & B Fort (434) 1600gns

JA & R Geldard & Sons (454) 1600gns

E & D Jones (413) 1400gns

HM Wells (440) 1400gns

WJ & DJ Williams (460) 1400gns

T & B Fort (433) 1300gns

T & B Fort (435) 1300gns

E & D Jones (414) 1250gns

JA & R Geldard & Sons (457) 1220gns

HM Wells (441) 1150gns

JA & R Geldard & Sons (458) 1120gns

G & RM Roobottom (419) 1100gns

James Family (449) 1100gns

WJ & DJ Williams (461) 1080gns

Pre-Sale Show

Judges: Ewe Lambs – Susan Peters; Shearling Ewes – Richard Twose; Rams – Sarah Eckett

5 Shearling Ewes

1. J Hamer
2. JA & R Geldard & Sons
3. H & M Dugdale

10 Shearling Ewes

1. C & R Bowen
2. JA & R Geldard & Sons
3. AW Hughes

5 Ewe Lambs

1. P & C Andrews
2. AW Davies
3. C Price

Shearling Ram

1. WJ & DJ Williams (460)
2. G & RM Roobottom (419)
3. T & B Fort (433)



First Prize Pen of 10 Shearling Ewes Bowen £210



Top Price ram Geldard 3000 gns



Top Price Shearling Ewes E & D Jones £220



Wallace McCurdie sells Shearling Ewes to £182