

**WILTON SHEEP FAIR  
THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

**General Comment**

Plenty of keep, the open weather and a very welcome lift in the price of finished lambs just before the Fair, produced a successful day although the overall trade was probably a little easier than September. Store lambs in particular should be in strong demand at the last Fair on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Older Ewes (1639) Auctioneer Simon Whaley**

Another very fast trade again in this section to follow the tremendous prices achieved in September. A large number of buyers in attendance with several part flock dispersals commanding much interest and also quite a number of farmers buying older ewes to graze. Simon Baggs 4-teeth Mules were keenly sought with some buyers going home empty handed with a top price of £129. C S Hunts Lleyn x 4-teeth topped at £124. John & Elaine Nuttalls Mule and Masham Grazers achieved a top of £79.50 but an outstanding £139 was the best price of the day for Miss S A C Whitcombe's Scottish Blackface 2-teeth.

Mule	4-teeth	£112 to £129
	Full mouth	£69.50 to £75.50
	Broken mouth GOU	£53 to £72.50
	Grazers	£32 to £79.50
Suffolk x	4-teeth	£105 to £119.50
	Full mouth	£77 to £90
	Grazers	£47.50 to £75.50
Lleyn & Lleyn x	4-teeth	£111 to £124
	Full mouth	£69
	Broken mouth GOU	£59 to £82
Texel x	4-teeth	£132.50
Hampshire Down	6-teeth	£83
Dorset x	Broken mouth GOU	£74
Exmoor Horn	2-teeth	£95
	4 and 6-teeth	£89 to £91
Jacob	Broken mouth GOU	£60
Wiltshire Horn	2-teeth	£90
Black Welsh Mountain	2-teeth	£90
Scottish Blackface	2-teeth	£139.50

**Non Accredited & Older Rams (85) Auctioneer Simon Whaley**

A very good trade for the best rams particularly Charollais which topped at £290 for 2-teeth from D T & R M Williams of Swindon. Suffolk topped at £310 from Mrs A Standfield or Dorchester and the same price for F J Mackenzie's Blue Faced Leicester Shearling.

Suffolk	2-teeth	£155 to £310
	4-teeth	£170

Charollais	Full mouth	£140 to £210
	2-teeth	£172 to £290
	6-teeth	£95 to £220
Texel	Full mouth	£95 to £220
	2-teeth	£95 to £102
	4-teeth	£220
Beltex x Texel	Full mouth	£89 to £155
	Lambs	£78 to £95
	2-teeth	£185
	4-teeth	£190
Lleyn	6-teeth	£85
	Lambs	£63 to £66
	4-teeth	£90
Hampshire Down	2-teeth	£82 to £92
	6-teeth	£83
	Full mouth	£87
	Broken mouth	£80
Dorset Down	2-teeth	£100
	Full mouth	£85 to £89
Exmoor Horn	Full mouth	£84
Wiltshire Horn	2-teeth	£95
Blue Faced Leicester	2-teeth	£310
	Full mouth	£170

## **BREEDING EWES (1434) Auctioneer John Bundy**

### Mules (672)

A far better trade than expected with the best selling to a grand £159.

RSPB (88)	£156 to £159 av. £157.25
Polehampton Farm Partnership (196)	£137 to £150 av. £143.12
Y Le Du (197)	£137 to £145 av. £139.19
S Baggs (99)	£133 to £140 av. £136.86
R Withers (32)	£132
MA & AJ Shallcross (60)	£118 to £122 av. £120

### Suffolk x (585)

All selling at less money than September, although still in advance of levels seen elsewhere of late.

A H Walters (40)	£130
R Withers & Son (85)	£126 to £147 av. £128.63
F R Callaway & Sons Ltd (22)	£126
S Baggs (13)	£125
Swangrove Farms (131)	£120 to £128 av. £124.09
Ashendon Farms (39)	£120 to £122 av. £121.25
Woodland Trust (60)	£117 to £120 av. £119
M & E Lailey (180)	£116 to £121 av. £118.51

Fonthill Farms (4)	£110
K & B Harvey (11)	£98

### Others

A satisfying trade with more interest than we were expecting.

Beltex x Mule Ashendon Farms (40)	£122
Lley x Ashendon Farms (29)	£97 to £118 av. £113.65
P Willson (16)	£110
Stowell Farms (61)	£100 to £117 av. £108.36
<u>Romney (organic) (31)</u>	£83

### **LAMBS (3489)** Auctioneer Iain Soutar

#### **Ewe Lambs (1594)**

A very large entry of ewe lambs encouraged forward by the superb prices recorded in September. As expected trade not quite as sharp but still enough customers for the Suffolk x to give a good premium for all but the smallest running lambs which were also keenly sought after as long term stores. Top price of £95 to very well presented Suffolk x Mules from Richard and Chris Withers with a strong pen from Martin Brown at £89 and John & Elaine Nuttall's good run to £85. Not as much interest in the other breeds this time and little premium for these.

Suffolk x Mule (1320)	£95 to £51.50 av. £78.60
Continental x (144)	£69.50 to £64 av. £67.09
Lley x (25)	£59 to £53.50 av. £55.45
Dorset x (32)	£57.50 to £45 av. £59.84

#### **Store Lambs (1895)**

A bigger entry than both September and last October boosted by several excellent runs of lambs which were generally in quite forward condition. This was a mixed blessing, as with the finished trade a bit easier the £70 barrier was unachievable, whereas there were plenty of customers at over £60 for the longer term lambs which were in shorter supply. Overall a good firm trade, but noticeable that one or two of our regular October purchasers were not in attendance and it may be that they have been able to take lambs out of those areas with little keep at less money. Top price of £69.50 to John & Elaine Nuttall's strong Suffolk x with their Continental x to £69. Other Suffolks to £69 from B L Tayler & Partners with a super run of Charollais x from Will Dickson reaching £67.50.

Suffolk x (590)	£69.50 to £44 av. £62.09
Continental x (1146)	£69 to £48 av. £63.35
Lley x (132)	£64.50 to £59 av. £61.37

Dorset x (25)

£60

**MV ACCREDITED RAMS & FEMALES (165)** Auctioneer Michael Vesey

Thirty five more forward than last year and generally the rams a difficult trade with a few exceptions. Top price of 490 gns to Keith Manning, Findon for his Suffolk Shearling, closely followed by S & H Livestock's Charollais at 485 gns.

Suffolk (58)

A smart shearling from Keith Manning sold to the days highest price of 490 gns. Demand generally however was limited. A large entry of lambs were difficult to move, but one of Peter Rycraft's caught the eye and was knocked down at 360 gns.

Shearlings (30) 490 gns av. £356

Lambs (28) 360 gns av. £317

Charollais (30)

Trade difficult but most found new homes. Top price of 485 gns for a Registered Shearling Ram from S & H Livestock. A grand pen of lambs from G Meyrick & Son sold to a top price of 330 gns and all 8 averaged £317.

Shearlings (22) 485 gns av. £293

Lambs (8) 350 gns av. £317

Texel (33)

A good entry for this breed, but on the day just a few too many for the customers. Top price for the third October in succession to the Chave family at 400 gns.

Shearlings 400 gns av. £294

Hampshire Down (11)

Too late in the year for this breed with just one of the 11 sold.

Shearling Ram 190 gns

Southdown (3)

One sold at 180 gns

Romney (2)

One sold at 200 gns

Poll Dorset (3)

One sold at 300 gns

Females

Suffolk Ewe Lambs (15)

A very fast trade resulting in a complete clearance with the top price of 200 gns to Peter Rycraft whose 7 averaged £175.

Suffolk Ewe Lambs (15) to 200 gns av. £155