

Mitchells Auction Mart held its annual two-day Show and Sale of 2726 Breeding Sheep on Thursday 4th September and Friday 5th September.

The two-day sale was kindly sponsored by Tynedale, Daniel Taylforth Livestock Scanning, Lakeland Trailers & Services, Massey Feeds, Macmin Ltd and Robinson&Co Accountants.

The Thursday Tup sale kicked things off with a bang. The ring was rammed full with a super atmosphere and a trade to match. The show was ably judged by Mr C and Miss L Walton, Low Kinmont, Corney. After conducting a thorough job, they selected a Continental cross Shearling Ram from Messrs Wales, Thackwood, Raughton Head as their Champion which later sold for £1500. Reserve honours went to the Texel Ram Lamb from Messrs Hewson, Burgh Head, Burgh by Sands which sold for £900.

The evenings top price was £1600 for a Texel Shearling from A Ashburner, Summerhill, Sandwith. Lambs to £1100 for a Texel from A&CH Watson, Rowan Garth, Sandwith.

Show Results

Texel Shearling

- 1st – KJ&CS Wilson, Wood Farm
- 2nd – A&CH Watson, Rowan Garth
- 3rd – A&CH Watson, Rowan Garth

Beltex Shearling

- 1st – AJ Brown, Park House
- 2nd – AJ Brown, Park House
- 3rd – E Malloy, Slate Fell

Cross Bred Shearlings

- 1st – A&CH Watson, Rowan Garth
- 2nd – G Wilkinson, Brookfield
- 3rd – WW&D Boow, Corney Hall

Any Other Continental Shearling

- 1st – Ms Wales, Thackwood
- 2nd – A&CH Watson, Rowan Garth
- 3rd – RW&A Steel, Lesson Hall

Suffolk Shearling

- 1st – RW&A Steel, Lesson Hall
- 2nd – Ms Hewson, Burgh Head Farm
- 3rd – A&CH Watson, Rowan Garth

Continental Lamb

- 1st – Ms Hewson, Burgh Head Farm
- 2nd – A Mitchell, Grassknop Farm
- 3rd – A&CH Watson, Rowan Garth

Suffolk Lamb

- 1st – A Mitchell, Grassknop Farm
- 2nd – A Mitchell, Grassknop Farm
- 3rd – A&CH Watson, Rowan Garth

Champion – Ms Wales, Thackwood

Reserve Champion – Ms Hewson, Burgh Head

Leading Prices –

Ram Shearlings

Texel – 1600, 1500, 1200(2), 1100 Summer Hill, 1500, 1400, 1200(2), 1100(2) Terrace Farm, 1350(2), 1300 Wood Farm, 1200 Chapel House. **Texel x Beltex** – 1500, 1050, 900 Thackwood Farm, 1100, 1050, 1000, 900 Brookfield, 1050, 1000(2), 950, 900(2), 850, 800 Corney Hall. **Beltex x Charollais** – 1150 (J), 1000 Thackwood Farm, 900, 580, 550 Swallow Heights, 700, 550 Lesson Hall. **Texel x Suffolk** – 900, 550 Croft House, 700 Rowan Garth. **Suffolk** – 800(2) Burgh Head, 650 Rowan Garth, 600 Lesson Hall. **Texel x** – 950, 600, 550, 500 Poppy Farm. **Dutch Texel** – 900, 800(2), 680, 650 Aspatria Hall. **Charollais** – 750, 550 Lesson Hall, 700 Swallow Heights. **Beltex** – 550(2) Burgh Head, 550(2) Park House.

Ram Lambs

Texel – 1100, 1000(2), 900(2), 850, 700, 600, 550, 500 Rowan Garth, 900 Burgh Head, 650 Brookfield, 550 Crossshow Farm. **Suffolk** – 800, 700(2) Grassknop, 650, 600 Rowan Garth, 600(2) Burgh Head.

Aged Rams

Texel – 800 Kelmore Hills. **Beltex** – 680, 500 Kelmore Hills. **Charollais** – 600 Lesson Hall.

Breeding Sheep

The pre-sale show was professionally judged by Mr M Batty & Miss Z Hall. After some deliberation they awarded the 'Bill Skelton Memorial Trophy' for Champion pen of 10 to the Mule Shearlings from LR Elliott, Askrigg Hall, Skelton which later sold for £280 per head. Reserve honours went to the Suffolk cross Shearlings from T Pearson & Son, High Plaskett Lands, Mawbray which sold for £305 per head.

The best run of Mule Shearlings in the auction market was kindly judged by Mr Ed Gate & Mr Will Gate who awarded the rosette to TW Hird, Westray Farm.

A wonderful trade for Breeding sheep whereby Mule Shearlings proved the pick of the day being exceptionally well bid for. Mules topped at £300 from TW Hird, Westray Farm, Embleton. Suffolk crosses to £310 from T Pearson, High Plaskettlands, Mawbray.

All vendors and purchasers must be thanked and congratulated for a spectacular two days trading whereby 68 vendors sold to 145 purchasers.

Show Results

Pen of 10 Mule Shearlings

- 1st – LR Elliott, Askrigg Hall
- 2nd – J&D Mattinson, Cragg Farm
- 3rd – Ms Lawson&Sons, Hundith House

Pen of 10 Mule 2 Shears

- 1st – J&D Mattinson, Cragg Farm
- 2nd – J&D Mattinson, Cragg Farm
- 3rd – T&J Mattinson, Cragg Farm

Pen of 10 Continental Shearlings

- 1st – T Pearson&Son, High Plaskett Lands

Champion - LR Elliott, Askrigg Hall

Reserve Champion - T Pearson&Son, High Plaskett Lands

Leading Prices -

Breeding Ewes

Texel – 290 Greenbank Close, 205, 180 Branthwaite Rigg Barn, 190(2), 185 Dockray Nook, 190 Croftfield House. **Mule** – 240(2), 235, 225(2) Cragg Farm, 235, 215 Hole Beck, 235(2), 215 Shatton Lodge, 230, 220 Clappers, 230(2), 210 Byresteads Farm. **Suffolk** – 230, 225 Byresteads Farm. **Blue Texel** – 205 Foulisyke.

Shearlings

Suffolk – 310, 305, 290(2), 275 High Plaskett Lands, 270, 225, 210, 205 Westray Farm, 225, 200 Skelsceugh Farm. **Mule** – 300, 295, 275, 270, 265(3), 262(2) Westray Farm, 280 Askrigg Hall, 270 Hundith House, 265 Hole Beck, 260, 258 Cragg Farm. **Texel** – 280, 260, 245 Derwent House, 275, 265, 230(2) Byresteads Farm, 270, 240(2) Shatton Lodge, 260 Parsonage Farm, 245, 225, 220(2) Skelsceugh Farm. **Dutch Spotted** – 280, 270 Bell House Farm. **Blue Texel** – 235 Skelsceugh Farm.