

Penrith Breeding Sheep 2024

Tuesday 10th September 2024

On Tuesday 10th September Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their Great Annual Show & Sale of 5,896 Mule Gimmer Shearlings, '2' Shear Mule Ewes, Suffolk cross & Texel Shearlings & Ewes 3 Shear & above, kindly sponsored by Peter Horn Mobile Sheep Dipping.

As always, the quality did not disappoint with a ring full of buyers from literally the length and breadth of the country, resulting in an overall sale average of £203.95. Comfortably the best show of mule sheep in the country.

Aged ewes topped at £210 for a pen of 34 huge, excellently well-bred 3 shear ewes from Messrs JJ & A Brough, Clappers Farm selling to Messrs E & M Townley, Lancaster. The overall average for this section was £193.25, up a huge £66 on the year.

An unbelievable show of Mule two shear ewes from start to finish, consignments achieving a stable solid trade. Credit must go to these vendors for breeding and turning out such consistent consignments. All sold came to an average of £206.20, topping at £320 ahead for our Champion pen of 15 belting ewes with great scope, length and quality from Messrs R Brough, Langfauld purchased by stalwart customer, Messrs A & ED Booth, Giggleswick with this consignment going on to average an unbeatable £287.98 for 50 sold.

Mule shearlings topped at £300 from Messrs M Ridsdale & Son, Yew Tree Farm, with an unbelievable pen of well put together sheep, with great bone and body and complete with excellent quality and colours selling to Almond & Crosland, Cockermouth. This run of 140 averaged £241.59.

Champion honours in the Mule Shearlings was awarded to Mr S Ridley, Harthwaite House for the third year on the trot with great bold shearlings also purchased by Messrs Almond and Crosland.

Top price in the continental section went to Messrs A & C Watson, Rowan Garth, with a superb pure Texel shearling achieving £390 purchased by Messrs Crozier and Langcake, Keswick, with this run averaging £325.58.

All in all, an honest trade for all customers and vendors going home delighted and satisfied to see a packed ringside of customers after all the hard work preparing sheep for the sale

The early morning judging saw a quality gathering of show pens presented to this year's judges Mr A Crichton, Rottington Hall (Mule 2 Shears), Sarah & Tom c/o Messrs J E Brockbank, Westward (Mule Shearlings) & Mr W Case, Plumpton Cottage (Continental Shearlings).

Over 20 pens of show sheep were forward, in the best of order and condition, a credit to all vendors.

The following prizes were awarded: -

Show Results

Class 1 - Mule '2' Shears - competing for The John Dickinson, High House Memorial Trophy

- 1st** Messrs R Brough, Langfauld
2nd Mr T A Foster, Rye Hill
3rd Mr M W Hewetson, Shatton Lodge

Class 2 - Mule Shearlings - competing for The John Mounsey Memorial Trophy

- 1st** Mr S Ridley, Harthwaite House
2nd Messrs J J & E Lawson, Hundith House
3rd Messrs J J & E Lawson, Hundith House

Class 3 - Continental Shearlings

- 1st** Mrs E M Helme, Ormathwaite
2nd Mr K Hunt, Braithwaite Shields
3rd Mrs E M Helme, Ormathwaite
4th Mr K Hunt, Braithwaite Shields

Sale Averages:

Mule Shearlings - £209.22, up £36 on the year

Mule 2 Shears - £206.20, up £35 on the year

Mule 3 Shears - £193.25, up £66 on the year

Continental Shearlings - £230.21, up £50 on the year

Mule Flock Averages (50 plus sheep)

2 Shears

£278.98 (50) Langfauld; £231.71 (180) Shatton Lodge Farm; £230.17 (200) Stubbsgill;
£222.90 (180) Byresteads; £215.95 (50) Cragg Farm; £215.89 (105) Rye Hill; £210.47 (50)
High House (Dickinson); £198.85 (220) East Cliff

Shearlings

£252.86 (100) Milton Mains; £244.31 (100) Hundith House; £241.59 (140) Yew Tree Farm
(Ridsdale); £239.58 (80) Low Moor Dyke; £232.53 (100) Cragg Farm; £226.86 (200) Cleamire;
£217.41 (130) West View (Davidson); £212.50 (100) Longrigg; £207.64 (75) Rye Hill; £193.89
(60) Briggie Farm; £193.14 (350) Oakfield Farm; £191.55 (120) Keld Farm; £190.36 (130)
Summer Ground

Leading Prices

Shearlings

Texel - £390, £375, £370, £360, £350, £340 (2), £320 (2), £305 (2), £300 (4), £290 (2) Rowan
Garth; £380, £360, £350, £300 Thackwood; £290 (2), £275, £260, £260, £235 (2), £220
Towcett Farm; £280, £260, £230 North Lodge; £275 Harthwaite House; £270 Clea Hall; £260,
£230 Thorneyscale; £255, £250 Ormathwaite Farm; £255, £240, £235 Bogrie Farm; £250,
£240, £235, £230 (2), £225 (2), £220 Braithwaite Shields; £250, £225 Romanvale; £225
Sunny Bank

Mule - £300, £280, £260, £240, £235, £220, £210 Yew Tree Farm (Ridsdale); £295, £210
Harthwaite House; £290, £265, £240 (2), £225 Hundith House; £285, £275 (2), £250, £230,
£220 Milton Mains; £275, £245, £220 Low Moor Dyke; £260, £250, £245 (2), £230, £212,
£210 (3) Clea Mire; £260, £245, £240, £220 (2) Cragg Farm; £255, £230 Bank House (Elliott);

£230 (2), £220 (2), £210 (3) West View (Davidson); £230, £210 Rye Hill; £230, £225 (2), £205 (2) Longrigg; £215 Hill Top (Story); £215 (2) Oakfield Farm; £215 The Keld; £210 Askrigg Hall; £210 Ashfield

Blue Texel - £290, £260 High Harberwain

Suffolk - £270, £250, £220, £210, £195 Romanvale; £260, £240 Holmewrangle

Continental - £220 Williamwood; £200, £195, £190 Braithwaite Shields; £198, £195 Shire Lodge; £195 Haltcliffe; £195 Ashfield; £190 Sunny Bank

Charollais - £210 Bogrie Farm

Lleyn - £205 Williamwood

Beltex - £200, £190 Sandriggs

Cheviot Mule - £195 Howrigg; £190 The Cottage

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2 Shears

Mule - £320, £265, £250 Langfauld; £270, £240 (2), £230, £225, £206, £204, £202, £190 High Stanger; £270, £240, £235, £230 (2), £225, £220, £215 Shatton Lodge Farm; £260 (2), £245 (2), £228, £220 (3), £215 Stubbsgill Farm; £260 Rye Hill; £255, £210 Cragg Farm; £240 Low Moor Dyke; £230, £200, £195 High House (Dickinson); £220 Yew Tree Farm (Ridsdale); £216, £212, £210, £200, £198 Rye Hill; £210 (2), £205, £200 (3), £195 (2), £190 East Cliff; £210 Docker Hall; £200 £195 (3) Lingstubbs; £198, £195 Park House Farm (Brennand); £194, £190 Manor Farm; £190 Hole Beck

Texel - £245, £230, £220, £215, £205, £200 Lingstubbs; £240, £230 Shatton Lodge Farm; £235, £220 Carr Holme; £230, £190 Sewell House; £230 Howrigg

Suffolk - £195 Romanvale; £235, £225 (2) East Cliff; £200 Yew Tree Farm (Ridsdale)

3 & 4 Shears

Suffolk - £250, £205, £195, £190 Romanvale

Cheviot Mule - £215 Braithwaite Shields; £200 Fawcett Park

Mule - £210 (2) Clappers Farm; £210, £200, £190 Rye Hill; £190 Wardhead; £190 Foulisyke Farm

Beltex - £210, £195 Sandriggs

Dutch Spotted - £210 Williamwood

Continental - £210 Carr Holme

Texel - £230 Carr Holme; £225 Sewell House; £215 Rye Hill; £205 Romanvale

Herdwick - £195 East Cliff