

KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2019

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 1402 sheep on Thursday last the 14th March

We had a mixed entry of hoggets with a large proportion being mule bred, which sold to an improved trade on the week on all weights. The cull ewes were a very good trade again.

HOGGETS

We had an entry of 1201 hoggets which sold to a very good trade on the week which has improved an all weight ranges. We had a heavy yard of hoggets forward again with a number of mule bred sheep. The light and handy weight hoggets again from 30kg to 44kg would command the best trade and demand form the buyers in terms of pence per kg.

The heavier hoggets over 45kg were a better trade this week and much easier to sell.

The yard of hoggets ranged from 32 kg to 60kg.

The hoggets sold to a top of £94 per head. The heavier hoggets generally sold between £87 and £94 per head.

The hoggets averaged a good SQQ of £1.97ppk up to £2.10ppk.

The whole hogget section averaged a good £86 per hogget through all the hoggets sold.

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Hoggets between 32 kg to 39 kg averaged 1.99ppk up to 2.07ppk which averaged £78 per head Hoggets between 40 kg to 45 kg averaged 1.97ppk up to 2.10ppk which averaged £87 per head Hoggets between 46 kg to 52 kg averaged 1.84ppk up to 1.95ppk which averaged £88 per head Hoggets between over 52 kg averaged 1.58ppk up to 1.72ppk which averaged £92 per head

Our light hogget section saw a good trade with hoggets ranging in weight from 32kg to 38kg and averaging a good £1.90 ppk up to £2.00 ppk. All hoggets forward averaged £68 per head up to £75 per head.

We are fortunate to have excellent buyer support from 7 regular buyers giving excellent competition for the hoggets each week.

CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE HOGGETS & GOATS

There was an entry of 201 cull & store sheep, which sold to a very strong trade on the week.

The cull sheep trade has improved on all types.

We had a good entry of cull sheep again with the usual entry of thin and small hill bred sheep.

The well meated Continental and Suffolk x bred sheep were obtaining market premiums.

Store hoggets were well bid for, for further finishing

The cull sheep sold to a top of £140 per head for some Texel ewes from Brobury Farms and averaged a very good £74 per head which included the usual entry of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes sold to the best trade again but a good trade on all sorts was achieved.

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £97 per head and sold up to £140 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £68 per head and sold up to £80 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £52 per head and sold up to £66 per head.

Tups sold to £90 per head and averaged £73 per head.

We have buyers requiring store hoggets and light hoggets each week to suffice their orders.

We have buyers for in excess of 2000 hoggets and 750 cull sheep per week to meet our buyers' requirements.

McCartneys at Kington, offer an on-farm livestock grading and marketing advice service on a free of charge basis.

Kington Market is every Thursday, commencing at 11.00am with Hoggets Followed by Cull Sheep, Light and Store Hoggets

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