

## KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2019

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 1262 sheep on Thursday last the 21st March 2019.

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

## **HOGGETS**

We had an entry of 866 hoggets which sold to a very good trade on all weight ranges.

We had a heavy yard of hoggets forward, which met a good trade and good demand by the buyers. The light and handy weight hoggets again from 30kg to 44kg would command the best pence per kg trade. The heavier hoggets over 45kg also sold well.

The yard of hoggets ranged from 33 kg to 64kg.

The hoggets sold to a top of £92.80 per head for some 44kg hoggets from Duncan Morgan and up to £2.17 ppk for some 38kg hoggets from MH Gwilliam.

The heavier hoggets over 50kg generally sold between £86 and £90 per head.

The hoggets averaged a very good SQQ of £2.02ppk up to £2.17ppk.

The whole hogget section averaged a good £87 per hogget through all the hoggets sold.

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Hoggets between 32kg to 39kg averaged 2.03ppk up to 2.17ppk which averaged £79 per head Hoggets between 40kg to 45kg averaged 2.00ppk up to 2.10ppk which averaged £87 per head Hoggets between 46kg to 52kg averaged 1.87ppk up to 1.95ppk which averaged £89 per head Hoggets between over 52kg averaged 1.55ppk up to 1.60ppk which averaged £89 per head

Our light hogget section saw a good trade with hoggets ranging in weight from 33kg to 36kg and averaging a good £1.95 ppk up to £2.05 ppk. All hoggets forward averaged £69 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 a good entry of 396 cull & store sheep, which sold to an excellent trade on the week.

The cull sheep trade has improved on all types, which is good to see.

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. The Mule type ewes were also much dearer.

Store hoggets were well bid for, for further finishing

The cull sheep sold to a top of £120 per head on several occasions for some Texel, Charolais and Suffolk ewes from J Mills and S Barden and averaged an excellent £75 per head which included the usual entry of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes sold to the best trade and many ewes were in the £90 to £100 bracket and an excellent trade on all sorts was achieved.

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £99 per head and sold up to £120 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £70 per head and sold up to £90 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £56 per head and sold up to £65 per head.

Tups sold to £120 per head and averaged £86 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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