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19TH SHEARWELL THAME SUMMER SHEEP SALE

The Shearwell Thame Summer Sheep Fair held last Thursday and Friday confirmed the strength of the breeding sheep trade with a 97.3% clearance of the 16,953 penned.

Day one topped the prices with Beltex ewes from M/s DG & GA Davies selling to £325.00, £320.00 and £280.00 others sold at £255.00. Charollais theaves reached £250.00 from Miss A Hedges while Texel x from A & H Hunt out of their run of 600 realised £240.00. Texel x ewes 6T & FM sold to a top of £184.00.

Suffolk x shearlings saw a tremendous trade. M/s F C Lester & Son topped at £241.00 for a pen of 25 homebred, just pipping the prize-winning pen from George Eaton at £240.00 for his pen of 30, again homebred. Stuart Gowling took £189.00 and £188.00 for Suffolk 6T & FM. M/s J & H Tustian took £244.00 for their pen of 20 Cheviot Mules.

Day two was Mule and store lamb day, M/s Pearson Grimscote set the trend with their run of 200 young full mouth ewes topping at £171.00 for 20 and £166.00 twice. M/s Barton Farms sold their Welsh Mule full mouth the first lots in the ring at £148.00. A large crowd surrounded the Mule ring to see M/s J & H Tustian sell top quality theaves having reared a lamb at £260.00 for a pen of 24, other pens from the same run sold to £244.00, £242.00 and £238.00. David and Peter Morris saw their top pen at £230.00 for 30 and their second pen at £215.00 for 30. Trade of the day must go to Conrad Lester of F C Lester & Son, Buckingham for showing a superb run of double theaves (4T) for £250 for £241.00 for 25 up £84/head on the year.

The strength of the trade of the theaves was reflected in the ewe lambs. Beltex x sold to £225.00 from M/s Davies, Suffolk x second draw from M/s Humphrey Livestock sold at £135.00 twice for pens of 25 while their Texel x Mules sold at £126.00 and £125.00. Beltex x Mule from Eddie Bullman sold for £123.00. Mainly teg store lambs forward with keen demand to £94.00 for Texel x Suffolk, Charollais x sold to £87.50.

N C Mules topped at **£260.00** to average £171.00 up £33.00
Suffolk X topped at **£241.00** to average £176.00 up £29.00
Texel X topped at **£225.00**, to average £178.00 up £13.00
Beltex topped at **£225.00**, to average £167.00 down £2.22
Cheviot & Cheviot Mule topped at **£244.00**, to average £160.20 up £1.20
Lleyn topped at **£188.00**, to average £149.50 up £17.50

Ewes

N C Mule topped at **£171.00** to average £143.00
Suffolk x topped **£189.00** to average £178.00
Texel topped at **£184.00** to average £153.00

Ewe Lambs averaged **£120.00**
Store Lambs averaged **£79.00**

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