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## 20<sup>TH</sup> SHEARWELL THAME SUMMER SHEEP SALE

The Shearwell Thame Summer Sheep fair was held last Thursday and Friday bringing together flock masters from afar away as Cornwall to Northumberland.

16,669 breeding and store sheep passed through the sale ring along with 205 rams for a total sale value of just over £2.5million. The terribly dry conditions experienced in the south of England, including Oxfordshire were a huge concern to all involved and the effect the weather could have on trade. Considering the lack of grass, sheep kept their condition, which was reflected in the trade, averages were close to last year's records in most breeds with an overall average for the whole sale including store lambs of £156.00.

White faced sheep topped the sale at £250.00 for a pen of pure Texels from Gore Farms, Culworth. A Hedges, Robertsbridge followed at £230.00 and £220.00. Seabrook Partners sold for £228.00 as did Garfield Stephens. Texel x out of Scotch mules topped at £196.00 from Harrison Bros closely followed by Westover Farms at £195.00. Texel x NC Mule from Alice and Henry Hunt topped the section at £210.00 A small entry of Blue Texels sold to £210.00 from Folly fields Farm. Local breeders Michael & James Ludgate topped the Beltex section at £208.00. M & C Morris, Braunston sold Black Beltex at £217.00 bought by Jack Foulkes to add to the kids Anglesey flock. Scotch Half Breds few in number sold to £205.00 from Messrs. N.F Hodges & Son. Cheviot Mules met £188.00 from Rob and Caroline Mole while a pen of pure North Country Cheviots from Garfield Stephens for £187.00

Thursday afternoon saw 4000 plus Suffolk x theaves through the ring meeting a flying trade topping at £230.00 for four different vendors, Alice and Henry Hunt, Messrs. F C Lester, George Eaton and Garfield Stephens (trophy winning pen).

Friday's sale centered around North of England Mules both theaves and older ewes. Henry Tustian of J H Tustian took the Mule trophy for his run of 60 plus lambed sheep topping the section at £225.00 and £220.00. Davis Morris of P L Morris followed at £205.00 and Chris and David Hunt £198.00. Messrs. G E Haynes and Son sold at £196.00 and Will Allan £195.00. Dry sheep peaked at £195.00 for a strong pen from A Olorenshaw who also sold pens for £192.00 Messrs. Thorncombe Park also sold at £192.00 Mule double theaves sold to £170.00 from F C Lester & Son. Messrs. A Pearson and Son sold their usual run of 5 crop ewes to £155.00 for 3 pens while Stephen Shed took £152.00 for his pen.

Store and Ewe lambs saw Beltex Mule ewe lambs at £110.00 and Suffolk x at £118.00.

2000 store lambs averaged an impressive £72.21 for mainly long keep types while the few stronger sorts topped at £88.50 for the Swerling family and £87.00 from Jake Belgrove.

Thursday's Ram sale included a show on behalf of the Midland Beltex club their champion, a shearling ram came from the consignment of Angus Mutch selling at £500. Females from G Crabtree topped at £725.00. Rams with power and stretch found favor, Garfield Stephens sold Charolais to £740.00 and £730.00, Colin Roots Beltex X Charollais £730.00, G A and J A Curtis Charolais £720.00, J M L Farming Beltex [non MV] £710.00. The best of the Texels was found in the Stephens pen at £650.00. Merrick and Julie Pinny sold their Suffolk ram lambs topping at £705.00 The annual consignment of pure and registered Beltex from D G and G A Davies Carmarthenshire saw tops of £320.00 and £300.00 for non MV double theaves and a single smart ewe lamb at £320.00. Their Beltex X Texel shearling rams selling to £650.00.

N C Mules topped at **£225.00** to average £171.00 same as last year  
Suffolk X topped at **£230.00** to average £174.77 down £1.33  
Texel X topped at **£210.00**, to average £173.80 down £4.20  
Texel topped at **£250.00**, to average £185.54  
Beltex X topped at **£208.00**, to average £167.00 same as last year  
Cheviot & Cheviot Mule topped at **£188.00**, to average £170.00 up £9.80

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