

Darlington Farmers Auction Mart held their 2nd sale of Mule Gimmer Lambs, Breeding Sheep and Store Lambs on Tuesday 10th October 2017. Forward were 2860 head.

1751 Store Lambs sold to £75

123 Feeding Ewes sold to £88

350 Ewe Lambs sold to £93

75 Shearling Ewes sold to £135

258 Breeding Ewes sold to £108

3 Breeding Rams sold to £150

Store Lambs - A plainer show perhaps on the whole with a fair proportion of smaller lambs and Mules on offer however once again a fantastic trade, top priced lambs on the day were half a dozen wonderful Suffolk crossed Beltex lambs from T H Mace & Sons, Hill Top Farm, Esh which sold for £75 to L Oliver & Partners, Haswell Moor Farm.

Leading Prices - £75 £62 T H Mace & Sons. £68 £63 P Kirk. £66 £61 D Rezai. £64.50 £63 £62 G Wall. £63 £60 H H Smith & Son. £62.50 £58 £57 W H Brown. £62 £58 B R & S Fell. £61 £57.50 A & B Herworth. £60 J R & J Crowe. £60 W Brass & Sons. £60 £59.50 G H Lister. £59.50 £59 B & M J Garbutt. £59 R Watson. £59 T & A E Miller. £59 C Longstaff. £58 A W Sanderson. £58 G A Jopling. £58 S & D Ferrie. £58 L E Harrison. £57.50 £57 C Watson. £56.50 K Buckle.

Ewe Lambs - A better trade than reports suggest of late from other outlets as more customers looking for lambs were in attendance at ringside, top price came from M & W Maddison of Sunderland Cleugh, Eastgate with their top pen of 10 Mules which sold to A G Frank, Red Hall Farm, Castle Levington for £90 per head. Messrs Maddison also sold the joint second highest priced pen (£80) before M Metcalfe of West Gate Farm, Westgate completed a fine day for the Weardale sheep also achieving £80.

Leading Prices - £90 £80 £74 £66 M & W Maddison. £80 £76 £70 M Metcalfe. £70 £66 £60 S M & C M Bewley. £70 £66 £64 £60 B Watson. £66 H H Smith & Son. £66 O M Wearmouth & Son. £66(x2) G Wall. £66 £62 J D & M S Mortimer.

Breeding Ewes - The second sale as usual was predominantly Mules as the tups are now out with a lot of the lowland breed ewes, top pen on the day were 20 tremendous Mule shearlings from regular supporter F Johnson, West Shipley, Hamsterley which sold for £135 per head. A 200 ewe dispersal from H H Smith & Son, Woodhill House, Ugthorpe attracted a generous following of buyers from the East coast, the top pen were strong Suffolk crossed 3 crop ewes which were bought by Ian Curry of Fishburn for £108 apiece.

Shearlings - £135 £125 £120(x2) £110(x2) £105 £100 F Johnson. £120 J R & M Richardson.
£110 £100 A Nelson. £100(x3) £95 J & B L Thompson. £95 H H Smith & Son. £95 C Bell.

Ewes - £108 £105 £100 £95 £92 £90 £86 £80(x2) £76 £70(x2) £65 £62 £60 £55 £52 £50 H H
Smith & Son. £105 J R & M Richardson. £65 £62 £56 B Watson.

Aged Rams - £150 £135 £125 H H Smith & Son.