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## **KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**

McCartneys of Kington report a smaller entry of 877 sheep on Thursday last the 12<sup>th</sup> July mainly due to the easing of the trade.

The lamb trade has eased over the past week due to larger numbers being marketed and the buyers continuing to complain about the lack of demand at present for lamb and also leaner lambs being marketed, which is bring down the trade. The cull ewes remain a strong trade particularly for the good meat sheep.

The buyers require good meat sheep for their orders and these sheep are receiving premium prices.

Leaner sheep are at a disadvantage so it is well worth selecting the right sheep to sell.

### **LAMBS**

We had an entry of 525 lambs which averaged a good SQQ for the week of £1.81ppk up to £1.86ppk for some 42kg lambs from DJ Bedford. Lambs sold up to £82.50 per head for some 50kg lambs from SJ Cooke.

The buyers are requiring heavier well meat lambs for their orders and lambs weighing over 40kg to obtain premium prices. Meat is very important for a good trade. There are a lot of leaner lambs being presented for sale which is affecting the trade as they are less desirable.

There was more interest in the lighter lambs from the buyers this week as long as they were good meat.

We have good demand from our buyers for spring lambs and at the current prices the lambs need to be sold if they are ready.

Lambs between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 1.77ppk up to 1.80ppk which averaged £67 per head

Lambs between 39.1 kg to 45.5 kg averaged 1.82ppk up to 1.86ppk which averaged £79 per head

Lambs between 45.6 kg to 52 kg averaged 1.74ppk up to 1.77ppk which averaged £82 per head

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

### **CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE LAMBS & GOATS**

There was a good entry of 342 cull & store sheep, which sold to a very good trade on the week.

The cull sheep trade was good again on all types and well sort after by the buyers.

The buyers are requiring good meat sheep for their orders, which are not fat or too lean.

The cull sheep sold to a top of £116 per head for some Suffolk tups from S Williams and Son and averaged a good £69 per head which included the usual entry of thin and smaller hill bred sheep. Strong meat ewes sold to the best trade.

**Continental ewes averaged £95 per head up to £112 per head**

**Mules averaged £74 per head up to £88 per head**

**Hill bred ewes averaged £55 per head up to £65 per head**

**Tups sold to £116 per head and averaged £105 per head**

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

We have buyers for in excess of 3000 lambs 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 Lambs  
Followed by Cull sheep, light and store lambs**

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