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KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 26th APRIL 2018

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 1418 sheep on Thursday last the 26th April.

This sheep trade remains firm with a tight supply of sheep in all sections across the country. The hoggets have seen a lift in trade this week mainly due to the lack of numbers being marketed.

There is good demand from the buyers in all sections which is good to see. We need competition in the sheep industry to ensure good returns. Well meated sheep received the best trade again.

HOGGETS

We had an entry of 969 hoggets which sold to a very good trade on the week. Meat remains very important to receive a premium trade. The trade has increased during the week mainly due to the tight supply of numbers on the market and also the quality of the hoggets on offer. There are a number of end of season hoggets on the market which greatly affects the trade.

Well bred and good meated hoggets are selling to very good prices with good demand from the buyers.

The trade was very good throughout all weight ranges. The yard of hoggets ranged from 30kg to 64kg.

The hoggets averaged a very good SQQ of £2.59ppk up to £2.70ppk and averaged an excellent £119 per hogget through all the hoggets sold.

The whole hogget section averaged £2.52ppk from the lightest to the heaviest in the market.

The heavy hoggets over 52kg were a good trade and averaged a very good £129 per head.

The best meated hoggets received the best following and they sold up to £133 per head for some 54kg hoggets from Owen Morgan

The hoggets sold up to £2.70ppk for some 47kg hoggets from WH Lyke which made £126.50 per head.

Hoggets between 25.5 kg to 32 kg averaged 2.10ppk up to 2.25ppk which averaged £60 per head

Hoggets between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 2.20ppk up to 2.35ppk which averaged £83 per head

Hoggets between 39.1 kg to 45.5 kg averaged 2.62ppk up to 2.68ppk which averaged £114 per head

Hoggets between 45.6 kg to 52 kg averaged 2.55ppk up to 2.70ppk which averaged £123 per head

Hoggets over 52kg averaged 2.30ppk up to 2.45ppk which averaged £129 per head

Hoggets with teeth up averaged £100 per head up to £120 per head

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

SPRING LAMBS

We had a larger entry of 70 spring lambs which averaged £2.95ppk up to £3.05ppk. All spring lambs averaged an excellent £118 per head up to £126 per head.

Lambs between 25.5 kg to 32 kg averaged 2.60ppk up to 2.65ppk which averaged £75 per head

Lambs between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 2.90ppk up to 2.95ppk which averaged £108 per head

Lambs between 39.1 kg to 45.5 kg averaged 3.00ppk up to 3.05ppk which averaged £124 per head

Lambs between 45.6 kg to 52 kg averaged 2.60ppk up to 2.70ppk which averaged £124 per head

CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE HOGGETS & GOATS

There was a very good entry of 379 cull & store sheep, which sold to an excellent trade on the week. The cull sheep trade was a good trade 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 £120 per head for some Suffolk ewes from ewes from S Williams and Son and averaged an excellent £70 per head which included a larger entry than usual of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meat ewes sold to the best trade and they would be dear again

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £102 per head and sold up to £120 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £81 per head and sold up to £88 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes were a very good trade and averaged £59 per head and sold up to £70 per head.

Tups sold to £105 per head and averaged £82 per head

Small store hoggets sold to £67 per head and averaged £58 per head

Goats averaged £68 per head

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

We have buyers for in excess of 3000 hoggets and spring 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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