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KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER 2018

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 1225 sheep on Thursday last the 11th October 2018

The lamb trade has remained firmed over the last week and we have seen a small rise in the trade over the past few days. Cull sheep prices are also similar with the best meated sheep selling the best. Northern lambs are still coming out in numbers which is keeping a lid on the trade else where in the UK.

There was good demand in all sections, but at a price.

LAMBS

We had an entry of 945 lambs which averaged a good SQQ for the week of £1.75ppk up to £1.80ppk for some 42.5kg lambs from DJ Morgan. Lambs sold up to £88 per head on a number of occasions for 53kg to 57kg lambs. All prime lambs forward averaged a good £76 per head.

The buyers continue requiring well meated lambs for their orders and all lambs in all weight ranges received a good trade and were sort after by the buyers.

The buyers are looking for all weight ranges as long as they have good meat but at present the heavier lambs over 42kg are the best sellers.

**Lambs between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 1.70ppk up to 1.72ppk which averaged £66 per head
Lambs between 39 kg to 45 kg averaged 1.75ppk up to 1.80ppk which averaged £76 per head
Lambs between 45kg to 52 kg averaged 1.73ppk up to 1.80ppk which averaged £82 per head
Lambs between over 52 kg averaged 1.60ppk up to 1.61ppk which averaged £87 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 an entry of 280 cull sheep, which sold to a good trade on the week. Meated sheep sold to premium prices. The thinner ewes were a more difficult trade this week.

We have a number of grazing ewe buyers looking for ewes to graze which is helping the thinner smaller ewe trade at present.

The cull sheep sold to a top of £85 per head for some Texel x ewes from S Bedford and averaged a reasonable £52 per head which included a large entry of thin and smaller hill bred sheep.

**Continental ewes averaged £83 per head up to £85 per head
Mules averaged £58 per head up to £75 per head
Hill bred ewes averaged £40 per head up to £50 per head
Tups sold to £70 per head and averaged £60 per head**

We have buyers requiring store lambs and light lambs each week and need a good entry to suffice their orders.

We have buyers for in excess of 3000 lambs and 750 cull sheep per week to meet our buyers' requirements. We require good entries of lambs and cull sheep for forth coming sales.

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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