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## KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

McCartneys of Kington report a good entry of 2085 sheep on Thursday last the 27th December.

The sheep trade was nothing short of fabulous in all sections and marks an excellent last sale of fat sheep in 2018 at Kington Market. The holiday period and shorter supply of sheep over the past week has created excellent demand. Let's hope it lasts into 2019!

## **LAMBS**

We had an entry of 1779 lambs which sold to an excellent trade. With all buyers fired up to bid.

All weight ranges have seen a significant lift in trade and all types of lambs in all weight ranges were in demand by the buyers and more could have been sold to advantage.

The trade was excellent throughout all weight ranges. The yard of lambs ranged from 34 kg to 61kg.

The lambs sold to a top of £102 per head for some 58kg lambs from M & J Labbett.

The lambs averaged an excellent SQQ of £2.16ppk up to £2.42ppk for some 40.5kg lambs from AL Jones & Sons and averaged an excellent £92 per lamb through all the lambs sold.

The whole lamb section averaged an excellent £2.12ppk from the lightest to the heaviest in the market.

Lambs between 32.5 kg to 39 kg averaged 2.17ppk up to 2.30ppk which averaged £83 per head Lambs between 39 kg to 45 kg averaged 2.16ppk up to 2.42ppk which averaged £92 per head Lambs between 45kg to 52 kg averaged 2.03ppk up to 2.17ppk which averaged £98 per head Lambs between over 52 kg averaged 1.84ppk up to 1.90ppk which averaged £100 per head

Our light lamb section saw a good trade with lambs ranging in weight from 34kg to 36kg and averaging an excellent £2.17 ppk up to £2.20 ppk. All light lambs forward averaged £75 per head up to £78 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 HOGGETS & GOATS**

There was a good entry of 306 cull & store sheep, which sold to a good trade on the week.

The cull sheep trade has also firmed for the same reasons as the fat lambs.

The cull sheep which had a good level of finish sold to premium prices but a good trade was seen on all sorts.

Store lambs were also well bid for, for further finishing

The cull sheep sold to a top of £109 per head for some Texel x ewes from JT Jones and Sons and averaged a good £57 per head which included an entry of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes sold to the best trade again but an excellent trade on all sorts was achieved.

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £88 per head and sold up to £109 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £57 per head and sold up to £72 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £45 per head and sold up to £55 per head.

Tups sold to £90 per head and averaged £60 per head.

We would like to thank all our vendors for their support during 2018, which is greatly appreciated and wish you all a health and prosperous new year.

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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