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## **KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 959 sheep on Thursday last the 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Sheep numbers appear to be in short supply at present which is helping to hold a reasonably good trade for the time of year. The buyers are reporting that business is slow at present both for hoggets and cull sheep.

### **HOGGETS**

We had an entry of 696 hoggets which sold to a good trade on the week. The lighter hoggets again from 30kg to 43kg would command the best trade in terms of pence per kg. The heavier weight hoggets over 44kg were a better trade than over the past few weeks, which is good to see.

All weight ranges were in good demand by the buyers particularly the light weights under 43kg.

The trade was good throughout all weight ranges with good competition from the buyers.

The yard of hoggets ranged from 26 kg to 57kg.

The hoggets sold to a top of £95 per head for some 57kg hoggets from SI Rogers.

**The hoggets averaged a good SQQ of £2.01ppk up to £2.10ppk for some 41 kg hoggets from EJ & HM Price and averaged a good £84 per hogget through all the hoggets sold.**

**The whole hogget section averaged a good £1.95ppk from the lightest to the heaviest in the market.**

**Hoggets between 32 kg to 39 kg averaged 2.02ppk up to 2.05ppk which averaged £77 per head  
Hoggets between 40 kg to 45 kg averaged 2.00ppk up to 2.10ppk which averaged £85 per head  
Hoggets between 46 kg to 52 kg averaged 1.82ppk up to 2.00ppk which averaged £90 per head  
Hoggets between over 52 kg averaged 1.67ppk up to 1.72ppk which averaged £94 per head**

Our light hogget section saw a good trade with hoggets ranging in weight from 26kg to 37kg and averaging a good £1.90 ppk up to £2.00 ppk. All hoggets forward averaged £69 per head up to £74 per head.

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

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

There was a good entry of 263 cull & store sheep, which sold to a sharper trade on the week.

The cull sheep trade is good for the continental and Suffolk x bred and meated sheep which were obtaining market premiums.

The cull sheep which had a good level of finish sold to premium prices but a good trade was seen on all sorts. The mules and the smaller hill bred sheep which have been the most difficult trade in recent weeks saw a better trade.

Store hoggets were also well bid for, for further finishing

The cull sheep sold to a top of £94.50 per head for some Texel x ewes from S Barden and averaged £58 per head which included the usual entry of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes sold to the best trade again but a good trade on all sorts was achieved.

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £88 per head and sold up to £94.50 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £56 per head and sold up to £70 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £45 per head and sold up to £54 per head.

Tups sold to £80 per head and averaged £71 per head.

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

We have buyers for in excess of 2000 hoggets 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 Hoggets  
Followed by Cull Sheep, Light and Store Hoggets**

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