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KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2017

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 1610 sheep on Thursday last the 9th of February 2017.

The fat hogget trade has generally remained level over the past week. The heavy hoggets have firmed during the week due to better demand on these types.

The bestselling hoggets this week were the 43kg to 48kg. The export trade remains under pressure and there was less demand on less than 43kg hoggets this week compared to previous week's trades.

HOGGETS

We had an entry of 1198 hoggets, which sold to a level trade on the week with good demand from the buyers. Well meated hoggets which were not fat received the best trade.

Good meated hoggets sold between £1.70ppk and £1.80ppk for hoggets up to 43kg.

The hoggets sold up to £88.50 for some 55kg lambs from Will Lyke.

The SQQ price for the market was £1.71ppk with an average for the whole market ranging from the lightest to the heaviest hoggets being £1.65ppk. Again a large percentage of our hoggets would be over 44kg. The average price per hogget in the market was £77 per head.

Hoggets between 25.5kg to 32kg averaged 1.72ppk up to 1.75ppk
Hoggets between 32.5kg to 39kg averaged 1.70ppk up to 1.75ppk
Hoggets between 39.1kg to 45.5kg averaged 1.71ppk up to 1.80ppk
Hoggets between 45.6kg to 52kg averaged 1.63ppk up to 1.70ppk
Hoggets over 52kg averaged £1.52ppk up to £1.62ppk

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

There was an entry of 412 cull & store sheep, which sold to a firm trade on the week given the very mixed entry we had this week.

All cull sheep sold to a firm trade on the week with large meated ewes being the best sold.

We had a very mixed quality entry of ewes being thin, over fat and £1 specials. The cull sheep trade this week is generally easier due to large numbers being market off the back of an increased trade last week. Due to the numbers being sold this has saturated the market with buyers being at capacity for their orders. Strong and well ewes sold to a good trade. The buyers are requiring well meated ewes which are not fat.

The cull sheep sold to a top of £88.50 per head for some Texel x ewes from AR & SD Witcomb and averaged £51 per head.

Continental ewes averaged £92 per head and sold up to £88.50 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £59 per head and sold up to £75 per head.

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

Tups averaged £70 per head and sold up to £92.50 per head

Light and store hoggets sold to a good trade and averaged £58 per head and sold up to £62 per head or £1.72ppk. We have an excellent section for light hoggets (35kg and down) and good buying support.

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

We have buyers for in excess of 3000 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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