

## **Blue Texels soar to 4000gns at Worcester**

Last Friday's Blue Texel sale at Worcester saw buyers in determined mood when it came to securing the best of the genetics on offer in the breed, with a number of established and new breeders seeking out top drawer stock.

Heading up the trade at 4000gns was Sams Yoyo from Andrew and Sam Froggatt. This son of a homebred sire and out of a Dunstall ewe by a Millside ram had been male and reserve overall champion in the pre-sale show as well as previously being male champion at the Royal Welsh. A spirited bidding battle between the pre-sale judge Jonathan Long and the Royal Welsh judge David Alexander saw the lamb eventually fall to Mr Alexander for his Millside flock, Ayrshire.

The second best price of the day at 2850gns also came from a sheep from the Froggats, with this being the shearling ram, AFS/14/04739X, sire of the 4000gns lamb and himself by Millend Whirlwind. He sold to P J and T A Jones, Crickadarn, Powys.

The pre-sale champion, a shearling ewe from John and Emma Lyle's View Forth flock then sold at 2400gns, with this one being by Shearstone Peter and out of a Millside dam by a Craigalbert sire. She sold to Gaynor McDowell, Billesdon.

Following that at 2100gns was the second prize ram lamb from the pre-sale show from Rhys Cooke's Nantyderrri flock. This one is a son of Whatmore Wasp and is out of an Ivanhoe dam by an imported sire. He sold to the Neachell family, Staffordshire.

A 1550gns call then saw Giles Hardman sell his ram lamb Farm Mill Blues Young Will. Sired by Midnight Wicked Will he is out of Sams dam by a Millside sire and sold to Messrs Madders and Johnson, Hopton.

Just shy of that at 1500gns was another ram lamb, this time from Dan Jones and family, Tynbryn. This was Jonsland Yorkie, a Whatmore Siren son out of a dam by a homebred sire and sold to Josh Bustance, Lincolnshire.

Back with the females and Chris Davies sold the top priced ewe lamb of the day at 1450gns. This was Beaconsview You're Lucky, a Whatmore Wonder daughter out of a dam by Dulas Super and sold to Harvey Heath, Ashbourne.

The second prize shearling ewe from the pre-sale show, Aubrey and Sue Andrews' Miserden gimmer by Bishops Rebel then sold at 1400gns. She's out of a dam by Miserden Thunder and sold to Kate Gunn.

Steve and Sara Gibbons then sold their shearling ewe WHA/14/00634 at 1120gns to the Neachell family. This one is by Whatmore Siren and out of a Whatmore Reg daughter.

And then at 1000gns came the second best priced shearling ram of the day, DGJ/14/01200 from the Dulas flock of D G and M H Jones. He's by Stelfox Vernon and out of a homebred dam by a Bishops sire. Buying this one were Glynn Davies and Linda Western, Llanddewi-Brefi.

At the same money Paul Tippetts and Christine Williams sold their ram lamb, Hackney Yankee, a son of Whatmore Siren out of an imported dam. This ET bred lamb sold to Andrew and Sam Froggatt.

Rhys Cooke then took 980gns for his ewe lamb from the Nantyderrri flock. This one is a Whatmore Walnut daughter out of a Millside dam and sold to R Heigh, Bentham.

Russel and Gil Watkins then sold the reserve male champion from the pre-sale show at 920gns, with this being their shearling ram, Millend Xpect. Sired by Jonsland Tyson and out of a Mac daughter this one was knocked down to C B Parsons, Sutton On Trent.

Just shy of that at 900gns was Nina Smith's shearling ewe from her Bluestone flock. This daughter of a Haywood sire is out of a homebred dam by a Pen-Y-Bec sire and sold to Chris Davies for the Beaconsview flock.

Averages;

2 aged rams	£603.75,
26 shearling rams	£612.63,
44 ram lambs	£590.63,
3 aged ewes	£364,
49 shearling ewes	£676.29,
30 ewe lambs	£494.20

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