

SUFFOLKS SOAR AT WESTERN WONDERS!

The recent surge in interest for Pedigree Suffolk Sheep reached new heights at the Western Wonders Show & Sale organised by Abergavenny Auctioneers, J. Straker, Chadwick & Sons, in conjunction with Monmouthshire Livestock Centre.

A reduced entry in 2025, in line with other sales across the country saw 86 sheep forward, 85 sold, an incredible average overall of £1,584.26.

A packed Salering with numerous new buyers, as well as established breeders witnessed a fierce trade from the first lot to the final lot – and many bidders going home empty handed, highlighting once again the reputation of this long established sale and its numerous regular consignors.

The Pre-Sale show was expertly judged by Mrs Sheila Eggleston, Seagrave Flock, who awarded the Overall Championship to the first prize ewe lamb show by Holywell, North Wales Breeder, Arnold Oare, recently having been awarded Champion Flock in the Western Area Branch Flock Competition.

The ewe lamb by Pyeston Ghost and out of a homebred ewe by Cairness Kaos, she went on to sell for a new centre record of 10,000gns to Mr Philip Poole, Battlefield, Shrewsbury and his Salopian Flock.

Sheila Eggleston awarded the Reserve Championship to the first prize Shearling ewe from Buxton, Derbyshire breeder SJ Buckley's Sitlow Flock. From an outstanding pen of sheep the pen leader by Sportsmans Black Label and out of a homebred ewe by Bentley Fly Half was sold scanned inlamb (all sheep are scanned inlamb on sale day) to the much admired and highly successful Jalex X Factor, she was purchased by D Lewis, Narberth, Pembs at 4,000gns.

The Buckleys outstanding pen of shearling ewes saw 2 others sell at 2,200gns, 2 at 2,100gns, with others at 2000gns, 1700gns & 1600gns, to average £2,194.50!!

In the Flock ewe Class, the 1st prize was awarded to a Dec 2022 born homebred entry from Dafydd Jones, Aberystwyths Frongoy Flock, by Crewelands Kingpin and out of a homebred ewe by Ballynacannon Black Diamond, she was sold inlamb to Rhaeadr Razzmatazz and was purchased at 1,300gns by DA Davies, Tregaron.

Top price in the section went to 2nd prize ewe from Huw Thomas, Carms, Penygarn Flock, by Bridgeview Beat Em Up and inlamb to Dol-Llys Vandeek, she sold at 1,500gns to G McNamara, Lampeter Velfrey, who also purchased the next top price ewe from SJ Buckley at 1,450gns, this one by Logie Durno Sonny Bill, and in lamb to Jalex X Factor. The Buckley Family sold two others at 1,250gns, with Mr Brandon Roth, Tolgus Flock, Cornwall selling his best at 1,200gns.

The shearling ewe trade was dominated by the Sitlow entry, taking the top 4 prices and 6 out of the top 10!. Brandon Roth, Tolgus took a top of 2,100gns for his 3rd prize winning entry by Frongoy Mad Max and inlamb to Limestone Hitman and purchased by Messrs Williams, Werfa Farm, Rhigos.

Dafydd Jones, Frongoy sold shearlings to a top of 2,000gns for one by Ballynacannon Flash Man, and purchased by G Loader, Dorset, with another at 1,900gns to DL Jones, Llanbadarn Fynydd.

In the ewe lamb section, Ross Lawrence, Roundacre Flock, Winkleigh, Devon sold 2 at 3,000gns apiece with his 2nd prize lamb by Castleisle Blackadder taken by S Cobbald, Suffolk, and his 4th prize entry at the same money to T Newth, Somerset.

Myfyr Evans, Rhaeadr was as ever in the mix selling 6 lambs to a top of 2,700gns, with others to 2,600gns, 2,100gns & 2 at 2,000gns. The leader and the next by Rhaeadr Northern Champ were taken by DP & RA Delves, Churchstoke, with J Davis, Swansea taking 2 at 2,100gns & 2,000gns, all 6 to average £2,275.

Andrew Evans, Dol-Llys sold the pen leader at 1,700gns to B Roth, Redruth, with Dafydd Jones peaking at 1,500gns to DL Jones, Llanbadarn Fynydd.

Judged by Mrs Sheila Eggleston, Seagrave Flock, the prizes were awarded as follows:

FLOCK EWES

- 1ST (LOT 8) - DAFYDD JONES (FRONGOY)
- 2ND (LOT 17) - HUW D THOMAS (PENYGARN)
- 3RD (LOT 9) - SJ BUCKLEY (SITLOW)

SHEARLING EWES

- 1ST (LOT 32) - SJ BUCKLEY (SITLOW)
- 2ND (LOT 8) - DAFYDD JONES (FRONGOY)
- 3RD (LOT 46) - BRANDON ROTH (TOLGUS)

EWE LAMBS

- 1ST (LOT 66) - ARNIE OARE (GROES)
- 2ND (LOT 74) ROSS LAWRENCE (ROUNDACRE)
- 3RD (LOT 79) - MYFYR EVANS (RHAEADR)

CHAMPION

(LOT 66) - ARNIE OARE (GROES)

RESERVE CHAMPION

(LOT 32) - SJ BUCKLEY (SITLOW)

SUMMARY & AVERAGES

16 Flock Ewes	-	Max 1,500gns	Ave. £1,174.69
39 Shearling Ewes	-	Max 4,000gns	Ave. £1,671.92
30 Ewe Lambs	-	Max 10,000gns	Ave. £1,688.75
Overall 85 head averaged £1,584.26			

AUCTIONEERS: J. STRAKER, CHADWICK & SONS

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