

37th ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF PEDIGREE SUFFOLK SHEEP

There was an excellent entry of 177 sheep for the 37th Annual Show & Sale of Pedigree Suffolk Sheep at Monmouthshire Livestock Centre.

Judge Mr Rob Holmes, Devon, chose the 1st prize ewe lamb as his overall Champion. Repeating the result as last year was Denbighshire breed Myfyr A Evans. His Rhaeadr entry was a daughter of Cairness Cognac, out of an Ardlea Arbennig daughter. She went on to sell at 1,000gns to West Country breeder Paul Osman.

Topping the sale section was another ewe lamb, this time the 2nd prize entry from Meifod, Powys based Jack Pryce and his Horton Flock, who was recently announced as Champion Flock in the Western Area Competition. This Kings Crusader daughter out of a ewe by Lakeview Rambo sold at 1,200gns to J Payne, Welshpool. The Horton Flock consignment created great interest throughout with a Greatness Billy the Kid, shearling ewe, in lamb to Lakeview Rambo selling at 850gns and taken by S Griffiths, Swansea. Another Horton shearling of similar breeding sold at 750gns to M Lutman, Shropshire, and the Flocks 3rd prize winning shearling ewe by Sitlow Saint Steve sold at 640gns to J Davis, Swansea. Overall the Flock achieved an average of £815 for 5 sold.

Other leading prices included:

The 2nd prize shearling ewe from Leicestershire breeders Hallam & Eggleston sold at 690gns to S Griffiths, Swansea, this one was by Dol-llys Royal Diamond and in lamb to Rhaeadr Wellington. The Seagrave Flock sold other to 440gns by Birness Presidential taken by S Griffiths & 430gns to Huw Thomas, Carmarthen.

Myfyr Evans sold further ewe lambs by Cairness Cognac to 700gns to Dafydd Jones, Frongoy, and 620gns to M Lutman, Shropshire.

Gary Owen's Morris Flock travelled from Anglesey and sold to a top of 600gns for a Conwy Commander ewe in lamb to Rhaeadr Reykjavik, purchased by S Thomas, Llangadog.

Ewe lambs from the same Flock sold to 580gns for a daughter of Strathisla Sparkey purchased by EW & MH Jones, Llandovery, and another at 540gns taken by Sulwyn Richards, Raglan.

A strong entry from Breconshire breeders Mike Davies & Sons, Safaddan sold to a top of 720gns for the 1st prize shearling ewe by Deveronside Dancing Brave and in lamb to Safaddan Ramsey, she was purchased by B Littlehales, Shrewsbury. Others from this consignment sold to 470gns for a Deveronside Dancing Brave daughter taken by E Edwards, Mold and 420gns selling to Mrs Dally, Wells.

RB & RG Morgan, Usk sold one of their Llangeview shearlings by Strathisla Murray at 440gns to Phil Smith, Worcester.

TJ Griffiths, Carmarthen topped at 430gns for a Forkins Fiasco shearling purchased by Messrs Griffiths, Fishguard.

The sale commenced with a major reduction of the Adult portion of the Seafeld Flock for Seafeld Pedigrees Ltd, Redditch, Worcestershire. There commercially managed ewes sold to 340gns for the 3rd prize winning flock ewe by Rookery J20 and purchased by RG & RA Jones & Son, Haverfordwest.

Bridgeview Titus, a ram lamb by Lakeview Harbinger sold at 600gns to J Dufrane, Belgium.

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