

## Ryeland Flock Book Society Sale Report: Worcester 20.08.22

Solid trade at RFBS 2022 Sale.

This year there were increased entry numbers and averages held steady in an uncertain world. There were high clearance rates in all categories, particularly the Ryeland shearling ewes of which 91% sold.

The top price of the day was for a Ryeland ram lamb from the Pembroke flock of N Morgan, Crymych, Pembrokeshire. Pembroke Crusader, sired by Highwood Xerxes out of a homebred ewe, had taken the male championship earlier in the day, judged by R Morgan, Presteigne sold for 1500gns to P Tyler, Thirsk. The reserve male champion was a 2 year old ram from the Mansel flock of R & A Howell. Born and bred on the Gower Peninsula, Mansel Atlas, sired by Cagedale Woodman out of a homebred ewe, was sold for 1000 gns to Andrew Pye, Lancashire. The top priced shearling ram of the day was the winner of the novice breeder class, P Howells, Llandysul. Cardi Blanco, sired by Bryn Caffo Wali out of a homebred ewe, he sold for 900gns to the Bowen flock of T & I Roberts, Melling.

The demand for Ryeland females was solid, with a good average and high clearance rate. The top priced female of the day was the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed ewe lamb, from A Davies, Brecon based Catherton flock. This smart ewe lamb was sired by Pembroke Aled from a home bred ewe. She made 1050gns and makes the trip to Ayrshire to join the flock of A Scott. The female champion was the winning ewe lamb, choice of J Webb, Ashford Carbonel, bred by J & S Donovan, Whitland. This Dolwen ewe lamb, sired by Dolwen Young Uther, sold for 520gns to C Statton, Launceston. The top priced shearling ewe was the reserve champion, from R & A Howell. Sired by Cagedale Woodman, she will join D Evans, Pontarddulais, Garddwr flock.

Coloured Ryeland females saw a slight drop in the average and clearance rates but the trade was far from disappointing. The top price of the day went to the Coloured Ryeland female champion. Judged by P Gray, Halifax, Night Star Camilla, bred by T & G Glover, York, was also reserve Breed Champion on the day. Sired by Gracewood Xplorer out of a Yorvik ewe, sold for 900gns and will go to Bacup, Lancashire to join the Nene's flock of J Wood. Top priced shearling ewe from the Teme flock of J Webb. Placed second in the show and sired by Snelson Zorik, she sold to O Reade for 800gns. Also notable was the 4th placed ewe from the Cynin flock of Rh Davies, who sold for 780gns to P Wills, Penzance.

Trade on the Coloured Ryeland males was steadier than in previous years, and the top price of the day in this category was a Cynin shearling ram from Rh Davies, Carmarthen. Sired by Siandy Xtraordinary out of a Pigscot ewe, Cynin Brenin made 900gns and will join the Black-a-licious flock of K & D Turnbull, Swadlincote. The Male Champion, choice of D Smillie-Gray, was from the Pigscot flock of S & A Tilling. Sired by Allerdale Yacky Da, out of a homebred ewe, Pigscot Brenin made 580gns and goes to V Chadwick's Bluebell flock. The top priced ram lamb was also the reserve male champion. Ashley Moor Hall Commander, bred by Brodie Summerfield, Ludlow sold for 850 gns. Sired by the home bred tup Xbert, he also went to the Thirsk based flock of O Reade.

Auctioneers: McCartneys

Averages: Top Price gns (average gns)

*Ryeland Shearling Ewe: 800 (331)*

*Ryeland Ewe Lamb: 1050 (396)*

*Ryeland Aged Rams: 1000 (547)*

*Coloured Ryeland Shearling Ewe: 800 (330)*

*Coloured Ryeland Ewe Lamb: 900 (316)*

*Coloured Ryeland Ram Lamb: 850 (381)*

*Ryeland Breeding Ewe: 500 (251)*

*Ryeland Shearling Ram: 900 (486)*

*Ryeland Ram Lambs: 1500 (510)*

*Coloured Ryeland Breeding Ewe: 380 (258)*

*Coloured Ryeland Shearling Ram: 900 (459)*