

Event: RFBS Main Sale.
Location: Ludlow Livestock Market.
Date: 17th August 2024.
Auctioneers: McCartneys.

Records Tumble at the RFBS Sale.

A flying trade saw new records set at the Ryeland Flock Book Society Sale, held at Ludlow market on 17th August. A new Breed record, a new Coloured Ryeland Record, increased averages across the board and a clearance rate of 86% showed a strong demand for quality sheep.



A price of 4000gns smashed the previous breed record out of the park when Ryeland shearling ram, Hawthorns Dangerous Dave (left) came through the ring. Bred by Alison Robinson, Wigton, and sired by the home-bred Hawthorns Zinzan Valentine, he was placed second in the morning's show. Bidding was quick and fierce, with the ram being knocked down to David Evans, Pontarddulais, to join his Garddwr flock. A second shearling ram also surpassed the previous record. The Male Champion, choice of judge Mr J Donovan,

Whitland, made 3600gns in the ring. Michaelchurch Dougie, sired by Red Sewell Zest and bred by Sue Quigley, Michaelchurch, was sold for 3600gns – a joint purchase by J Webb, Ashford Carbonel, and Z Unwin, Dorrington. Third placed shearling ram, Pembroke Dreamer, bred by N Morgan, Crymych, sold for 1800gns to the Harrington family, Dalston. The reserve champion male, Mansel Corbiere, bred by R & A Howell, Oxwich Green, was the top priced senior ram at 1400gns and joins the Llangyfrwys flock of Donna Morris, Llandrindod Wells.

Joint top priced Ryeland female was a Red Sewell ewe lamb, bred by T & E Redmayne, Southwaite. Awarded the Female Championship, by judge, Simon Donovan, Nottinghamshire, the Huntsmoor Xanto sired lamb was sold for 1050gns to join R Dilworth's "Na Then" flock. Also making 1050gns was second placed shearling ewe from the Catherton flock of A Davies, Garthbreny. Sired by Bryn Caffo Cymro, she was sold to J Stone, Norwich. The third placed shearling Lodgway Duchess, from Messrs Briggs & Whitehurst, Leigh, also sold for 1050gns. Sired by Wellhill Braemar, she followed the new record holder to David Evans' Garddwr flock. First placed shearling ewe and reserve female champion for the Hawthorns flock sold for 950gns, also to David Evans.

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A new Coloured Ryeland record was set when shearling ewe, Coxwold Dior (right) came through the ring. Bred by K & M Atkinson-Shaw, Thirsk, and sired by Ryeside Coloured Brigadier, she had won the breed championship at Great Yorkshire show last month. She raised the record to 2600gns, and joins the Black Rock flock of P Tyler, Thirsk. Placed first in the Coloured Shearling ewe class by judge W Laurie, Harrogate, and reserve female champion, was Night Star Dolly. Bred by T & G Glover, York, and sired by Gracewood Xplorer, she sold for 1300gns to D Drake, Doncaster. Second placed in the same class was Snelson Delilah, bred by M Varmen, Macclesfield. She also sold to D Drake, making 1400gns



through the ring. Top priced Coloured Ryeland ewe lamb was the sole entry from the Ryeside Coloured flock of N Burton, Hawes. Sired by Mansel Wade, she sold for 880gns to A Williams' Carreg flock, Holywell. The Champion Coloured female, M Varmen's Snelson Emilie, sold for 800gns to R Dilworth.

Top priced Coloured Ryeland male was a shearling ram from A & S Owen, Aberhafesp. Siandy Dustin, sired by Glen Cairn Braveheart was placed fourth by judge S Unwin, Dorrington and sold for 1450gns to M Bevan, Hingham. Next highest, also a shearling, was bred by P Tyler. Black Rock Daytona, sold for 1000gns to B Summerfield, Ludlow. K & M Atkinson-Shaw took the top two prices for the ram lambs. Coxwold Ecky Thump, sired by the homebred Coxwold Colin, sold for 750gns to the Mulberry flock of E Chadwick, Burnt Heath. Sproxton Zodiac sired Coxwold Evander Holyfield, sold for 700gns and joins M Stanger's Newark based Meadow Farm flock.

Averages £: (top price gns)

Ryeland Shearling Ewe: 445.54 (1050)
Ryeland Ewe Lamb: 519.75 (1050)
Ryeland Shearling Ram: 1266.30 (4000)
Ryeland Breeding Ram: 665.00 (1400)
Ryeland Ram Lamb: 388.50 (600)

Coloured Ryeland Shearling Ewe: 552.30 (2600)
Coloured Ryeland Breeding Ewe: 178.50 (240)
Coloured Ryeland Ewe Lamb: 354.54 (880)
Coloured Ryeland Shearling Ram: 450.00 (1450)
Coloured Ryeland Breeding Ram: 262.50 (350)
Coloured Ryeland Ram Lamb: 418.03 (750)

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