Ryeland Flock Book Society Sale Report: Ludlow 22.08.23

Strong Trade and a New Breed Record at the RFBS 2023 Sale

A record entry of 376 sheep at the 2023 Ryeland Flock Book Society Main Sale at Ludlow Livestock Market drew a good crowd of potential buyers and good averages.

A new breed record for a Coloured Ryeland Female was set when the female champion went through the ring. The ewe lamb, bred by M Varmen, Macclesfield, was placed a champion by the judge L Howell. Moss Rose Dora, a home bred lamb, sired by Moss Rose Bingo, was sold for 1500gns to the Otis flock of R Dilworth, Bradford. The reserve champion, a shearling ewe from the Landriggs flock of E & J Henderson, Milnathort, Kinross, sold for 600gns to M Varmen. Top priced shearling ewe from the Scoulton flock of J Stone, Melsop, was also the first prize winner. Sired by Mansel Zaki, she sold for 750gns to D Evans, Pontarddulais.

The Coloured Ryeland males were judge by S Hipps, Bishop Thornton, and the chosen champion was Allerdale Cassanova, a shearling ram from A & E Robinson, Wigton. Sired by Riverside Ybba and out of a Hawthorns ewe, he sold for 600gns to J Stone. The top price for the day was achieved by the reserve champion, ram lamb Churchstoke Dafydd. Bred by R Whitticase, Churchstoke, he sold for 1000gns and will join the Roman Castle flock of O Reade, Thirsk. Also joining Mr Reade’s flock will be the second highest priced ram lamb, Snelson Duke Ellington. Bred by M Varmen and sired by Smelson Vineapola, he was knocked down for 900gns.

There was a good entry of Ryeland females so there was plenty of choice and something to suit most budgets. Females were judged by A Hunter-Blair, Castle Douglas and he chose a shearling ewe from the Lodgeway flock of S Briggs & M Whitehurst as his champion. Sired by Ebor Ayoze and out of a Redburrow ewe, she achieved the top price for a Ryeland female of 1250gns and will join P Wills’ Coast flock based near Penzance. The reserve champion was a ewe lamb, Lodgeway Daenerys, also from S Briggs & M Whitehurst, sold for 600gns to R Dilworth.

There were three Ryeland males that made over 1000gns. The top price for the whole sale was 1800gns for ram lamb Hawthorns Dynamite. Bred by A Robinson and sired by Hawthorns Zinzan Valentine out of a Cagedale ewe, he sold for E Davies, Llansantffraid. Top priced shearling ram was Juggis Cyclone, bred by T & K Wright, Leominster. Sired by the homebred ram Juggis Asteroid, he sold to H Coulson, Melrose for 1750gns. Ryeland males were judged by S Bryden, Lockerbie and her top placed breeding ram and reserve champion was Bryn Caffo Bill, who made 1700gns. Bred by A & E Parry, Gaerwen, sired by Ashgrove Widget, he joins the Valhalla flock of J & S Wright, Llandovery. The judge’s choice as Champion was the winning shearling ram Pembroke Champ from N Morgan, Eglwyswrw, sold for 700gns to E Brazier, Radford.

Auctioneers: McCartneys

Averages: Top Price gns (average £)

*Coloured Ryeland Shearling Ewe: 750 (386.06) Coloured Ryeland Breeding Ewe: 320 (220.50)*

*Coloured Ryeland Ewe Lamb: 1500 (310.80) Coloured Ryeland Shearling Ram: 620 (332.18)*

*Coloured Ryeland Aged Rams: 180 (147.00) Coloured Ryeland Ram Lambs: 1000 (370.66)*

*Ryeland Shearling Ewe: 1250 (314.83) Ryeland Breeding Ewe: 320 (255.50)*

*Ryeland Ewe Lamb: 600 (306.25) Ryeland Shearling Ram: 1750 (465.09)*

*Ryeland Breeding Ram 1700 (541.40) Ryeland Ram Lamb: 1800 (386.00)*