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Store Hoggs top at £150, a Mart Record!

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<u>Tuesday 23rd January</u>			
IN LAMB SHEEP 1408 FORWARD			
BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Cheviot Ewes	£155.00	WA Ketley & Sons, Colchester	£133.00
Cheviot Mule Ewes	£155.00	East Mains, Newbigging	£155.00
Dorset Ewes	£130.00	WA Ketley & Sons, Colchester	£130.00
Herdwick Ewes	£92.00	WA Ketley & Sons, Colchester	£82.00
Jacob Ewes	£132.00	WA Ketley & Sons, Colchester	£132.00
Masham Shearlings	£170.00	T Crick, Beccles	£170.00
Mule Hogs	£158.00	W Thwaite, Clitheroe	£152.00
Mule Shearlings	£192.00	T Crick, Beccles	£170.00
Mule Ewes	£175.00	M Thexton, Walney Island	£142.00
Romney Ewes	£148.00	WA Ketley & Sons, Colchester	£132.00
SBF Ewes	£95.00	JH Thornhill, Stockport	£93.00
Suffolk Ewes	£175.00	M Thexton, Walney Island	£145.00
Swale Ewes	£175.00	WA & A Booth, Feizor	£131.00
Texel Hogs	£165.00	P & C Charnley, Coniston	£158.00
Texel Shearlings	£305.00	WA Ketley & Sons, Essex	£178.00
Texel Ewes	£260.00	WA Ketley & Sons, Esse	£150.00

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): A good entry in the top ring with a large entry of 1500 In Lamb Sheep forward. A wall to wall ringside of buyers with sheep heading to new homes as far south as Norfolk to Stranraer in Scotland and Anglesey in Wales. Plenty staying locally as buyers replace geld ewes. A consignment of mainly CTL ewes from WA Ketley & Sons, Essex got the sale off to a good start with the first pen in the ring selling to £305 for 8 Texel shearlings. Other younger ewes from the same home to £220 to £260 with first cross sorts in general £160-£180. P & C Charnley's flock reduction saw 1 crop Swales to £160 with WA & A Booth selling younger ewes to £175. Mark Dodd, Dent sold some to £140. Mule ewes sold to average £141-59 topping at £175 from M Thexton, Walney Island while the flock dispersal from Alston Old Hall saw their best Mules sell to £168 twice with others in general £130-£158 depending on age and scan results. Tim Crick once again sent a nice load of Mule shearlings topping at £192. Strongest in general £180+ with others £160+. A run of hogs from W Thwaite, Clitheroe sold to £158 averaging £151.42 overall. Hill ewes in strong demand. Cheviots from JH Thornhill to £112 for mostly singles with Herdwicks to £92. Older SBF to £95 from Messrs Thornhill. Trade in general £80-£90. Overall, a nice day's trading with the next sale of In Lamb Sheep in two weeks' time.

Tuesday 23rd February

888 STORE HOGGS

Overall Average: £77.50

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Cheviot	£77.00	Matinley Farms, Selkirk	£76.00
CTL	£88.00	B Cooper, Leece	£71.00
Dales	£50.00	JH & Ryder, Harrogate	£50.00
Herdwick	£70.00	GI & M Faraday, Bleasdale	£55.00
Jacob	£78.00	S Raby, Preesall	£68.00
Mule	£91.00	JC Wade & Son, Skipton	£73.00
SBF	£96.00	Matinley Farms, Selkirk	£77.00
Scotch Mule	£100.00	Mosside Farming, Carlisle	£100.00
Suffolk	£94.00	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill	£76.00
Swale	£87.00	GI & M Faraday, Bleasdale	£57.00
Texel	£150.00	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill	£96.00
XBR	£98.00	Matinley Farms, Selkirk	£77.00

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): Very much a tail end show forward with a few pens of quality hoggs spread through. A pleasing number of hoggs with several buyers left short of requirements and many more could have been sold. **Please note an extra sale will be held next Tuesday 2nd March to accommodate Island sheep unable to get to today's sale.** Some nice pens of Continentals saw anything half decent sell from £100+ with 11 sell to the day's top price of £150, a record for store lambs. Small long keep types £60-£80 with some a little less. Mule hoggs to £91 from JC Wade & Son with trade in general £62-£74 while a pen of 30 Scotch Mules sold to £100. Stronger Swales £80-£87, middle draws £60-£70 with smaller weak sorts £30-£50. A run of 356 mainly SBF hoggs from Matinley Farms (mainly tups) topped at £96 with others to £91. Next cut down £81+ with smaller types £62-£75. 888 hoggs sold to average £77.50.

Wednesday 24th February
Sale of Sheep with Lambs at Foot

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Mule BM & Singles	£165	W & M Bland, Kirkby Malham	£165
Mule BM & Twins	£255	W & M Bland, Kirkby Malham	£244
Rouge Ewes & Twins	£245	JH Wilson, Settle	£245
Suffolk Ewes & Twins	£285	RJ Umpleby, Harrogate	£285
Texel Ewes & Twins	£270	RJ Umpleby, Harrogate	£268

Auctioneer's Report (Stephen Dennis): A terrific trade for sheep and lambs. Richard Umpleby again topping the sale with Suffolk x ewes sucking twins making £285 and Texel x outfits to £270. Broken mouthed Mule ewes with young twin lambs reached a high of £255 per family from Will Wildman. Janet Wilson of Settle sold a Rouge x ewe with single lamb at £245. A large entry for next week's sale with 100 outfits already entered.

**Sales continue every Wednesday following calves at approx. 12noon.
Early entries requested for advertising.**

Tuesday 2nd March

Feeding & Cast Cows & OTM Cattle
Breeding Cattle inc. 12 Cows/ Hfrs & Calves
350 STORE CATTLE

Tuesday 9th March

BREEDING SHEEP & STORE LAMBS

Entries for catalogue close Monday 1st March

Wednesday 24th February

REARING CALVES

88 Forward

Breed	Top	From	Av
AA Bulls	£460	W & S Airey, Whittington	£319
AA Hfrs	£240	J Robinson, Over Kellett	£207
BrB Bulls	£480	G & ME Woodhouse, Ellel	£335
BrB Hfrs	£445	JM & AE Wallbank & Son, Wray	£283
Beef Sho Bulls	£185	Cote Farm Partnership, Nether Kellett	£185
Beef Sho Hfrs	£135	Cote Farm Partnership, Nether Kellett	£135
Fleckvieh Bulls	£285	Fishwick Farms, Silverdale	£233
Hereford Bulls	£310	JM & T Livesey, Inskip	£310
Hereford Hfrs	£240	JM & T Livesey, Inskip	£235
Limousin Bulls	£240	CR & JA Booth, Wigglesworth	£240
Limousin Hfrs	£260	JM & T Livesey, Inskip	£255
Mont Bulls	£175	CR & JA Booth, Wigglesworth	£168
B + W	£270	G & ME Woodhouse, Ellel	£141

Auctioneer's Report (Will Alexander): A healthy calf trade from start to finish, with all vendors happy with their returns. Strong calves still in plentiful demand at Bentham, with the best Continental bulls to £480 for a Blue from G & ME Woodhouse, Ellel, Blue heifers to £445 from JM & AE Wallbank, Sons, Wray. Angus' to £460 from W & S Airey, Whittington with others from J Lawson & Son, Bentham. Younger milky calves just as good to sell, the best native bulls all £300-£370. Angus heifers up a gear, the best to £240 from J Robinson, Hoggetts & J & JA Parkinson, Rolling Pin Farm, others £215-£235. Blues £400-£430 for the nicer milky sorts, others generally £320-£380, with the smalls either side of £280. Blue Heifers looking well sold £270-£320, dependent on colour and style. Dairy bull trade still strong, 11 Fleckviehs to a top of £270, £280 & £285 from Fishwick Farms, others generally top side of £210. Montbelliardes to £175 from Chris Booth, Wigglesworth. A shortage of Black and White bulls topped at £270 & £240 for weaned calves from G & ME Woodhouse, other nicer sorts £160-£170, with the next draw £60-£100, more black and white bulls needed on a weekly basis to fulfil orders.

3355 PRIME HOGGS Overall Av 270.9p SQQ 273.0p

BREED	TOP	FROM	AV
Top Price Per Head (Under 36kg)			
Beltex	£114.50	GJ Hall, Prescott	£114.50
Cheviot	£97.50	GM & AM Wilson, Cartmel	£91.00
Dalesbred	£87.50	JT & J Kelsall, Cold Cotes	£82.00
Lonk	£82.50	R Johnson, Brookhouse	£73.00
Mule	£91.50	M & C Huddleston, Wray	£84.00
SBF	£90.00	D Breaks, Slaidburn	£79.00
Suffolk	£85.50	R Johnson, Brookhouse	£81.00
Swale	£87.50	HF Stubbs, Rathmell	£71.00
Texel	£110.00	D Breaks, Slaidburn	£81.00
Top Price Per Kilo (Under 36kg)			
Beltex	327.1p	GJ Hall, Prescot	327.1p
Cheviot	280.9p	Chatsworth Settlement	264.6p
Dalesbred	257.4p	JT & J Kelsall, Cold Cotes	248.8p
Lonk	297.8p	R Johnson, Brookhouse	274.5p
Mule	261.4p	M & C Huddleston, Wray	245.5p
SBF	278.6p	WJ Coltherd, Selkirk	256.2p
Suffolk	294.4p	R Johnson, Brookhouse	265.8p
Swale	252.9p	JM & JJ Dawson, Littledale	228.1p
Texel	314.3p	D Breaks, Slaidburn	256.3p
Top Price Per Head (Over 36kg)			
Beltex	£168.00	GA Stephens, Melton Mowbray	£144.00
Blue Texel	£147.50	I & M Lancaster, Clitheroe	£105.00
Charollais	£155.00	CW Marwood & Son, York	£135.00
Cheviot	£144.00	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill	£120.00
Dalesbred	£114.50	MJ & A Carr, Horton in Ribblesdale	£101.00
Gritstone	£124.00	B Dibb, Yeadon	£124.00
Herdwick	£106.00	B Dickinson & Co, Kendal	£102.00
Lonk	£114.50	B Dibb, Yeadon	£109.00
Masham	£120.00	J & M Whitfield & Son, Wray	£101.00
Mule	£130.50	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill	£112.00
Rouge	£129.50	B Dickinson & Co, Kendal	£106.00
SBF	£111.50	L Broster, Huddersfield	£102.00
Suffolk	£138.50	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill	£120.00
Swale	£119.50	T Robinson & Co, Slaidburn	£102.00
Texel	£158.50	A Rigby, Slaidburn	£122.00
Woodland	£116.50	D Shirt, Edale	£116.50
Zwar	£145.50	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill	£145.50
Top Price Per Kilo (Over 36kg)			
Beltex	366.3p	I & M Lancaster, Clitheroe	323.8p
Blue Texel	321.3p	D Hodgson, Lancaster	260.9p
Charollais	280.5p	G & R Dawson, Crayke	228.6p
Cheviot	355.4p	GA Stephens, Melton Mowbray	291.0p
Dalesbred	258.3p	MJ & A Carr, Horton in Ribblesdale	245.2p
Gritstone	269.6p	B Dibb, Yeadon	269.6p
Herdwick	258.5p	B Dickinson & Co, Kendal	253.7p
Lonk	272.6p	B Dibb, Yeadon	259.3p
Masham	265.4p	SR Heather, Oldham	248.3p
Mule	273.8p	GA & SM Wainwright, Bamford	261.2p
Rouge	243.0p	SJ Crane, Ribchester	223.4p
SBF	278.8p	L Broster, Huddersfield	265.9p
Suffolk	294.3p	H Smith, Cawood	271.00
Swale	265.5p	D Shirt, Edale	249.7p
Texel	337.2p	GA Stephens, Melton Mowbray	280.7p
Woodland	264.8p	D Shirt, Edale	264.8p

3355 PRIME HOGGS

Overall Av 270.9p SQQ 273.0p

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): Another pleasing entry of 3355 prime hogs. A mixed show of quality on offer with trade only 5p less on the week. An outstanding consignment of 400 white faced hogs from GA Stephens, Melton Mowbray was undoubtedly the highlight of the night averaging £130.54 to top the evening's sale at £168 purchased by James Birbeck. Ian Lancaster, Clitheroe topped per kilo at 366.3p for some nice Beltex hogs with others to 363.6p. Better quality hogs 300p-360p with commercial export types 270p-290p. Heavy hogs short of requirements and good to sell throughout with plenty of pens £145-£160. Hogs weighing 45kg-50kg selling between £125-£130. Heavy weight Mules 264p-273p with heavier pens £118-£128 topping at £130-50. Best meated horned hogs 260p+ with SBF to 278.8p and Swales 265.5p. Roughs sold to a top of £129.50 from B Dickinson & Co, Kentmere. Lightweights in strong demand both with processors and for further finishing. GJ Hall topped at 327.1p or £114.50. Horned hogs to 278.6p for SBF from WJ Coltherd, Selkirk while Lonks sold to 297.8p from R Johnson, Winder. Overall average 270.9p (SQQ 273p)

COVID-19 UPDATE

The following protocol is now in place:

- Drop & Go Policy to be reinstated for all vendors (*Relevant paperwork (licenses, passports, entry forms etc.) to be handed to auction representative at the unloading docks together with any instructions RE lotting, reserve prices and luck money*).
- Sale Day payments will not be possible but cheques and BACS statements will be posted out as normal on Fridays.
- Buyers MUST sign in on arrival outside the sale ring.
- Attendance at markets must be restricted to those conducting business and only 1 buyer per business is permitted to enter the site
- Face coverings must be worn by everyone attending the site, at all times (this includes market staff) – exemptions are permitted for anyone with a medical condition that allows a face covering not to be worn.
- Strict Social Distancing to be maintained (minimum of 2 metres). The wearing of face coverings is NOT a substitute for the need to maintain Social Distancing at all times.
- The Auction Café will be open on a takeaway basis only, serving hot & cold food & drinks.

CAST EWES 2036 FORWARD

Breed	Top	From
Badgerface	£73.50	HJ Driver, Glossop
Bleu de Maine	£120.50	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill
BFL	£129.50	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill
Charollais	£155.50	CW Marwood & Son, York
Cheviot	£117.50	M Kidd, Congleton
Cheviot Mule	£118.50	E & LM & SE Barnes, Altham
Dorset	£114.50	GA Stephens, Melton Mowbray
Gritstone	£87.50	H Smith, Cawood
Hampshire	£88.50	MW & M Skidmore, Billingham
Herdwick	£73.50	NR & CS Hodgson, Ravenstonedale
Jacob	£88.50	MJ & G Dennison, Grange over Sands
Lonk	£93.50	G & R Dawson, Crayke
Mule	£114.50	MJ Lohr, Kendal
Rough	£82.50	TW Handley, Sedbergh
SBF	£93.50	G & R Dawson, Crayke
Suffolk	£124.50	MW & M Skidmore, Billingham
Swale	£81.00	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill & N & J & S Taylor, Hollow Meadows
Texel	£163.50	J Tomlinson & Son, Clifton
Welsh	£69.50	HJ Driver, Glossop
Zwar	£130.00	R Henderson, Jubilee Hill
HRD Tups	£95.50	JW Dawson & Sons, Clapham
CTL Tups	£150.00	JH Wilson, Settle

Auctioneer's Report (Greg MacDougall): A much larger show of cast sheep with nearly double on the week. Ewes forward from Aberdeenshire, The Borders, Derbyshire, Lincs as well as many local farmers. Trade for all classes hot from start to finish with the usual busy ringside of buyers all keen to ensure numbers. The night's sale topped at £163.50 for Texels from J Tomlinson, The Marsh. Best and pure ewes in general £130-£160 while heavy ewes sold between £110-£150. Good selling lean types around £100 with plain sorts £60-£80 depending on condition and breed. Heavy Mule ewes £100+ topping at £114.50. Next cut down £90-£97 with small fleshy sorts £80+. Lean ewes £70-£76. Strongest horned ewes £80-£90 with Lonks and SBF from G & R Dawson to £93.50. Smaller types £70+, mediums £60+ and plain £40. Strongest rams £120-£150 with JH Wilson topping with Texels. Hill rams in general £60-£90 topping at £95.50.

BOB BROWN 1931-2021

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the recent passing of Bob Brown, aged 89 years. Bob has been part of the fabric at Bentham Auction for all his life particularly in the Dairy section where his expertise and knowledge of dairy cattle was second to none. He served on the Board of Directors from March 1968 up to June 2010. For the last 20 years of his Directorship he served as Chairman leading the Auction through a period of considerable growth and expansion. Bob was highly respected both for his knowledge of stock and his honesty and integrity, coupled with his quiet and approachable manner. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family.