

Oxford Downs to 520gns at Worcester

The annual sale of Oxford Downs at Worcester market saw a top price of 520gns paid for a shearling ram from Roland Williams' 60-strong Greenlands flock based at Aneddle, Capel Seion, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion. Fellow Aberystwyth Oxford breeders Rob & Liz Edwards from Cwrt Newydd, Penrhynoch were the buyers. The leading ram is home-bred on both sides of his pedigree, being sired by Greenlands Class Act out of a Greenlands ewe by Barley Park Monsieur Chabal.

A shearling ram from the New House flock run by breed President Rex Vincent at North Wyke, Okehampton, Devon made 400gns, selling to James Eustice for use on 50 Oxford ewes in his old-established flock at Treglinnick Farm, St Ervan, Wadebridge, Cornwall. This one is by New House Hawkeye out of a Longfriday dam.

The 400gns mark was reached for a second time later in the sale when a 2-shear Greenlands ram by the Aberdeenshire-bred Delmur Delboy sold at this price to Tom Lamb for the Fleetham flock at East Fleetham, Seahouses, Northumberland.

Amongst the ram lambs the best price was 280gns bid by new breeder Scott Flitter, Freefolk, Whitchurch, Hampshire for a Weeton White Walker son from Ruth Steele's Weeton flock at Redhouse Farm, Weeton, Hull, East Yorkshire.

Two Greenlands ram lambs, both by Greenlands Delboy, sold at 250gns for Roland Williams. The first went to sister and brother team Holly Plante and Andrew Amor who are building up their Pauntley flock based at Orchard Grove, Brand Green, Redmarley, Gloucestershire. The second at the same money sold to Paul Dunnings for his Wolfhanger flock at Bramdean, Alresford, Hampshire.

A small entry of females was led at 300gns by a Wicken shearling ewe bred by Philip & Katie Ivens, Ash Tree House, Wicken, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, selling to Tom Lamb, Fleetham, who also bought a second shearling ewe from the same pen at 290gns. Both were sired by Applewick Wentworth.

Ewe lambs peaked at 250gns for a daughter of Weeton Bounty from Ruth Steele, Weeton, going to Scott Flitter to join the new flock he is establishing under the Freefolk prefix. A flock ewe by Rowan Banahan from Neil & Jackie Bridgen's Rowan flock at Devizes, Wiltshire made 190gns to local breeder Peter Oliver, Mutton Hall Farm, Feckenham, Redditch, Worcestershire to replenish his Wood Hill flock.

	No sold	Top gns	Avg £
Ewe lambs	2	250	221.55
Shearling ewes	3	300	273.00
Flock ewes	2	190	162.75
Ram lambs	3	280	273.00
Shearling rams	8	520	284.81
Senior rams	2	400	341.25

Overall, 20 head sold to 520gns and averaged £268.38 (compared to £254.01 for 26 in 2019).

Auctioneers: McCartneys