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KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 8th MARCH 2018

McCartneys of Kington report a reasonable entry of 1362 sheep on Thursday last the 8th March. The sheep trade remains firm in all sections and the snow caused a dip in supply which has firmed the trade, which has rolled in to this weeks trading. We had an excellent trade in all sections with good buying support for the hogs and cull ewes.

HOGGETS

We had an entry of 1001 hoggets which sold to an excellent trade on the week. The snowy weather has assisted the trade and as more numbers have been marketed throughout the week this has seen an easing of the trade. The hogget trade remains excellent for the time of year with good demand from the buyers.

The trade was excellent throughout all weight ranges. The yard of hoggets ranged from 31kg to 56kg.

The hoggets averaged an excellent SQQ of £2.27ppk up to £2.40ppk and averaged an excellent £95 per hogget through all the hoggets sold. The whole hogget section averaged an excellent £2.24ppk from the lightest to the heaviest in the market.

We are fortunate to have excellent buyer support from 7 regular buyers giving excellent competition for the lambs each week.

CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE HOGGETS & GOATS

There was a smaller entry of 361 cull & store sheep, which sold to an excellent trade on the week The easing of the cull sheep numbers being marketed has firmed the trade and the buyers were eager to by cull sheep for their orders. The cull sheep which had a good level of finish sold to premium prices but a good trade was seen on all sorts. Store lambs were also well bid for, for further finishing

The cull sheep sold to a top of £135 per head for some Texel ewes and averaged an excellent £82 per head which included an entry of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes sold to the best trade again but an excellent trade on all sorts was achieved.

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £98 per head and sold up to £135 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £77 per head and sold up to £99 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £62 per head and sold up to £75 per head.

Tups sold to £125 per head and averaged £87 per head

We have buyers requiring store hoggets and light hoggets each week to suffice their orders.

We have buyers for in excess of 3000 hoggets and 750 cull sheep per week to meet our buyers' requirements.

McCartneys at Kington, offer an on-farm livestock grading and marketing advice service on a free of charge basis.

Kington Market is every Thursday, commencing at 11.00am with Lambs Followed by Cull Sheep, Light and Store Lambs

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