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## BRIGHT FUTURE AT WORCESTER FOR BLUE TEXELS

The ever increasing and emerging Blue Texel Sheep society had yet another bonanza sale at Worcester with a ram lamb "Whatmore" Walnut from Sara Gibbons flock making the pace and selling at $2,600 \mathrm{gns}$. The March born son of Jonsland 4701 N and out of a homebred Whatmore Siren ewe was purchased by R. Cooke, Llantilio Crossenny, Abergavenny for his up and coming Nantyderri flock. Other Ram Lambs were in demand with the next highest priced lamb at 900 gns for Dan and Janine Jones "Jonsland Wi-Fi" having won Male and Reserve Overall Champion and taken by D.L. Jones, Pencader, Carmarthen.

Females enjoyed a sound following with shearling ewes selling at a level 1000gns for the second prize gimmer from D.G. \& M.H. Jones, "Dulas" flock to R. Gostling, Great Witchingham, Norfolk.
G. Hardman, Lowbands, Gloucester was a strong supporter of the sale taking a total of 10 sheep with a brace of gimmers at 890 gns from C.M. Sault, Yoxall and first prize winner and from G. Arrowsmith, Pen-y-Bec a third prize winner respectively.

Ewe lambs really rang the bell provided they were quality, top in the section going to Andrew Froggatt's "Sams" flock at $1,550 \mathrm{gns}$ to the Female and Overall Champion to I. Evans, Denbigh and half sister at 880 gns to the same buyer. Another half sister levelled at 920 gns to A \& R Livestock Ltd, Gloucester.

Shearling rams found favour with many supporters selling to 950 gns for the second prize winner "Beanhill Ultimate Barnaby" from Joshua, Isabel and Richard Kimber, a previous second prize winner at Bath \& West and Three Counties Show going to J.A. Thomas, Fishguard, Pembs. The first prize winner was close behind in the pricing stakes at 920gns from the "Sams" flock to M/s Kimber to change the bloodline in their "Beanhill" flock.

Averages:

22 Shearling Ewes
av: £605.18
27 Ewe Lambs
9 Shearling Rams
21 Ram Lambs
av: $£ 565.83$
av: $£ 609.00$
av: $£ 537.50$

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