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## Shearwell Thame Summer Sheep Fair Ram Sale Report

Auctioneers: Daniel Slade and Ed Cox

159 entered – 72% Clearance Rate.

A short entry of rams met a good crowd of potential purchaser's keen to do business where tups with presence, natural fleshing, bone and ability to work straight away were well rewarded with flockmasters responding to the current lamb market requiring heavier lambs. Smaller tups and those lacking thickness were harder to place on the day at this early sale.

### MV Averages (110 entered 83 sold)

Charolais found particular favour in this section achieving an 92% clearance rate for shearlings with a top of £1000 for a powerful tight skinned "rhino" of a shearling from GA Stephens. Others from the same pen of well fleshed tups sold to £980 and £840 to return a healthy average of £708. GA and JA Curtis usual quality pen of shearlings found strong support and a pleasure to sell to top at £800 with others to £790 and £780 to average £651 for their pen.

Onto the crossbreds and Beltex cross Charolais from regular consignors the Roots family sold to £740 on two occasions. M and L Blakemore sold their Texel cross Beltex to £540 and £510.

Texels from the Roots sold to £730 with their Beltex to £590. Further Texels sold to £680 from GA Stephens and £600 on two occasions from S Cobald t/a Acorn Farms. A strong pen from J Warnock and Son sold to £570 with one making the long journey from Kent to North Wales!

A cracking pen of Poll Dorset shearlings and Autumn born lambs sold to £410 and £400 from Acorn Farms finding more interest than the vendor had expected.

Suffolks sold to £625 for a shearling from Acorn Farms. Ram lambs sold to £350 on two occasions for G and E Beddie with two-shears to £430 from T Blunt.

Charolais shearlings average £574	26 out of 28 sold
Beltex x Charolais average £592	11 out of 12 sold
Suffolk shearlings average £444	5 out of 9 sold
Texel shearlings average £504	19 out of 32 sold
Beltex cross Texel average £507	3 out of 3 sold
Poll Dorset shearlings and Autumn born lambs average £403	3 out of 4 sold

### Non MV averages (49 entered 32 sold)

Beltex dominated the Non-MV section. Distant travellers and valued customers DG and GA Davies made their annual pilgrimage to Thame from Wales and topped the section at £670 with others from the same stable to £650, £625 and £600. Their Black Beltex sold to £400. From closer to home MJ Ludgate sold to £635 with other to £570 and £540.

Purebreds achieved a 100% clearance.

Cross breeds from the Davies sold to £440 for Beltex cross Charolais with Texel cross Charolais to the same money for AJ Smith Farming. Pedigree Texels sold to £420 from the same home.

A good run of long grass-fed Suffolk shearlings from first time vendors MJ Tosdevine and Son found favour and sold to £450 and £410 on three occasions.

Charolais and Texel rams entered in the section possibly lacked strength and willing customers became limited for the goods on offer.

### Females (24 entered 24 sold)

Another grand offering from the Davies sold to a top of £325 for a full mouth Beltex ewe and month-old lamb. Three-year-old pedigree Beltex sold to £305. Aged ewes sold to £280 twice and £255. Bonny ewe lambs sold to £255, £225 and £215.

*Vendors are to be congratulated on the quality of the stock put forward on the day and we wish purchasers the best of luck for the breeding season. Tups will be required at TFAM forthcoming breeding sales on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.*