

## 2018 STARTS WITH A FLYER AT BEESTON IN-LAMB FEMALE SALE

**TEXEL** Shearlings to 4100 gns, 3400 gns etc; Ewes to 950 gns etc; Ewe Lambs to 1000 gns etc.  
**BELTEX** Ewes to 1300 gns etc; Shearlings to 1150 gns etc; Ewe Lambs to 1300 gns etc.

**Beeston Castle Auction** firmly inherited Chelford's mantle as the pre-eminent winter sale of in-lamb **Beltex** and **Texel** females last Saturday, as a large entry attracted massive crowd to the first sale held at Beeston since Chelford closed. A packed ringside from start to finish provided for an extremely lively trade, with many breeders achieving results way in excess of their expectations.

**Wright Marshall** Director and Auctioneer **Gwyn Williams** commented 'we were naturally concerned at the effect the closure of Chelford and change of venue may have, as nobody likes change. Like the other sales we have had to move to Beeston, however, we had fantastic support from both breeders and buyers, many of whom have been loyal customers at Chelford for many years. It was wonderful to see so many people around the pens, and then round the ring at the start of the sale, and still there at the end. Trade was as strong as I can remember in all the years of running this sale'

### BELTEX

It was the turn of the Beltex to be shown and sold first this year, and judge for the day John Cowan from Ayrshire found his Champion in an imported ewe out of the pen of ewes entered by Skene, Aberdeen, breeder **Stuart Wood** from his Woodies flock. Born in February 2015 and sold carrying twins to the 4500 gns Woodies Bojangles, she was snapped up for **1300 gns** by C and F Swinnerton, Market Drayton. The majority of in-lamb **Ewes** sold for between **500** and **800 gns**.



Leading the Beltex in-lamb **Shearling** ewes at **1150 gns** was the best of a pen from the Horseclose flock of **James McGarva**, Cummertrees, Annan. This Horseclose Birdie daughter was sold carrying a single lamb by Woodies Big Yin, and caught the eye of J Tilley, Henllan, Denbigh. The best of a pen of shearlings from **Andrew Morton**, Denny, all sold in-lamb to Kingledores Battleaxe, made **800 gns** to T H Davies, Colwyn Bay; whilst **Rob Rattray**, Aberystwyth saw the best of his pen from the Rattray's flock, a Dooley Tiger daughter carrying twins to an imported Ram lamb, make **780 gns** to Sioned Bebb, Oswestry.

**Stuart Wood** has always brought down some exciting bloodlines to this sale, and he was again well-rewarded when the best of his **Ewe Lambs**, Woodies Can't Get Enough, a Tiree Benchmark daughter out of Kingledores Rascal sired ewe, made **1300 gns** to A Davies, Five Roads, Llanelli. Andrew Morton's first-prize winning lamb, Reserve Champion in the Show, one of a pen of Battleaxe daughters, made **1000 gns** to R Rennie, Yetholm, who also swooped for another from the same pen at **900 gns**, and went to **800 gns** for a Vribos daughter from the Lomond flock of Rhys Evans, Llanelli.

#### **BELTEX AVERAGES:**

<b>In-Lamb Ewes</b>	<b>£634.20</b>
<b>In-Lamb Shearlings</b>	<b>£510.05</b>
<b>Ewe Lambs</b>	<b>£672.00</b>

#### **TEXEL**

There have been some tremendous trades at this sale for **Texel** females over the years, but the results here were remarkable, with many breeders experiencing demand way above their expectations, and a virtually complete clearance. There were a huge number of phone bids, to add to the large crowd around the ring, testament to the quality of breeding put forward by members the **North-West Texel Club**.



The Supreme Championship was awarded by judge for the day **Iolo Prys Jones** to a superb **Shearling** from the Gib Farm flock of **Spiros Spyrou**, Hebden Bridge. This Hexel Wildcard daughter, out of a ewe by Deveronvale Superb, was sold carrying twins to Eden Valley AI, a Yogi Bear son, and after a strong bidding war involving several leading breeders, went home to the Deveronvale flock of Graham Morrison, Banff, with a winning bid of **4100 gns**. Another Hexel Wildcard daughter from the same pen, this time carrying twins to Anglezarke Uno, made **2000 gns** to A E Jones, Llangadog, Carmarthen.

**Gordon and David Gray** have had some great days at this January sale, and once again brought down some great sheep from their Ettrick flock to excite the breeders gathered. This time , it was an Ellen Valley Warlord daughter, out of a Sportsmans Unimog-sired ewe and sold carrying twins to Usk Vale Albatross, which really rang the bell, being knocked down after lively bidding at **3400 gns** to joint purchasers Steven and Janet Symes, Anglezarke, and Steve Richardson, Barnsley.



The **Boden** family from Mellor, Stockport, have also been great supporters of this sale, and again put forward some excellent sheep from both their Sportsmans and Mellor Vale flocks. Their pen peaked at **1800 gns** for a Whiplash daughter carrying twins to Deveronvale Aerostar, which travelled home to Hope Valley, Shrewsbury, with R Evans; who also purchased their Reserve Champion in the show, another Whiplash daughter carrying a single by Teiglum Younggun, for **1000 gns**.

**Peter Woof's** Stainton flock had been founded on females bought at the Chelford sales many years ago, and has also enjoyed considerable success since. His pen topped at **1600 gns** for an Anglezarke Uno daughter carrying twins to Knock Yankee, going home to Castle Caerinion, Powys with Steve Smith; with another Uno daughter, this time carrying twins to Gyrhos Andy, heading for Haslington, Crewe, with David Lewis and Son for **1400 gns**.

As with the Beltex sale earlier, exciting genetics attracted plenty of bidding throughout the **Ewe Lamb** section, being led by the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed lamb from **Gareth Jones'** Meifod flock from Denbigh at **1000 gns**. This Arkle You're In daughter, out of a Knock Travis-sired dam, headed for Cumbria with Giles Pyman; whilst the best of an excellent pen from **Proctors' Farms**, Wennington, a Teiglum Younggun daughter, made **900 gns** to Enda McManaman, Co. Mayo, Eire

**TEXEL AVERAGES:**

<b>In-Lamb Ewes</b>	<b>£695.63</b>
<b>In-Lamb Shearlings</b>	<b>£739.67</b>
<b>Ewe Lambs</b>	<b>£462.00</b>

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