

SUPER SALE FOR SUFFOLK FEMALES AT BEESTON TOP OF 1250 GNS TWICE – FIVE OVER 1000 GNS

It was the best sale of Pedigree In-lamb Suffolk females ever recorded for the 7th Annual Farmers Guardian sponsored Wright Manley 'Autumn Collection' Show & Sale at Beeston Castle Auction on Saturday last, 8th November.

A great entry of 121 Ewes and Gimmers and 17 Ewe Lambs had been received from many leading breeders and there is no doubt that this sale is firmly established as the leading collective sale of this commodity within the breed calendar. The show was very kindly judged by Keith Denby, who owns the very good Carnforth Flock based at Longtown, Cumbria. For his champion he selected a Ewe Lamb sired by Thurston Millionaire from Darryl and Anita Jeffries of Banbury, Oxfordshire and in Reserve was another ewe lamb sired by Baileys Tailor Made from Myfyr Evans of Denbigh. First prize gimmer was awarded to a daughter of Stockton Sentinel II from David Calvert of Skipton and 1st prize ewe was won by a substitute entry by Collessie Cut Above from Jimmy Douglas' Aberdeenshire based Cairness Flock.

A really good crowd assembled from all over the country and the sheep were dispersed to flocks from Scotland in the north to Devon and Kent in the South as well as West Wales.

The top price was 1250 gns and was achieved on two occasions both for entries from Jimmy Douglas' Cairness Flock; the first at this figure was a one crop ewe by Glenhead Grandmaster carrying twins to Cairness Coldplay and she was purchased by John Gould for his Rychmae Flock at Sheen, Buxton. The other at this price was the 1st prize Ewe, a three crop daughter of Collessie Cut Above and carrying twins to Cairness Almighty due in February who sold to Elfed Williams for his Gweirglodd Flock at Llanfairpwll, Anglesey. The only other ewe to break the four figure barrier was a one crop daughter of the 22000 gns Plasllewelyn Prince of Wales from Myfyr Evans; this ewe, who earlier won 2nd prize in the show was sold carrying twins to Cairness First Flight and was purchased by Stephen Cobbald of Acorn Farms Ltd., Sudbury, Suffolk

The Champion ewe lamb from the Jeffries' Dargale Flock created lots of interest and sold for 1100 gns with the hammer being eventually knocked down to Mrs JJ Tooze of Carnwath, Lanarkshire for her Spittal Flock. The only other to break the four figure barrier was another ewe lamb from the Dargale flock which was also sired by Thurston Millionaire; this one was the choice of Mike Davies & Sons of Brecon who were buying for their Safaddan Flock. A third ewe lamb from Dargale, sired by Collessie Coldplay out of a Meikleson ewe, sold for 950 gns to Michael Waycott of Ashburton, Devon who was buying for his Longridge Flock.

The top price gimmer was the first prize winner from David Calvert which sold for 680 gns to RJ Shaw of Rugeley, Staffs.

AVERAGES:

43 Ewes £410.97; 43 Gimmers £261.03; 15 Ewe Lambs £439.60;
101 Head £351.39

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers