A donation of £3000 was presented to FORCE charity

Graham and Roger Davies of Great Ridge Farm, Uplowman dispersed their dairy herd and very kindly donated 2.5% of their sale proceeds to FORCE.

Combined with further donations from Kivells and other farmers a grand total of £3000 was presented before the Dairy sale on Friday.

Pictured above - Roger Davies, Mark Davis, Naomi Cole from FORCE and Graham Davies
A very tidy entry of older ewes met with a decent trade, with numbers being slighter less than this fixture last year due in part to the strong cull ewe trade all spring & summer. With this in mind buyers were ready to spend on proven ewes, making them look well sold against the abundant number of shearlings. Topping the section were Hannah Palfrey's Pedigree Charollais' from her "Brookdale" flock from Yeoford, Crediton. Her full mouth ewes peaked at £192.00 while six tooth's made £168.00 and four tooth's at £178.00 & £155.00. Dorset full mouth ewes sold to £130.00 & £121.00 for Edwin Tucker & Lynnette Parkhouse of Pennymoor, Tiverton and £126.00 (x2), £122.00 (x2) and £120.00 (x2) for Rob White of Lamerton’s 6T/FM Dorset’s. The sale got off to a fine start when 300 Suffolk cross ewes sold to a top of £127.00 and £126.00 twice for Stuart Cock of Ashburton whose 100 4/6T’s averaged £124.25. Likewise John Salmon travelled up from Newquay to see over half of his consignment of 150 full mouth Suffolk crosses sell at £125.00. Also at £125.00 were Alan Bickley of Puddington’s FM Highlander ewes, whilst Romney’s and Texel x Mules of the same age made £120.00 for Phillip Hosking of Modbury, and Brian Webber of Cullompton respectively.

**5861 SHEARING EWES**

A massive entry, up 1800 on the year, was made up of 4006 Suffolk cross shearlings, being 1360 more than 12 months ago, sold as expected to a generally steadier trade. First shearlings to be sold were a pen of pure Suffolks from Mike Smith of Cullompton that sold at 165.00 to G Hillson of Bere Alston. Top price in the Suffolk cross section went to the first prize winners from Stuart Rogers of Landkey, Barnstaple, and sold at £151.00 to the Judge Mr Jack Enticott of Ashbrittle, Somerset, to whom we extend our thanks. Stuart’s superb homebred run of 130 saw his next two pens make £140.00 helping towards an average of £134.42, being the top on the day. Jimmy Tucker of Umberleigh sold the best of his fine consignment to £140 as did Robert Chain of Chagford who saw his 120 average £130. Second prize pen were exhibited by Roger Rottenbury of Black Dog, Crediton who sold 419 Suffolk x shearlings to £132, £130 & £129 and averaged over £123. While third prize pen came from the previous few years winner, Rodney Cleave of Denbury, Newton Abbot who also reached £132, £131 & £130 to average £127.20 of 100. Other good bunches of sheep from Nigel Dennis of Ipplepen reached £136, Ross & Emma Sizmur of Okehampton claimed £135 and the majority of good runs saw their best up towards or just over £130 and averaged in the early to mid £120’s with the bulk of sheep selling from £117 - £126. All 4006 averaged £120.20, which is down £10.56 on last year and very similar to 2012 prices. A sizable offering of purebred shearlings saw Texels dominate the top prices when Bill Quick of Crediton sold two pens at £260, closely followed by Russell & John Stevens also of Crediton at £250 and Robert & Rebecca Jordan of Chagford parted with theirs at £170. Pure Charollais' sold to £180 & £160 again for Bill Quick, £155 for Steve Dennis of Bow and £150 for Hannah Palfrey’s flock reduction. Pure Zwartbles sold to £148 for Den Gillard of Whitestone and £130 for A Milton of Pennymoor, whilst John & Jean Blackler of Totnes were pleased that their Lleyns achieved £135. Pure Poll Dorset Shearlings sold to £134 (x3) for Rob White of Lamerton and £126 (x2) & £122 for Steve Welton who made the worthwhile trip down from Ledbury in Herefordshire. Dorset x mule top prices were dominated by three neighbouring farmers in the Bridport area, and sold to £127, £125 & £124 (x2) for first time vendors Richard & Peter Brooks, £127 (x2) & £120 (x6) for Henry & Mark Johnson and £125 & £123 for Brian & Ian Johnson. A large lineup of Texel x mules worked into a very strong trade, with some consignments dearer than last year. The largest consigner of the day, Roger Rottenbury completed his sale day in style when 90 out of 100 of his sold at £144, John Simons of South Chard wasn’t far behind with two pens at £142 and six at £130, Messrs Lethbridge & Lang of East Allington had two pens at £130 and Brian & Ian Johnson achieved £128 of their best. Four pens of Berrichon x mules sold well at £130 (x2) & £128 (x2) for Brian Cottle of Petrockstow and the continental cross mule shearlings averaged an impressive £125.80. However, a smaller entry of 260 Mule shearlings were “the trade of the day” when 125 good dark headed sorts from Ross & Emma Sizmur flew to £152 for the first three pens and £145 for the rest! Other mules to £142 (x2) for David & Sylvia Grant of Morchard Bishop and £136 (x2) for Jon & Helen Putt of Tedburn St Mary. Mules averaged within £1 of last year at £132.70.
Leading Suffolk x Mule prices as below: (change on year)

130 (+31) from S Rogers, Barnstaple to £151 (-1) & av. £134 (-10)
168 (+8) from MJ Tucker, Umberleigh to £141 (-9) & av. £128 (-12)
120 (+20) from R Chanin, Exeter to £140 (-2) & av. £130 (-6)
195 from N Dennis, Newton Abbot to £136 & av. £126
186 from R & E Sizmur, Okehampton to £135 & av. £123
121 (+81) from Milborne Wick Farms, Sherborne to £133 (-17) & av. £120 (-28)
100 (+24) from R Cleave, Newton Abbot to £132 (-20) & av. £127 (-17)
419 (+179) from R Rottenbury, Crediton to £132 (-10) & av. £123 (-11)
156 from MA Johnson Ltd, Bridport to £132 & av. £123
221 from I & J Dennis, Totnes, to £130 & av. £123

295 RAMS
Ram Auctioneers: Simon Alford & Mark Davis

A mammoth entry of Rams sold to a decent trade considering the number forward! The sale commenced with the West Country Suffolk Sheep Association Show & Sale which saw the top price of day at 650gns for the Overall Champion Ram from Messrs HC Derryman & Son of Yarcombe. A quality run of commercial Suffolks saw a strong trade topping at 640gns for Patrick Toop of Yelverton who sold others to 520gns & 500gns. Gordon & Gill White of Coleford sold five smart Suffolk Shearlings to 520gns (x2), 500gns (x2) and 480gns. Good Charollais rams met strong demand and Arthur Wrayford of Newton Abbot sold a smart run to a top of 580gns with others to 480gns & 450gns twice. Other Charollais sold to 560gns twice from Messrs EW Quick & Son of Crediton who sold others to 480gns, 460gns & 450gns and 480gns twice for Gerald Burrough of Sheldon. Texel Shearlings topped at 490gns for Messrs D & S Broad of Tintagel who sold others to 470gns & 430gns with their consignment of eight averaging £431! Other Texel’s sold to 450gns for Messrs EW Quick & Son who sold others to 440gns & 420gns. Dorset Shearlings topped at 540gns for Les French of Launceston who sold others to 480gns & 420gns. Beltex Shearlings sold to 480gns for Judith Lapthorne of Kingsbridge who sold others to 400gns. Louise Moorhouse of Crockernwall sold her best Beltex shearlings to 470gns with others to 400gns.

My personal thanks and congratulations to all vendors for a fantastic show of sheep to rival any sale in the country. Also a big thank you to all drovers, clerks, card runners and any farmers that pitched in to help, towards making the day the huge success that it was. Only a handful of pens were unsold and one with another all ewes & shearlings averaged a very pleasing £119.51 overall.
FORTHCOMING SALES

FRIDAY 24th JULY - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Store Stock Market

MONDAY 27th JULY - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 28th JULY - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Sale of TB Restricted Prime, Cull & Store Cattle

FRIDAY 31st JULY - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Monthly Catalogued Sale of Beef Breeding Cattle, Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle and Sheep plus Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 3rd AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 4th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Monthly Horse and Tack Sale

THURSDAY 6th AUGUST
Honiton Show - Please come and visit our Kivells Stand - Road 5, Stand 135

FRIDAY 7th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Store Stock Market

MONDAY 10th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 11th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
12th Special August Sale of Breeding Ewes & Rams to inc Show & Sale of Mule Ewes plus Special August Sale of Accredited & Non Accredited Stock Rams

THURSDAY 13th AUGUST
Okehampton Show - Please come and visit us at our Kivells Stand

FRIDAY 14th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Store Stock Market to inc 1st Seasons Show & Sale on behalf of Devon & Cornwall Longwool Sheep Association, Monthly Dairy Sale & Fortnightly Pigs

MONDAY 17th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 18th & WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
NSA Ram Show and Sale

FRIDAY 21st AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Store Stock Market

SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
2nd Annual Rare Breeds Sale plus Annual Show & Sale on behalf of the Greyface Dartmoor Sheep Breeders Association

MONDAY 24th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Prime Stock Market

TUESDAY 25th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
TB Restricted Sale of Stores & Prime Cattle and Barren Cows

WEDNESDAY 26th (Show) & THURSDAY 27th (Sale) AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
15th Annual Official Show & Sale of Lleyn Sheep on behalf of the Lleyn Sheep Society

FRIDAY 28th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Store Stock Market to inc Monthly Catalogued Sale of Beef Breeding Cattle, Monthly Sale of Organic Cattle and Sheep plus Fortnightly Pig Sale

MONDAY 24th AUGUST - EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Weekly Prime Stock Market (as usual)
Honiton Hill Rally

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