

NEW BREED RECORD FOR BLUE TEXELS

The annual sale of Blue Texel sheep held at Carlisle on 27th September saw a brisk demand for females in particular, which culminated in a new breed records of 13,000gns.

Sara Gibbons, Whatmore flock based at Tregoyd, Brecon, saw her overall Champion from the show earlier in the day, sell to Paul Tippets and Christine Williams, Lodge Hill, Shifnal, Shropshire for a record breaking 13,000gns. This one crop ewe, by the homebred Whatmore Siren and out of a Whatmore Reg dam, has had a very successful show career over the past two years and was a correct and showy ewe with good breed characteristics.

The Male and Reserve Champion from the show, judged by Rhys Cooke, Monmouthshire, was bought by C B Parson, The Lodge, Sutton on Trent when he paid 1600gns for G A & H M Francis' ram lamb from their Pistyll Flock, Abergorlech, Carmarthen. He was a March born lamb by Turbo Blue Wonder Boy, out of a homebred dam by a Belli Dutch Imported ram and was also top price in the male section.

The best prices of the day were reserved for the females. Nina Smith's second prize ewe lamb by her homebred 11/00002 from Blue Stone flock, Cowarne Court, Lower Eggleton, sold for 2,800gns to Steven McGuinness, 64 Killylane Road, Eglinton, Londonderry, Northern Ireland, who also added the first Blue Stone shearling ewe to his purchases for 1500gns. This one is by the same sire and out of a ewe by Bishops/05/003l.

The first ewe lamb in the ring from Messrs Francis, Pistyll, sold to the judge Rhys Cook for 1800gns. Again by the stock ram Turbo Blue Wonder Boy, she is out of a Pen-Y-Bec ewe and has won numerous prizes throughout this year's show season taking 4th at the Royal Welsh. David Alexander's, good run of Millside ewe lambs from Maybole in Ayrshire, took the next highest price, when Giles Hardman, Farm Mill, Mill Lane, Lowbands, Glos, paid 1100gns for an ET lamb by Belli Blues 10/0004 and out of the Millside ewe 11/00542U by Craigalbert/06/0007M

The third prize, imported aged ram from Jan Rodeburg's Turbo Blue flock at Rhydyceir, Capel Dewi, Llandysul, Ceredigion, Turbo Blue 12/01419 sold to M. Jones Glan-Y-Mor, Talsarnau, Gwynedd for 1250gns.

There were five 1000gns bids. The first of these for the first Shearling ewe in the ring from G & H Forsyth, Corra Flock, Castle Douglas when their Dula sired 2nd prize winner, sold to Ian Robertson, Nether Prates, Leven Fife. Next came Nina Smith's second shearling ewe by the same sire as her other 1500gns sale and sold to Messrs Cormack and McDowell, Elmside, Easttriggs, Annan. Giles Hardman added another Millside ewe lamb to his earlier purchase when he paid 1000gns for one sired by the Jonsland stock ram. The first ewe lamb from AC & J Bailly's reduction of their Ivanhoe Flock from Wyvill Grange, Hutton Bedale, N. Yorks also

sold for 1000gns to A Cook, Nantydri . Andrew Froggatt, Greenways, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire paid 1000gns for the first prize shearling from Corra and added the second prize ewe from the Ivanhoe flock for 950gns. The third prize shearling ram from Corra also sold for 950gns to A & C Richardson, Main St, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh. D.L. & BWH Jones, Belli Bedw, Llanllwni, Pencadder realised 950gns for their Belli Blues ram lamb when he sold to G & K Williams, Tyn Llyn Llanwennen, Lampeter.

The Full show results are as follows:-

Aged Ewe

1st Sara Gibbons
2nd AC & J Bailey
3rd AC & J Bailey

Shearling Ewe

1st Nina Smith
2nd G & H Forsyth
3rd AC & J Bailey
4th DL & BWH Jones

Ewe Lamb

1st GA & HM Francis
2nd Nina Smith
3rd AC & J Bailey
4th Andrew Forrgatt

Aged Ram

1st J & E Lyle
2nd Mrs. P.L.Melland
3rd Mr.J Rodenburg

Shearling Ram

1st G & H Forsyth
2nd M & G Sivill
3rd G & H Forsyth
4th J Orr & Partners

Ram Lamb

1st GA & HM Francis
2nd DL & BWH Jones
3rd Dan & Janine Jones
4th DL & BWH Jones

