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Production Sale from the Millside and Beili Blues Blue Texel flocks

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A searing trade at the Millside and Beili Blues production sale of Blue Texels saw the centre record equalled, then subsequently shattered, as unprecedented demand from a frenetic ringside posted a phenomenal set of averages across the board.

Setting the new Blue Texel centre-record was BBD/12/00575 (Lot 881), an eye-catching shearling ram from the much-admired consignment of Dylan & Bethan Jones, Beili Blues. Fully Dutch bred, the visually stunning ram brought to the ring a Reserve Male Champion Rosette from this year's Royal Welsh Show and had already demonstrated his breeding efficacy; with his progeny selling earlier in the sale up to 1,000gns. After an exhilarating bout of back-and-forth bidding the hammer finally fell at 3,400gns with John Lyle, of the Viewforth Flock, Fife, the new owner.

Earlier in the sale, the existing centre record of 2,600gns was equalled by BBD/12/00550 (lot 808), a powerful shearling gimmer again from the Beili Blues team. Sired by a Dutch-import ram, from a Dulas-bred dam, the Royal Welsh Show 1st prize winner was knocked down to the Jonsland Flock, based at Tyrnbyn Farm, Powys.

Going under the hammer at 2,500gns was BBD/12/00566 (lot 882). Paternal brother to the record-breaker, this time bred from a Millside dam-line, the striking ram boasted a prize-winning pedigree and notable plaudits won in his own right. As a ram lamb, he had stood Reserve Male Champion at the Royal Welsh Show and his dam was the Female and Reserve Overall Champion at the same show in 2010. He now heads to the North East with new breeders RC & MW Jewitt, Barnard Castle.

At 1,900gns, and leading the prices for the ram lambs on offer, was BBD/13/00925 (lot 889) also from Beili Blues. Another paternal brother to the record-breaker, and also from an imported dam, he too boasted a Royal Welsh Show 1st prize rosette; from the 2013 ram lamb class. Buying this time was ESJ Collins, Leonminster for the Bearwood prefix.

With demand for imported bloodlines continuing unabated, an 1,800gns call was sufficient to capture BBD/13/00899 (lot 892). With some of the leading Dutch flocks represented in the back breeding, he was knocked down to an undisclosed purchaser.

A paternal sister to the record-equalling gimmer, out of a Dejae-bred dam, sold at 1,600gns to Messrs GG Douglas & son, Jedburgh before Messrs Lyle & Co, in something of a statement of intent prior to their record-breaking bid, snapped up a shearling gimmer by the same sire. Also from imported Dutch maternal lines, and having picked up the Reserve Female and Reserve Overall tickets from the 2012 Royal Welsh Show, 1,600gns proved enough to secure her services for the Viewforth operation.

Topping the prices from the consignment from David Alexander's Millside Flock was DJA/12/00737V (Lot 814), a Craigalbert 007M sired shearling gimmer, from a home-bred dam line, which commanded 1,200gns when selling to the Mewstone Flock of MHS Benson, Ulverston, Cumbria.

Following closely behind at 1,100gns was DJA/13/01044W (lot 864), another Craigalbert 007M daughter, out of one of the flocks most consistent breeding ewes. Taking the promising ewe lamb home was William Clark Livestock Ltd, Norwich to join the Williams Flock.

Averages:

Beili Blues Flock: 23 shearling gimmers £967.83, 16 ewe lambs £719.91, 5 shearling rams £1879.50, 5 lamb rams £1480.50.

Millside Flock: 15 shearling gimmers £745.50, 7 ewe lambs £759.00, 1 ewe £840.00, 2 shearling rams £945.00, 6 lamb rams £813.75.

Millside Blue Texel Production Sale

Borderway Mart, Carlisle
Friday 26th August 2011

New Blue Texel breed record price for a Millside ewe sold by auction.

Blue Texel sheep were in strong demand on Friday in Carlisle as David Alexander's production sale from his Millside Blue Texel flock saw a top price of 2600gns and strong averages throughout all sections on offer.

Sale leader was one of Mr Alexander's pick of the catalogue, a shearling ewe by a Craigalbert ram out of a homebred ewe. She sold to John Jones, Newtown, Powys. Mr Jones also bought another shearling ewe, this time by a Jonsland tup out of a homebred ewe which was knocked down at 1500gns.

Second highest price on the say was a call of 2000gns for a ewe lamb by a Craigalbert ram out of a homebred ewe which sold to John Lyle and Co, Leven, Fife. Mr Levan was another mass buyer and also paid 1100gns for a March 2008-born ewe by a Jonsland ram out of an imported ewe and another 2009-born ewe by a Craiglbert sire out of a homebred ewe for the same money.

At 1850gns a shearling ewe again by a Craigalbert tup out of a homebred ewe by a homebred tup sold to D L Jones, Pencadgr, Carmarthenshire, while a ram lamb by a Craigalbert sire out of a homebred ewe sold for 1800gns to A T Froggatt, Abotts Bromley.

Charollais breeder Charles Sercombe, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, paid 1500gns for a shearling ewe by a homebred ram out of a bagatelle ewe, while at 1200gns the next shearling ewe of similar breeding went to M N Jones, Ynys, Talsarndy. At the same money, A and J Allison, Carnwath, Lanark bought a ewe lamb by the 2010 royal Welsh Show champion.

Norfolk breeder Hayley Clarke was next in spending 1200gns on an older ewe by a Craigalbert sire out of a homebred ewe by an imported tup. She also paid 1100gns for a shearling ewe again by a Craigalbert sire out of a homebred ewe and the same money for a Jonsland tup-sired shearling ewe out of a homebred dam.

Averages: 10 ewes £939.75; 1 aged ram £1050; 25 gimmers £1095.24; 6 ram lambs £936.25; 11 ewe lambs £1038.55; 28 cross-bred gimmers £204.82 (Harrison and Hetherington).

By Jonathan Long on August 30, 2011

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Bishops Blue Texels reach 2000gns top at Worcester, Saturday 21-August-2010

Auctioneers: McCartneys. www.mccartneys.co.uk

Top call at Saturday's sale to disperse the Bishops flock of Blue Texels for Andrew and Becky Bishop at Worcester on Saturday was a 2000gns sale for the flock's former show ewe. This one is a daughter of Gee 05/0012L out of a Marteg dam and has an impressive show record, having picked up the breed championship at the Three Counties in 2007 as a lamb and the same award at the Royal in the same year. She was also female champion at the same shows in 2008 and 2009 and sold to J Lyle, Leven, Fife.

Next best in the ewes was a 1750gns call for a daughter of the top priced ewe, February 2009-born shearling ewe Bishops Rebecca. This was first as a lamb at the Royal and Three Counties and reserve breed champion at Three Counties this year. she joined her mother, going to Fife with Mr Lyle.

After that in the flock ewes came a brace of 1050gns bids, the first of which came for a March 2007-born paternal sister to the top priced lot out of an imported ewe, this one sold to Hayley Clarke, Hevingham, Norfolk. And Mrs Clarke also secured the other to make this price, another by the same sire and this time out of a Marteg dam.

At 950gns was another shearling ewe, Bishops Rosetta, a daughter of Bishops 05/0003L out of Bishops 05/0002L. This one also sold to Mrs Clarke.

Topping the ewe lambs was an 1100gns sale for another daughter of the top priced ewe, Bishops 10/501. This one is sired by homebred tup Bishops 08/2632 which was breed champion at the Three Counties last year. Buyer here was again Mrs Clarke.

The same took the second top priced ewe lamb at 1000gns. This was one of this year's show ewe lambs Bishops 10/517, a daughter of the homebred tup out of Bishops 08/2624.

In the rams the trade was led at 1200gns by a tup lamb, Bishops 10/502, by homebred sire Bishops 08/2632 out of the top priced ewe. He sold to D Jones, Pencader, Carmarthen. Next best was a 900gns bid for a shearling tup by Gee 05/0012 out of an imported ewe, he went to P J Jones, Builth Wells. And at 820gns was Bishops 10/508, a ram lamb by the homebred sire out of an imported ewe, this one sold to Sue Andrews, Stroud.

Averages; 11 flock ewes £947.86, nine shearling ewes £861, 13 ewe lambs £586.38, nine shearling rams £498.17, 10 ram lambs £458.85 (McCartneys).

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