

ABERGAVENNY (RAGLAN) SALE REPORT 2014

There was a good turnout of sheep and buyers at the new market at Raglan which hosted the Annual Black Welsh Mountain sale, previously held at the old market in Abergavenny. Entries were back due in the main to the sale being again held on a week day rather than the planned weekend and the introduction after demand by members of another sale in conjunction with the multi breed sale at Welshpool, the last weekend in September. Trade was steady with top quality sheep being in demand. Females sold particularly well, giving confidence that the breed is still on the increase and attracting new breeders.

Top price of the day went to Will & Sam Workman, Fedw Flock from Trecastle, Brecon when their shearling ram, Fedw Romeo, who won the pre-sale show Championship earlier in the day, sold for 1000gns to Llanover & Codlbrooke, Estates at Abergavenny. The Workman family also took the second top price of the day, with their second prize ram lamb Fedw Sex Bomb, by the home bred stock ram Fedw Nymph. He sold to new members Messrs Jones & Guest, Lower House Farm, Clyro, Hereford for 570gns. The second top price in the ram lamb section again supported the pre sale judging, when the aptly named Ganol Superstar, by the Garnview Picasso, who was Ram of The Year in 2013, sold for 550gns to Messrs Bufton & Price, Cefn-Y-Berrin Uchaf, Sarn, Newtown.

Mark Gwillim, Nant Y Carw, Raglan took the next two highest prices when paid 500gns for Edd Williams, from Talybont On Usk's, Wenallt Rum Punch by Wenallt Nadal and followed it up with a bid of 490gns for Dyfed and Rowena Rowlands, Gaer Money Bags son, Gaer Power from their flock in Anglesey. Glenda Hughes from the Ffridd flock, Nantle near Caernarfon paid 460gns for Bethan Davies, shearling ram, Bryn Yr Eglwys Russell, who had earlier in the day been awarded the Ram of the Year 2014, following a very successful show season for 14 year old Bethan.

Probably the ram to travel furthest in the day came from Messrs Palmer & Hayward, Garnview flock based in the Vale of Glamorgan and would end his day in Central Scotland with WP & WA Kendall, Backhareshaw, Strathaven, Lanarkshire, who paid 440gns for their new stock ram Garnview Sirius.

Top price in the female section went to Glenda Hughes, Ffridd Flock when her pair of shearling ewes by Wenallt Maestro, the same sire as the 2014 Royal Welsh Champion, sold for 210gns a piece to Mrs. E Morgan Tirpentre, Llandoverly. Edward Morgan, Penallta, Hengoed, paid 200gns for the 1st prize pair of shearling ewes from Malcolm McCaull's, Sutton flock at Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford. 200gns was also paid by J. Pritchard, Shaftsbury, Dorset for Ed Williams Champion pair of Ewe Lambs from the Wenallt Flock.

Judges: Females Gwyn Bowden, Tynewydd Fock Males: John Green Steffan Flock

AVERAGES

CLASS	NO SOLD		TOP		AVERAGE	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
2/3 YEAR OLD EWES	3	13	£94.50	£95	£70	£88
SHEARLING EWES	23	65	£221	£458	£130	£147
EWE LAMBS	32	71	£210	£221	£100	£96
AGED RAMS	6	7	£515	£284	£206	£150
SHEARLING RAMS	9	14	£1050	£756	£407	£756
RAM LAMBS	11	15	£599	£1019	£284	£281