

2016 BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP SHOW & SALE

There was a good entry of 238 head for the Annual Show and Sale of Black Welsh Mountain sheep held at the Monmouthshire Livestock Centre, Raglan, Abergavenny this week.

The sale leader was the 1st prize shearling and Reserve Male Champion, Wenallt Touch of Class, from Edd Williams, Upper Wenallt, Talybont On Usk, Brecon, which sold for 1100gns to Delyth and Elin Meredith, Golwg-Y-Llyn, Merthyr Tydfil. The Overall Male Champion, a two shear ram from Dyfed and Rowena Rowlands, Isalt, Gaerwen, Anglesey, sold for 900gns to P Samuel, Ty Ysgubor, Newbridge On Wye.

Will and Sam Workman, Fedw, Epynt, Llywel, Brecon, sold their 2nd prize shearling to D Wigley, Merthyr Tydfil for 860gns and just behind came Edd Williams, selling another at 850gns to Messrs Price & Morris, Cottage Wood, Cascob, Prestine. D & R Rowlands sold their 2nd prize, two shear ram to Dewi & Bethan Roberts, Hafod y Porth Caernarfon for 600gns.

Ram lambs, like the ewe lambs, met a more cautious trade, with the 2nd prize lamb, Fedw Wally from Will and Sam Workman topping the section at 340gns to WP & L Kendall, Backhareshaw Farm, Drumclog, Strathaven. D & R Rowlands, sold the 3rd prize lamb at 300gns to Matt & Donna Evans, The Gables, Llanvihangel Crucorney, Abergavenny, who sold their own ram lamb for 200gns to Bethan Davies, Carmarthen, to join her award winning Bryn-Yr-Eglwys, flock, which took the Gaer Award for Flock of The Year earlier in the day.

In the Female section the Championship went to the 1st prize pair of shearling ewes from Chris Garn, Ynys-Y-Borde, Llandovery, which went on to sell for 310gns apiece to Matt and Donna Evans, Abergavenny. The Reserve Championship in the female section went to the 1st prize pair of 2 year old ewes, from Gwawr Hughes, Bodgaeaf Uchaf, Pwhelli, selling at 180gns apiece and returning to their original breeders, Matt & Donna Evans. Other leading female prizes included, 235gns to M J McCaull, Sunnysdie, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, for his 2nd prize shearling ewes, selling to T Young, Llanfrynach, Keiran, Matthew and Aiden Owen, Newtown, and K & K Bowman, Penrhiwllwythau Farm, Abercrave, Swansea, sold a pair to Messrs Palmer & Hayward, Ysguborgoch Farm, Dinas Powys at 210gns.

The ewe lambs met a selective trade, although the best were in strong demand. Top sellers at 290gns apiece were the 2nd prize pair from Chris Garn, selling to DRL Williams, Banc, Talley, Llandeilo and the 1st prize pair from D & R Rowlands made 240gns apiece went to the same home. Edd Williams sold his 5th prize pair for 150gns apiece to N Copas, Stanford In The Vale, Oxford.

AVERAGES & SUMMARY

	AV	MAX
6 2&3 yo ewes	£123.33	180gns
76 shearling ewes	£120.34	310gns
48 ewe lambs	£96.58	290gns
7 older rams	£311.25	900gns
17 shearling rams	£332.29	1100gns
8 ram lambs	£179.81	340gns

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