

Wexford Farmers' Co-Operative (Enniscorthy Mart)

Sheep Sale Report 16/09/2020

We had a big entry of sheep again this week, with a lot of store cull ewes and store lambs coming out each week. Even though factory lambs weren't that plentiful the trade was back €4 or €5 for finished lambs. There was increased competition from butchers for the heavy well fleshed lambs as well as those factory fit lambs.

Butcher lambs continue to sell well as butchers and wholesalers struggle to secure suitable lambs. There is a strong online as well as in house demand for the right sheep. Prices ranged from (€111 for 14, 48kg lambs) up to (€120 for 2, 55kg lambs).

Some sample butchers lamb prices:

- 2, 55kg lambs making €120.
- 6, 52kg lambs making €114.
- 11, 47kg lambs making €112.
- 14, 48kg lambs making €111.
- 8, 53kg lambs making €115.
- 10, 51kg lambs making €112.

Factory finished lambs were back €4 or €5 per head some types, even though buyers seem eager for lambs and fleshed lambs weren't that plentiful. Factory lambs ranged anywhere from (€103 for 7, 44kg lambs) and up to (€113 for 11, 45kg lambs).

Some sample factory lamb prices:

- 11, 45kg lambs making €113.
- 21, 47kg lambs making €111.
- 8, 42kg lambs making €110.
- 12, 44kg lambs making €108.
- 13, 45kg lambs making €109.
- 12, 46kg lambs making €106.

A large section of the sale consisted of store which haven't fallen despite the drop in finished lambs. Light stores ranged from (€75 for 7, 29kg lambs) up to (€93 for 20, 37kg lambs).

Some lighter store prices:

- 10, 36kg lambs making €92.
- 12, 37kg lambs making €91.
- 20, 37kg lambs making €93.
- 19, 35kg lambs making €85.
- 15, 32kg lambs making €80.
- 20, 30kg lambs making €80.

Forward stores made from (€88 for 13, 38kg lambs) up to (€98 for 13, 42kg).

Some forward store prices:

- 10, 39kg lambs making €95.
- 20, 41kg lambs making €93.
- 23, 41kg lambs making €94.
- 15, 39kg lambs making €93.
- 13, 42kg lambs making €98.

Heavy cast ewes were extremely scarce on the day and a weaker trade as well.

Some Heavy Ewe prices:

- 2, 110kg making €123.
- 4, 88kg making €120.
- 14, 84kg making €109.
- 5, 82kg making €107

There was a big entry of store ewes on offer again this week. Thin store ewes are in strong demand from farmers and agents alike with all of which going back to grass for further feeding.

Some store Ewe prices:

- 20, 73kg making €90.
- 6, 73kg making €94.
- 14, 68kg making €84.
- 3, 77kg making €95.
- 20, 63kg making €75.
- 6, 58kg making €71.

Brood Trade

There were some very nice pens of Suffolk Ewe lambs on offer which sold from €106 for the lighter lambs up to €137 for strong ewe lambs, and ranged from 68 to 90 over their weight.

- 4, 55kg lambs making €134.
- 10, 48kg lambs making €137.
- 6, 38kg lambs making €116.
- 7, 46kg lambs making €131.
- 10, 51kg lambs making €130.

We had a smaller entry of hogget ewes on offer which weren't as strong a quality as previous weeks, the quality hoggets ranged from €162 up to a top price of €215 and averaged €180.

Just to note we have a dispersal sale of 100 ewe flock in conjunction with our regular sheep sale on Wednesday the 30th of September.