

NATIONAL SOUTHDOWN SHEEP SOCIETY PREMIER EARLY BREEDERS SHOW AND SALE 2010

Maidstone Market, Kent

Saturday 31st July 2010

Auctioneers: Lambert & Foster, Paddock Wood 01892 832325
Show Judge: David Craig, Ringmer

The 6th Annual Sale at Maidstone was well supported by breeders throughout the country. 75 head of Southdown Sheep were catalogued for the sale which saw strong averages throughout. Duncan and Monica Crundwell's Ladywell Flock triumphed in the pre Sale Show with their shearling ram, Ladywell 09/271, being selected as Supreme Champion Male on the day. Buyers supported the Judge's judgement with the ram securing top price in the auction, selling for 980 guineas to Mr M J Slater for his Weaver Flock, Middlewich, Cheshire. The Female Champion and Reserve Overall Champion was local breeder Jonathan Long's shearling ewe Chaileybrook 09/0023. The ewe sold for 280 guineas to Mr J R Aisbitt for his Lunces Hall Flock at Wivelsfield in Sussex.

Shearling Ewes

19 average 196 guineas

Some very good ewes forward with a top price of 280 guineas secured by Jonathan Long's ewe Chaileybrook 09/0023. Arguably the trade of the day was achieved by first time vendor, Tina Gorringer, with 8 shearling ewes from her Nightingale Flock selling to a top of 260 guineas, averaging 225 guineas.

Ewe Lambs

11 average 181 guineas

E A & R A H Whitcombe's Southern Cross Flock dominated the ewe lamb section with their much admired run of 6 ewe lambs claiming the top price of 260 guineas, Southern Cross 10/31 selling to Joe Phillips, Canterbury. The Whitcombes' run of 6 ewe lambs averaged 200 guineas.

Shearling Rams

12 average 399 guineas

A very respectable trade but only quality rams wanted. Leading the way was Duncan and Monica Crundwell's Champion shearling from their Ladywell Flock at 980 guineas. Much admired Southern Cross shearling from P A & R A H Whitcombe's Flock sold for 620 guineas to D S & P Humphrey. The Crundwell's second best shearling not far behind at 500 guineas and several other good rams between 350 gns and 450 gns.

Ram Lambs and Aged Rams

2 lambs average 200 guineas

Daniel Bunting's Golden Valley 10/20 making a top price of 220 guineas, selling to Ray Edwards, West Sussex. A select group of aged rams were much in demand with Mr J R Aisbitt's Lunces Hall 0869 was Reserve Show Champion selling to Anne Lambert's Rusper Flock for 430 guineas.