

GREAT SEND OFF FOR BRIGHTONHOUSE SUFFOLKS

A fantastic crowd gathered at Skipton Auction Mart, North Yorkshire for the dispersal of the entire BRIGHTONHOUSE Flock of Pedigree Suffolk Sheep on behalf of G & A Fort of Whitley Head, Steeton, Keighley.

This was a great flock of sheep who commanded much presence, style and superior carcase conformation. The flock was established in 1995 and had been closed for the last ten years excluding the purchase of stock rams. They are farmed at over 1000 foot above sea level and have achieved much success in the show and sale ring. Buyers travelled from Morayshire in the North of Scotland to Devon and at the end of the day buyers from nineteen different counties were recorded throughout England, Wales and Southern Scotland. Many intending purchases went home empty handed.

The top price Female was 1050 gns for a January born ewe lamb sired by one of the flock's stock rams, Tomcroft Titan purchased by Mrs Caroline Nelson of Kelso, Roxburghshire for her Rosepark Flock.



EWE LAMB (Lot 67)

Gimmers sold to 900 gns for a January 2010 born daughter of Deveronside Dalesman scanned with twins and in-lamb to the homebred Brightonhouse Seventy Seven purchased by Ian Kirk of Southwell, Notts. Another gimmer sired by Sitlow Noble also scanned in-lamb with twins to Seventy Seven sold for 870 gns to DJ Harvey of Bulith Wells for his Hawkesridge Flock.

Ewes sold to 850 gns on two occasions; the first was for a three crop ewe by Glenhead Morangie scanned in-lamb with twins to Tomcroft Titan purchased by Roger Harrison of Spilsby Lincs for his Dalebrook Flock whilst a onecrop daughter of Sitlow Noble carrying twins to Titan was the choice of Emma Robinson of Forest in Teesdale, County Durham.

The top price of the day however was for the only sheep in the sale that was not homebred, the stock tup, Tomcroft Titan a two year old son of Meikleson Impression who was purchased at the National Sale 2009 from Tom Cox. He sold for 1100 gns to R Earnshaw of Killinghall, Harrogate.



TOMCROFT TITAN Lot 97

AVERAGES:

41 Flock Ewes £557.52; 20 Gimmers £647.33; 32 Ewe Lambs £488.25; 2 Stock Rams £971.25; 95 HEAD £561.81.

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers. (In conjunction with CCM Auctions Ltd of Skipton.