

**1129****BUTCHERS SHEEP AT 10.30AM*****Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams*****97 New Season Spring Lambs followed by 899 Old Season's Lambs****\*\*TOP SPOT \*\***

**Spring Lambs 420.0p/kg (44.0kg) Texel Cross C Tomlinson, Broxton**  
**Old Season Lambs 255.0p/kg (49.6KG) Texel Cross R & S Bailey, Rushton Spencer**

**Spring Lambs Average: 255.1p/kg**  
**Old Season Lambs Average: 184.9p/kg**

Considering the relatively early Easter, and the extreme cold weather endured by these lambs on their early days, Chelford's breeders did exceptionally well to produce an entry of such outstanding quality lambs for the Easter Show, the "start of the new season".

Excellent sponsorship from Alan Read, for the 21st year, and from Messrs BOCM Pauls, Massey Bros Feeds, Hornby Snape Insurance Brokers and the Charollais Sheep Society all encouraged the entry. Judge for the day, noted lamb finisher David Platt of Gawsworth, had a tremendous array of quality in front of him, and sorted his CHAMPION LAMB out of an excellent penful from Claire Tomlinson, Broxton, Chester. This 44 kg Texel Cross lamb then went on to sell for 420 p/kg (£184.80) to Ashbourne butcher Richard Hobday. Another lamb from Claire Tomlinson's pen took the Reserve Championship. This one, a 39kg Texel Cross, made 350p/kg (\$136.50) to wholesaler Sam Howarth, Diggle, Oldham, on behalf of Neil Mellor, Butcher, of Upper Hill, Saddleworth. Several lambs made over 300p/kg, with Chelford butcher Tony Boon paying 320p/kg for a 32 kg Texel Cross from John Nicholas, Helsby, and another regular buyer David Kidd, buying on behalf of Macclesfield butcher Nigel Wilcox paying 315p/kg for a 37 kg Charollais Cross from Mark and Sue Shimwell, Astbury. Altogether 97 Spring Lambs averaged 255.1p/kg.

The usual weekly entry of 899 Old Season Lambs met another lively trade, Premium quality, as always, made premium prices, with Roger and Simon Bailey again leading the trade with their outstanding lambs, peaking at 255p/kg, with other pens at 251p, 250p, 248p 240p (twice) etc, with all other export quality in excess of 200p/kg.

Quite a large proportion of heavier lambs again on offer, but Chelford's buyers again proving they are capable of providing strong demand for all weights and quality, as 899 Old Season Lambs averaged 184.9p/kg.

<b>Quality Averages (all weights)</b>	<b>Max.</b>	<b>Ave.</b>
Premium	255.0p/kg	217.25p/kg
Prime	205.0p/kg	194.50p/kg
Others	184.0p/kg	178.5p/kg

**Top Five Old Season Lambs per kg**

	<b>P/kg</b>	<b>Kg</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
1	251.0	50.4	Texel x	R & S Bailey
2	250.0	45.2	Texel x	R & S Bailey
3	248.0	49.8	Texel x	R & S Bailey
4	240.0	41.8	Texel x	R & S Bailey
5	240.0	51.8	Texel x	R & S Bailey

**Top Five Old Season Lambs per Head**

	<b>£</b>	<b>Kg</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
1	126.50	50.4	Texel x	R & S Bailey
2	126.48	49.6	Texel x	R & S Bailey
3	124.32	51.8	Texel x	R & S Bailey
4	123.50	49.8	Texel x	R & S Bailey
5	117.22	52.8	Texel x	R & S Bailey

**Top Five Spring Lambs per Kilo**

	<b>P/kg</b>	<b>Kg</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
1	360	39.0	Texel x	Mrs C Tomlinson
2	340.0	37.0	Texel x	Mrs C Tomlinson
3	330.0	36.0	Texel x	J Nicholas, Helsby
4	320.0	38.0	Charollais x	A Blockley, Marton
5	320.0	38.0	Charollais x	J Lewis

**Top Five Spring Lambs per Head**

	<b>£</b>	<b>Kg</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
1	184.80	44.0	Texel x	Mrs C Tomlinson
2	136.50	39.0	Texel x	Mrs C Tomlinson
3	126.00	45.0	Texel x	Mrs C Tomlinson
4	125.80	37.0	Texel x	Mrs C Tomlinson
5	123.53	48.5	Texel x	M Hazelhurst, Hyde

**133 CULL EWES & RAMS**  
**Auctioneer: Gwyn Williams**

**\*\*\*Overall Average £75.27\*\*\***

Texel Crosses to £110; Charollais Crosses to £100; Mules to £100; Suffolk Crosses to £100, Texel Rams to £90, £86, £80 etc.

Another terrific trade, with once again smaller, half meated ewes looking dearer than heavier weights. A few grazing men looking, but not able to compete at these prices!