

Texel success



QUALITY
PERFORMANCE
SERVICE
SUCCESS

at Winter fairs 2009

The Texel Sheep Society continued their sponsorship and promotion at the 2009 Winter Fair Prime Stock Championships. The Breed once again took many of the top titles. The society would like to congratulate all the exhibitors in the Prime stock shows for their continued support and promotion of the Texel Breed.



Scottish Winter Fair

Taking the reserve was a perennial Primestock show prizewinner, the Douganhill flock managed by Brian MacTaggart, Douganhill Farms, Dumfriesshire. This pair were by a homebred Texel tup out of 7/8 Texel ewes from the farm's 150 pedigree strong Texel flock and weighed in at 43.5kg each. In the lightweight Texel class Brian MacTaggart again led the way with D and J Thomson 2nd.

Below: Scott Brown presenting his mothers trophy 'The Francis Brown Trophy' for the Best Pen of Texel Sheep to Brian MacTaggart and his son David.

Northern Ireland Winter Fatstock Fair

The Texel and Texel cross has consistently featured at the top of the Prime Fatstock show and sales in Northern Ireland. These are the show cases for the commercial lamb and the Texel has continually proven to be the breed which efficiently produces a high proportion of lean meat, improving margins for all involved.

Elizabeth McAllister (Artnagullion) took 1st place in the Texel classes and went on to be awarded Supreme Champion overall. Victor & David Chestnutt of the Clougher flock were 2nd in the classes with Mathew Cowan 3rd.



Top: Elizabeth McAllister and David Fullerton with N.I Texel Supreme Champion pair of Artnagullion flock Texel Lambs

Bottom: Club Chairman, Robert Calvin and James Laverty of Bushmills Meat Centre with 2nd place Victor Chestnutt (Clougher)



Royal Welsh Winter Fair

A D Bishop took 1st place in the Texel classes and went on to win the Supreme Champion pair overall. R Hall & Sons came in 2nd with R J Slade 3rd in the Texel Classes. Reserve Champion in the Lamb Carcase also went to Texel Producers O P & A Beresford.



Left: The presentation of the Supreme Championship to Gloucestershire's Andrew Bishop of the Luggs Hill Flock

Above: Reserve Champion Lamb Carcase pairs was awarded to Hollyfields Flock owners, O P & A Beresford of Hollyfields Cottage, Ashbourne, Derbyshire

Right: Andrew Bishops Luggs Hill Supreme Champion pair of Texel Lambs



Agri Live – Smithfield

The focus was commercial, delivered with quality entry's and exhibits which included a butchery display. The Commercial Producers represent a small sample of producers from the very many that exist across the UK and have seen the benefit of using the Texel to improve their business and flock output and profitability.



Above: Reserve Champion R Hall of Inglewood Edge with this pair of Dutch Texels

Left: R J Slade (Weekfield) achieved 1st place in the Butchers Live/Dead DEAD Class with this Dutch Texel Carcase

Right: R J Slade of the Weekfield flock with the Supreme Champion Lamb Carcase



English Winter Fair

R J Slade of the Weekfield flock swept the board at this year's English Winter Fair, taking 1st place in the live pairs and Champion in the carcass class, S & S Gibbons took 2nd, D S & L E Wadland 3rd with A D Bishop (Luggs Hill), coming in 4th in the live pairs class.

