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York Sale Report 2024

There was strong demand for shearling ewes at HSS's final Approved Sale of the season, with many good quality sheep comfortably making three figures and David Braithwaite's *Skipwith Bittersweet* selling to Zara & Lisa Hawksworth for 350gns.

The overall top price of 560gns was realised by Rose & Fleur Marston's 1st prize shearling ram *Cottage Farm Nero*, bred by Jean Andrews. Apart from this and two other correct shearling rams making good prices, the rest of those forward were a disappointing sample and the prices reflected this, lowering the overall average. In this section, and the others, there were more than the usual number of absentees – either because sheep had been sold before the sale or because of concerns about Bluetongue Virus.

A top price of 245gns for a ram lamb, again from Rose and Fleur Marston's Wild Chipstead flock, raised the average in this section of the sale.

Ewes : 19 sold, Average 61gns, Top Price 205gns

Shearling Ewes : 37 sold, Average 117gns, Top Price 350gns

Ewe Lambs : 13 sold, Average 55gns, Top Price 110gns

Rams : 2 sold, Average 149gns, Top Price 158gns

Shearling Rams : 13 sold, Average 151gns, Top Price 560gns

Ram Lambs : 5 sold, Average 99gns, Top Price 245gns