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SOUTH MOLTON LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

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652 NEW SEASON LAMBS & 197 CULL EWES & RAMS



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NEW SEASON LAMBS (652)

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A much smaller entry this week mainly due to the very hot weather and a slipping national trade. Overall a good quality entry with less lighter and leaner lambs forward. Trade actually dearer this week, mainly due to the shorter numbers forward and fewer numbers coming out nationally. All buyers present and some buyers not able to start loads which indicates the lambs are more wanted. Best trade for the well fleshed heavy lambs which this week included those lambs over 48kgs. Lots of pens sold again over the £200 mark especially for most lambs over 50kgs. The 47-49kg lambs generally £182-£195. The 43-46kg lambs generally £170-£180 and the 39-42kg lambs generally £148-£165.

Topping the New Season Lamb sales this week was seen for Mr NA Cooke of Torrington for his pen of 62kg lambs achieving £232.00, the same vendor had a further pen of 55kg lambs to £229.00 and a pen of 52.8kg lambs to £207.50. £224.00 was seen for Messrs MJ & AL Elston of Romansleigh for their pen of 57kg lambs. Messrs IP & L Stagg of Newton Tracey saw their pen of 55kg lambs to £223.00 and a pen of 50.4kg lambs to £201.00. £207.00 was seen for Messrs RH Dymond & Son for their pen of 58kg lambs. Mr RW Dyer of Braunton saw his pen of 51.3kg lambs to £199.50. Messrs M Tester & S Edwards of East Anstey saw their pen of 53kg lambs to £199.00 and a further pen of 49.7kg lambs achieving £196.50. £198.50 was seen for Mr J Thorne of South Molton for his pen of 51kg lambs. £196.50 was seen for Mr S Trawin of Brayford for his pen of 50kg lambs. Messrs LG & AE Warne of Bishops Tawton saw their pen of 49.2kg lambs to £193.50. Messrs G Mills & Partners of Witheridge saw their pen of 49.5kg lambs to £191.50 and a pen of 48.5kg lambs to £189.00. £188.50 was seen for Messrs T & S Jones and Sons of South Molton for their pen of 47.4kg lambs. Messrs JR Westcott & Son of Willand saw their pen of 47.3kg lambs to £187.50. Messrs Lucas & Ridge of Chulmleigh saw their pen of 49kg lambs to

£187.00. £186.00 was seen for Messrs TL Dennis & Partners of Chulmleigh for their pen of 49kg lambs. £185.00 was seen twice this week, firstly for Messrs MJ & AL Elston of Romansleigh for their pen of 54kg lambs and secondly for Messrs IP & L Stagg of Newton Tracey for their pen of 47.8kg lambs.

Topping the Pence Per Kilo this week was seen for Mr NA Cooke of Torrington for his pen of 55kg lambs achieving 416ppk. 414ppk was seen for Mr RW Dyer of Braunton for his pen of 42kg lambs and 409ppk for a pen of 42.9kg lambs. Messrs M Tester & S Edwards LTD of East Anstey saw their pen of 44kg lambs achieve 406ppk. 405ppk was seen for Messrs IP & L Stagg of Newton Tracey for their pen of 55kg lambs and 399ppk for a pen of 50.4kg lambs. Messrs G Mills & Partners of Witheridge saw their pen of 55kg lambs to 400ppk. Messrs T & S Jones & Sons of South Molton saw their pen of 47.4kg lambs to 398ppk and a pen of 43.8kg lambs also to 398ppk. 397ppk was seen three times this week, firstly for Messrs MJ & AL Elston of Romansleigh for their pen of 46kg lambs, secondly for Messrs LG & AE Warne of Bishops Tawton for their pen of 45.6kg lambs and thirdly for Messrs IP & L Stagg of Newton Tracey for their pen of 43.5kg lambs. 396ppk was seen for Messrs JR Westcott & Son of Willand for their pen of 47.3kg lambs.

NSL	SOLD	AVE	TOP	AVE	TOP
		Pence	Per kg	£ per	head
STANDARD 32-39	32	381.73	391.00	135.06	147.00
MEDIUM 39.1-45.5	267	391.89	414.00	169.74	178.50
HEAVY 45.6-52	326	384.23	399.00	180.59	201.00
HEAVY 52 +	14	387.44	416.00	211.93	232.00
SQQ	652				387.02

CULL EWES & RAMS (197)

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A similar number entry this week and overall a decent quality entry with some good runs of strong well framed ewes. A few more buyers also around the ring this week and the majority of the entry were shorn ewes. Trade dearer with most pens up at least £5-10 per head. Best Suffolk Mules this week £190 plus and best Mules £170.

Topping the market this week was seen for Messrs M Tester & S Edwards of East Anstey for their pen of Texel ewes achieving £260.00. £240.00 was seen for Mr DW Ridd of West Buckland for his Texel ewe and £200 for a Charollais ewe. Messrs RH Dymond & Son of Croyde saw their pen of Suffolk ewes to £226.00. Messrs Lucas & Ridge of Chulmleigh saw their Suffolk ram to £200.00. £200.00 was also seen for Messrs Hill Farm Partnership of Bideford

for their pen of ewes. £199.00 was seen twice this week, firstly for Mr JK May of Eastleigh for his pen of Suffolk ewes and secondly for Messrs RH Dymond & Son of Croyde for their pen of Suffolk ewes. Messrs RH Dymond & Son had a further pen of ewes to £197.00. £195.00 was seen for Messrs RJ, GM & AJ Tucker of High Bickington for their pen of ewes. Messrs Hill Farm Partnership of Bideford saw their pen of ewes to £191.00 and a further pen to £190.00. £190.00 was also seen for Mr JK May of Eastleigh for his pen of Suffolk ewes and £189.00 for another pen of Suffolk ewes. £186.00 was seen for Messrs RJ, GM & AJ Tucker of High Bickington for their pen of Suffolk ewes and £182.00 for another pen of Suffolk ewes. £182.00 was also seen for Messrs RH Dymond & Son of Croyde for their pen of Suffolk ewes. Messrs G Palfrey & Son of Stoodleigh saw their pen of Suffolk ewes to £184.00.



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RPA Publish further Guidance on Capital Grants 2026

In advance of the scheme opening for applications in July, the RPA have today published further guidance on Capital Grants 2026.

What the guidance tells us:

Increased funding

£225 million of funding will be available, an increase of £75 million on 2025. However, if funding is allocated at the same rate as 2025, despite the increased budget, demand could see the scheme open for just over six weeks.

Application limit

The RPA will accept submission of one eligible application per calendar year for each business.

What's available

The 80 items available will again be divided between 6 funding groups: boundaries, trees and orchards, improved water quality, improved air quality, improved natural flood management, assessments, improvements

Funding limits

Funding limits will continue to apply to 4 of the item groups:

- Up to £25,000 for the air quality, natural flood management and water quality groups
- Up to £35,000 for the boundaries, trees and orchards group

The value of items falling within the 'assessment' and 'improvement' groups will remain uncapped.

Changes since 2025

Agroforestry items and the woodland condition assessment will not be available but will instead be available later in 2026 through the Higher Tier Capital Grants offer. TE6: Tree guard (tube and mesh) has been withdrawn and replaced with a new item; TE19: Tree guard (narrow weld mesh). The names and specifications for tree guard items TE7 and TE8 have been updated. FG13: Stone gateposts, TE3: Planting fruit trees, TE16: Use tree surgery to 'hinge' a tree into a watercourse, AC2: Countryside educational access visits accreditation, AC3: Install and maintain signage and WN12: Create or restore ponds up to 2 hectares, have all been added. Additionally, for those items requiring Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer endorsement, endorsement will be required before an application is made.

When the scheme will close

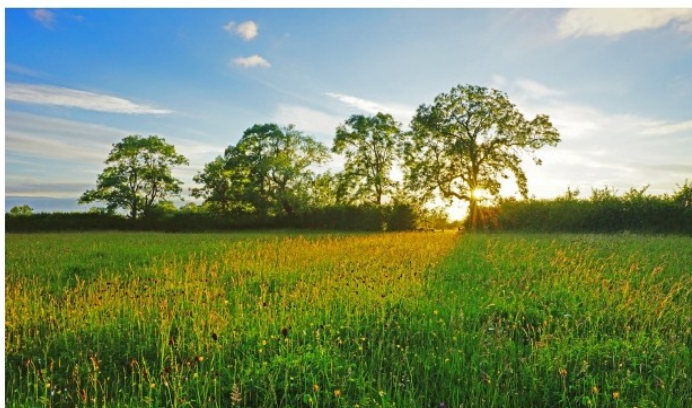
The scheme will close when the available funding is allocated but updates will be given as and when 25%, 50% and 75% of the available funding has been allocated. At the point of closure, no further applications will be accepted, including those started but not yet submitted.

What the guidance doesn't tell us:

When the scheme will open

Despite confirming that the scheme will re-open in July, the exact date remains unknown.

For advice on the Capital Grant scheme or assistance preparing an application, contact Stags Professional Services on 01884 235701 to be put in touch with your local professional.



Agri-environmental Schemes and Grants



With years of experience advising farmers and landowners across the South West, our Professional Services team has detailed knowledge of agri-environmental schemes and grants, both new and existing, including Countryside Stewardship and the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI).

For advice or assistance in this rapidly evolving sector, and to ensure you choose the right schemes and grants for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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