

► Pure Rouge lambs top sheep categories

AT Thrapston's *Farmers Guardian*-supported Christmas show and sale there was a clean sweep in the prime cattle section for Will and Natasha Burden, W.R.B. Farming, Ringstead.

They claimed the overall prime cattle championship with a home-bred April 2022-born Limousin steer. It went on to sell for £2,090.50 (370p/kg) to W.H. Thomas Farm Shop, Ecton.

They also took the reserve championship with a home-bred Limousin-sired heifer out of a British Blue cross cow, which sold for £2,159.40 (366p/kg) to P. Fraser, Leighton Buzzard.

Mr and Mrs Burden run about 60 suckler cows, with most progeny sold as stores but some are retained for showing. Both champion and reserve were by a stock bull, Mereside Ontario.

The native sired winner from G.R. Fountaine and Son, Milton Keynes, was an Aberdeen-Angus-sired heifer, which sold for £1,494.40 (282p/kg) and the unaltered class winner from E. Sanson and Son, Deenethorpe, made £2,077 (322p/kg).

Taking the champion and reserve titles in the sheep section was Ann Wilson, Harpole, with pure Rouge lambs.

Pen of three

The champion pen of three weighed 61.5kg/head and sold for £250/head (405p/kg) to A.J. Neal and Son, Kings Lynn, with the 57kg reserve champions selling for £190/head (333p/kg) to the same buyer.

Mrs Wilson lambs 40 pure Rouge ewes which are run alongside a 100-head commercial flock.

The sale of show and commer-



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Lambs being sold at Thrapston's *Farmers Guardian*-supported Christmas show and sale.

Limousins take champion and reserve at Thrapston

cial lambs had an SQQ of 291p/kg.

Champion pig was a five-month-old Duroc cross from Paul Winder-spin, Pidley, which had been bought as a weaner from the market.

It sold for £200 to Joseph Morris Butchers, Rugby.

The charity chosen by the Thrapston and District Fat Stock Show Society was Marie Curie and more than £1,100 was raised at the Christmas show, with fundraising to continue at the society dinner.

Auctioneers: Bletsoes.



Champion pen of three sheep, pure Rouge lambs, from Ann Wilson, Harpole, which sold for £250/head.



Prime cattle champion, a Limousin steer, from Will and Natasha Burden, Ringstead, which sold for £2,090.50.



Reserve prime cattle champion, a Limousin-sired heifer out of a British Blue cross cow, from Will and Natasha Burden, Ringstead, which sold for £2,159.40.