

Quality Rams Sell Well at ANM's Annual Multi-Breed Show and Sale

The Aberdeen & Northern Marts' annual multi-breed show and sale – sponsored by Harbro – attracted a strong ring-side of buyers to Thainstone Centre, Inverurie, looking to purchase top-quality pedigree entries ahead of the breeding season. Colin Slessor, Auctioneer and Deputy Head of Livestock, said: "We are pleased with the results of today's show and sale which saw quality entries achieve a fast selling trade. Suffolk and Continental shearlings and ram lambs did very well, meeting a particularly sound trade and realistic market values."

In the Suffolk section, Judge Jonnie Campbell, Bardnaclavan, Thurso, awarded the champion title to a ram from G L Stuart, Milltown of Birness, Ellon, which achieved 1,500gns and sold to T Linklater, Stonelea, Stenness, Orkney. The reserve champion from J Henderson, West Teuchan, Cruden Bay, also made 1,500gns and sold to by L F Dunn, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire.

The day's top price of 1,800gns was set by a Texel shearling donated to charity by the Blackhall family, The Green, Raemoir. The proceeds will go to My Name's 5 Daddie Foundation which aims to research into the causes of Motor Neurone Diseases and investigate potential cures. This ram was purchased by Stuart Stephen, Netherthird, Rothienorman.

Brian Anderson, Seafield House, Lerwick, chose a shearling ram to be his champion Texel from K Pratt, Oldtown Farm, Petercutler, which sold for 1,200gns to Guise Farm Partnership, Tough, Alford. The reserve title went to a shearling ram from J C Innes & Son, Duncroft, Huntly, and realised 1,500gns from J Gordon & Co, Waterside, Alford.

The first prize Texel ram lamb, from Jemma Green, Corskie, Garmouth, sold for 1,000gns, again to Guise Farm Partnership. Other Texels reaching the four-figure mark were a shearling from W J Knox, Mid Haddo, Fyvie, at 1,100gns, and another shearling ram from JD & M Leitch, Feolquoy, Evie, achieved 1,000gns, including a Texel ram lamb from G Morrison, Inchbruich, Cornhill, also made 1,000gns.

J G Douglas, Woodhead, Cairness, claimed the championship title in the Border Leicester section with his ram, which sold for 1,300gns to D Whyte, Whitelee Gate, Newton Mearns.

The Beltex category, judged by Neil Eddie, Hallhill, Kinneff, saw the champion ram lamb from S Wood, Woolhillock, Skene, realise 1,100gns from C Stewart, An-Cala, Gills, Canisbay. S Wood also claimed the reserve champion title with a second entry, which sold for 650gns to J Eddie & Son, Hallhill, Kinneff.

The champion Charollais title was awarded to a ram lamb from E & E Duncan, Barnyards, Mintlaw, which sold for 900gns to M A Evans, Llanrhaeader, Denbigh. The reserve went to a shearling from H E G Davies, Hillhead of Cannahars, and realised 500gns.

The Blue-faced Leicester category was topped by a ram lamb from M Seed & Son, Home Farm, Auchry, Cuminestown, which realised 500gns.

Blue Texels sold to 700gns (twice) both from Deborah Atkinson, The Manse, Duncanstone.

Millennium Blues also sold to 700gns for a shearling from Messrs Hunter, West Cairnhill, Culsalmond.

Crossbred ram lambs topped at 750gns from G L Stuart, Milltown of Birness, Ellon.

Rouge sold to 350gns for a shearling ram from Pat Imlah, 2 Wood Cottages, Newmachar.

Blue Du Maine shearlings sold to 300gns from R & C Cruden, 2 Standingstones, Dyce.

Leading Flock Averages

Suffolk Shearlings

Consignor	No Sold	Top Price (Gns)	2018 Average (£)	2017 Average (£)
Barry House, Glenbarry	3	650	567	560
Tillyeve, Udney	5	500	388.50	498.78

Suffolk Ram Lambs

Consignor	No Sold	Top Price (Gns)	2018 Average (£)	2017 Average (£)
West Teuchan, Cruden Bay	7	1500	715.50	388
Waterton, Drumblade	3	850	630	420
Newton of Balquhain, Inverurie	8	700	494.81	-
Milltown of Birness, Ellon	28	1500	475.50	488.95
Cranna Bridge, Aberchirder	10	700	473.55	484.31
Highfield Farming, Knock	11	600	462	607.25
Tillyeve, Udney	15	600	443.10	521.77
5 East Ingliston, Forfar	3	450	420	402.50
South Tillydesk, Ellon	14	450	415.15	375.38

Texel Shearlings

Consignor	No Sold	Top Price (Gns)	2018 Average (£)	2017 Average (£)
Oldtown, Peterculter	7	1200	813	616
The Green, Raemoir	8	1800	812.44	714
Dunscroft, Gartly	5	1500	760.20	910
Feolquoy, Evie	8	1000	645.75	570.50
West Cairnhill, Culsalmond	3	650	630	787.50
Mid Haddo, Fyvie	7	1100	559.50	1050
Newseat Balthangie, Turriff	4	600	532.88	-
Home Farm, Auchry	10	800	498.75	710.50
Mains of Orchardtown, Udney	10	600	486.15	413

Texel Ram Lambs

Consignor	No Sold	Top Price (Gns)	2018 Average (£)	2017 Average (£)
Corskie, Garmouth	6	1000	651	456.75
North Dorlathers, Turriff	10	750	573.30	754.35
Inchbruich, Cornhill	10	1000	557.50	612.50
Dunscroft, Gartly	10	900	536.55	437.50
Mid Haddo, Fyvie	8	700	525	434
Clinterty, New Aberdour	3	550	490	-
Oldtown, Peterculter	3	820	490	471.19
Corsairty, Keith	5	620	474.60	506.62
Skelbister, Orphir	7	650	447	-

Charollais Shearlings

Consignor	No Sold	Top Price (Gns)	2018 Average (£)	2017 Average (£)
Hillhead of Cannahars, Whitecairns	11	550	436.23	623

Charollais Ram Lambs

Consignor	No Sold	Top Price (Gns)	2018 Average (£)	2017 Average (£)
Barnyards, Mintlaw	9	900	563.50	544.69
Hillhead of Cannahars, Whitecairns	11	500	413.32	427.50
Corsairty, Keith	5	380	363.50	435.75