

QUOYBRAE, Aberdeen & Northern Marts (17th September 2018) sold 3,115 store and breeding sheep incorporating Dunbeath, Bettyhill, Forsinard and North West Sutherland areas.

Champion pen of 10 gimmers judged by Arnott, Coghill, Skinnet, Thurso were Cheviots from J and W Mackay, Biggins, Killimster, Wick and sold for £210 to R & N Barclay, Harestone Farm, Crathes.

Reserve were a pen of Cheviots from J & J Farquhar, Smiddyquoy, and sold for £200 to I Laird, Yeldabrek, Burray.

Gimmers:

Chev (557) averaged £148.16 (-£1.04p on the year) to £440 for a single from H P Sleigh & Sons, St Johns Well, Fyvie.

Mule (139) averaged £137.44 (+£4.74) to £148 from Ross Bros, Strichen Mains, Strichen

Tex (192) averaged £120.94 (-£2.16) to £190 from W & G Coghill, Balnahard, Harpsdale

Suff (13) averaged £120 (-£1.00) to £140 from C & I Angus, Oldfield, Thurso.

Other breeds (124) to £130 twice for Blue De Maine from S Gillion, Lower Toftingall, Watten and secondly for Zwartbles from C C Mackenzie, Achalone Croft, Halkirk.

Breeding ewes (989) averaged £63.92 (-£2.09) to £200 for a Cheviot ewe from CRM Engineering, Copperfield, Harpsdale.

Store lambs (569) to £67 from L Mackay, Upper Northfield, Wick.

Feeding ewes and rams (532) to £98 for Texels from A H Mackay, West Greenland, Castletown.

“Well-bred strong gimmers were easily sold, while secondary quality were harder to sell, but overall sold above expectations. Noted annual consignments of ewes met a firm demand but with a lot of leaner ewes forward met a more hesitant demand.”

Prize List

10 North Country Cheviot Gimmers

1st & Champion Pen – J & W Mackay, Biggins, Wick, £210

2nd & Reserve Pen – J & J Farquhar, Smiddyquoy, Watten, £200

3rd – H P Sleigh & Son, St Johns Wells, Fyvie, £240

10 Mule Gimmers

1st – P Ronaldson, Killimster, Wick £140

2nd – Ross Bros, Strichen Mains, Strichen £148

3rd – P Ronaldson, Killimster Wick £138,

10 Texel Gimmers

1st – C & I Angus, Oldfield, Thurso £160

2nd – D Manson & Sons, Skail, £145,

3rd – C & I Angus, Oldfield, Thurso £155,

Leading prices

Gimmers: Chev – 8 Henderson Square, Watten £420; St Johns Wells £400;
Mule – Strichen Mains £145; Killimster Farmhouse £140; ChvMule – Strichen Mains £152; 3
Skail Forss £145; Tex- Oldfield £160; Balnahard, Harpsdale £135; Cont – Ruther Quarry,
Watten £92; HB- Thirdpart, Watten £90; Suf- The Crofts, North Watten, Brackside Reay £90;
SHC- Hillside, Killimster £72.

Dispersals: M Cormack, Mossburn, Geise

Tex Gmr £100; Cont Ewe 1 Crop £85; Cont Ewe 3 Crop £57.

CRM Engineering, Copperfield, Harpsdale

3 ChvX Gmr £155; 3 Tex Gmr £140; 3 Mule Gmr £135; 4 Mule Ewe £132; 2 Mule Ewe £132; 2
HB Ewe £130; 1ChvMule Gmr - £120.

W J Murdoch, 3 Braal, Halkirk

6 ChvX Gmr £150; 2 Suf Ewe £102; 2 Tex Ewe £100; 2 Sufx WM Ewe £91; 1 SufX Gmr £85; 1
Zwa Ewe £71.

Reduction:

P Ronldson, Killimster Farmhouse, Wick

10 Mule Gmr - £140; 11 Mule Ewe 1 - 2 Crop - £115.

R & K Sutherland, Hilliclay

2 Chv Ewe 2-3Crop £102; 3 Chv Ewe 3-4 Crop £90; 4 Chv Ewe 3-4 Crop £80.

WM ewes: Suf – Hummer Croft, Mid Clyth £99.

BM ewes: Chev – Lower Westerdale £66; Tex- Achaguie £57.

Ewes:

Chv – Lower Westerdale, Westerdale £102; Chv- Brackside, Reay £86; GF – Ivy Cottage,
Quoybrae £70; Cont- Geise Farm, Thurso £61.

Breeding Rams:

Chv- Achalone Croft, Halkirk, £200; Tex- Achalone Croft £160.

Store lambs:

Cont- Quarryside, John O’Groats £66; ContX- Ivy Cottage, Quoybrae £56; Tex- Curlew £55.50;
SufX Croft Cottage, Canisbay £54.50; Suf- Curlew Mybster £52.50.

Ewe Lambs

Tex- Larkins, Upper Lybster £120; Chv- Achalone Croft £100; Chv- Achairn £60; Tex- Pentland
View £60; TexX Pentland View £59.

Leading prices per area

Dunbeath -

Gmrs: Braemore (McGongill) £100;

WM ewes: Braemore (McGonigill) £100;

BM ewes: Tacher £50;

Fdrs: Cullen View £70;

Chv Ram: Braemore (McGonigill) £100;
Ewe lambs: Braemore (McGonigill) £68;
Store lambs: Chv- Guidebest (Macleod) £55; Tex- Hilton £54.
Black Cheviot Ewe lamb sold for Cancer Research for £100.

Bettyhill -

Gmrs: 32 Fiscary £80;
WM ewes: 26 Langdale £44;
Feeding Ewes: 26 Langdale £30;
Store lambs: 38 Fiscary £39.

Halladale and Portskerra –

Gmrs: Trantlemore £102;
WM ewes: Trantlemore £95;
BM ewes: Trantlemore £62;
Fdrs: The Shore £82;
Breeding Rams: Chv Shearling Golval £110, Chv- 3 Shr Golval £200;
Store Lambs: 50 Dalhavaig £36.
Dispersal D Mackay, Trantlebeg:
Gmr £125; 1 crop Ewe £132; 2 Crop Ewe £118; 3 Crop Ewe £118.

Armadale and Strathy -

Gmrs: 117 Strathy Point £65;
WM ewes: 184 Armadale £60;
BM ewes: 184 Armdale £57;
Fdrs: 104 Strathy Point £61;
Ewe lambs: 117 Strathy Point £37.50;
Store lambs: 62 Strathy East £62.50.

Skerryay -

WM ewes: 3 Borgie £56;
Fdrs: 3 Borgie £60;
Store Lambs: 19 Lotts £45.

Feeding ewes:

Tex- 3 Braal, Halkirk £96; Chev- Myrelandhorn, Kirk £78; ChvX- Skirza Croft, Freswick £74;
Mule- Burnlea house, Lower Greenland £60; TexX- Burnlea House, West Greenland £60; Cont-
Achaguie Farm, Scotscalder £46.

Feeding Rams:

Chv- Kirkton, Melvich £65.