

STORNOWAY, Dingwall & Highland Marts., (December, 10th) sold 34 cattle and 435 sheep of all classes at its Christmas show and sale.

The prime cattle champion judged by Mr R Smith, Francis Street, was a 565kg Charolais cross heifer from No. 1 Gress, Back, Stornoway, realising 300p per kg and £1695 gross to W. J. Macdonald, Butchers, Francis Street, Stornoway. The reserve award went to a 600kg Charolais cross bullock also from No. 1 Gress, which realised 250p per kg and £1500 also to W. J. Macdonald. The champion award for prime sheep, judged by Mr D. Macdonald, Corriebheinn Farm, Portree, was 45.5kg Cheviots from C. Macleod, Crobeag, Steinish, which realised 219.8p per kg and £100 gross, with reserve going to 44kg Beltex crosses from 9 Eordale, Ness, realising 181.8p per kg and £80 gross.

Prime bullocks (two) averaged 202.6p and sold to 250p per kg and £1500 gross for the reserve champion, a 600kg Charolais cross from 1 Gress, Back.

Prime heifers (four) averaged 234.7p and sold to 300p per kg and £1695 gross for the champion, a Charolais cross from No. 1 Gress.

Prime lambs (40) averaged 149p and sold to 219.8p per kg and £100 gross for the champions, a pair of 45.5kg Cheviots from Crobeag.

Breeding cattle (eight) sold to £700 gross for an in calf Hereford from 2 Arivruach, Balallan.

Store bullocks (five) averaged 189.1p and sold to 248.3p per kg and £710 gross for a 286kg Charolais cross from 12 Lionel, Port of Ness.

Store heifers (13) averaged 179.2p and sold to 265.2p per kg for an Aberdeen Angus cross from 5 Mangersta, Uig, and £960 gross for a Limousin cross from 6 Haclete, Bernera.

Store lambs (189) sold to £72 gross for Cheviots from Crobeag.

Feeding sheep (206) sold to £47 gross for Cheviot ewes from 13 Cross Skigersta Road, Ness.

⚠️All stock on offer met a strong enquiry with quality sorts selling at premium rates.+

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Prime heifers: 1 Gress, (CharX), £1,500, 250p; 1 Gress, (CharX), £1,158.75, 225p; 41 South Bragar, (AAX), £1,126.60, 172p.

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Prime lambs: BeltX – 1 Eordale, £80, 181.8p; **Chev** . Crobeag, £75, 182.9p; **SuffX** – 17 Habost, Ness, £70, 25 Lower Shader, Barvas, 154.8p; **BF** – 1 Eordale, £66, 17 Habost, 156.1p.

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Store bullocks 201-250kg – 12 Laxdale, £340, 162.7p; **301-350kg** . 41 Lower Barvas, £680, 209.9.

Heifers up to 200kg – 5 Mangersta, £480; **201-250kg** – 5 Mangersta, £540, 246.6p; **251-300kg** . 2 Arivruach, £460, 170.4p; **301-350kg** . 2 Arivruach, £540, 178.8p; **351-400kg** . 3 Upper Carloway, £580, 151.4p; **501-550kg** – 41 Lower Barvas, £730, 6 Haclete, 170.2p.

Other leading prices per head

Lambs: SuffX – 28 Lower Shader, £64.50; **Cross** – 41 Lower Barvas, £63.50; **BF** – 28 Lower Shader, £56; **Chev** – Carloway House, £54.