

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (October, 9th) sold 3,827 breeding ewes and lambs at their annual Blackface & Cross ewes, gimmers, ewe lambs sale.

Blackface ewes (1,994) sold to £95 gross for correct ewes from the dispersal of the Glen Gloy Farms Ltd flock, Spean Bridge.

Blackface gimmers (210) sold to £94 gross for a pen of twenty five from Ness House, Inverness.

Blackface ewe lambs (177) sold to £60 gross for a pen of twenty from Glen Gloy Farms Ltd.

Correct ewes (819) sold to £130 gross for Mules from Galcantray Farm, Cawdor.

Gimmers (159) sold to £140 for a Blue Faced Leicester from Broomhill Farm, Muir of Ord.

Ewe lambs (294) sold to £72 gross for a pen from Borlum Farm, Fort Augustus.

Feeding ewes (101) averaged £39.08 and sold to £64 gross for Cheviot ewes from Achscrabster Farm, Thurso.

Feeding sheep (53) sold to £39.50 gross for a Mule wedder from Lower Gartally, Lewiston.

Rams (20) sold to £360 gross for a Texel from Glebe Farm, Allarburn.

The HISHA Accredited dispersal of the Glen Gloy Blackface flock sold at extreme rates. All other classes met a highly satisfactory demand.+

Leading prices per head

Blackface ewes – Glen Gloy Farms Ltd, £89; Balmaglaister, Spean Bridge, £64.

Blackface gimmers – Glen Gloy Farms Ltd, £90; 19 Holmisdale, Isle of Skye, £68.

Blackface ewe lambs – Auchnafearn, Grantown on Spey, £57; 5/6 Sheader, Isle of Skye, £56.

Correct ewes: Mule – Galcantray Farm, £125; **CHM** – Glebe Farm, £86; **TexX** – Glebe Farm, £82; **SuffX** – Bogburn Farm, Duncanston, £74; **Chev** – Glebe Farm, £70; **Cross** – Lower Arbol Farm, Tain, £64; **Lleyn** – Corrimony, £50.

Gimmers: BFL – Broomhill Farm, £100; **Chev** – Aberchalder, £85; **Lleyn** – Corrimony, £80.

Ewe lambs: SuffX – Mountrich Farm, Dingwall, £71; **Mule** – Culbin Farm, Dingwall, £68.

Feeding ewes: SuffX – Bogburn Farm, £51; **Mule** – 5 Tomich, Beauly, £50.50; **Cross** – Drynie Farm, Dingwall, £44; **BFL** – 5 Tomich, £44; **Chev** – Calrossie Mains, Nigg, £42; **Lleyn** – Corrimony, £41.50.

Rams: Tex – Glebe Farm, £220; **Suff** – Glebe Farm, £110.

Dingwall, Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd., (October, 9th) sold 116 Blackface rams at their PK Nutrition sponsored show and sale.

The judge, Mr I. Macpherson, Stallions Field, Daviot, awarded the champion to a shearling ram from Messrs K. & J. Matheson, Milton of Aberarder, Dores, realising £1100 to Mr D. Mackenzie, The Retreat, Kildary. The reserve champion, a shearling also from Milton of Aberarder, realised £650, to Mr D. Macdonald, 9 Clachan, Isle of Skye.

78 shearlings averaged £363.46 and sold to £1,400 gross from Messrs C & I MacIntyre, Lower Nuide Farm Cottage to Mr M. Morrison, 17 Habost, Ness, Isle of Lewis.

27 aged rams averaged £227.41 and sold to £450 gross for a three shear from Blackford Farm, Croy.

11 tup lambs averaged £136.36 and sold to £480 gross from Tigh Nàjlaidh, Tomatin.

Quality rams met a strong demand.+

Leading prices per head:

Shearling rams: BF - Milton of Aberarder, £1,100; Abersky, Torness, £950, Balchraggan, Dores, £850; **Swl** – Balchraggan, £320.

Aged rams: BF – Blackford Farm, £350; Tulloch Farm, Dingwall, £320 (twice); Dalbuiack, Carrbridge, £300; **Swl** – Knockandhu, Tomatin, £420.

Ram lambs: BF – Tigh Nàjlaidh, £300; Tigh Nàjlaidh, £280.

Flock averages

Lower Nuide, £687.50 ave, £1400 top;

Milton of Aberarder, £507.85 ave, £1100 top;

Balchraggan, £402.85 ave, £850 top;

Abersky, £355.38 ave, £950 top;

Knockandhu, £350 ave, £420 top