

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, (October, 23rd) sold 524 rams at its annual show and sale off Hill Cheviots.

The overall champion was a two shear from Mid Gruinards, Ardgay, which realised £1,000 to the Achentoul Farms, Kinbrace. The reserve champion award went to a shearling from Rhifail Farms, Strathnaver, realising £4100 to Messrs A. & D. Renwick, Keppoch Farm, Dundonnell.

Shearlings (80) sold to £4,100 gross for the reserve champion from Rhifail Farms.

Two shears (314) sold to £2,800 gross from Kelsocleugh, Yetholm.

Three shears (80) sold to £1,450 gross from 22 Badluarach, Dundonnell.

Four shears (37) sold to £2,000 gross from Balnakeil, Durness.

Five shears (13) sold to £900 from Balnakeil.

% Good, strong sheep met a very keen demand whilst lesser grown sheep still made satisfactory prices. +

Leading prices per head

Shearlings – Brackside, Reay, £1,400; Rhifail Farms, and Blairbuie, Achiltibuie, £700; South Balkeith, £600. **Two shear** – Whitchesters, Hawick, £1,800; Knockendon, Dalry, £1,500; Hethpool, Wooler, £1,300. **Three shear** – Torrish Estate, £1,000; Achentoul Farms, £800; Achentoul Farms, and Hownam Grange, Kelso, £650. **Four shear** – Badanloch Estate, £900; Keppoch Farm, £800; Naddle Farm, Bampton, £550. **Five shear** – Balnakeil, £750; Elsdonburn, Wooler, £500.

Flock averages 2009

524 sold averaging £371 (2008 averaged £285 for 513 sold)

Flock	No. Sold	Top	Avg
Rhifail	11	4100	957
Hethpool	8	1300	769
Knockendon	5	1500	750
Kelsocleugh	7	2800	747
Achue	7	1150	657
Balnakeil	9	2000	633
Whitchesters	7	1800	629
Achentoul	5	800	604
22 Badluarach	8	1450	579
Brackside	6	1400	578
Mid Gruinards	10	1100	572
Humbleheugh	7	900	543
Naddle	3	550	500
Keppoch	20	900	498
67 Strathcanaird	13	1000	475
Baligill	5	650	474
Badanloch	6	900	470
Attonburn	6	850	467
South Balkeith	6	600	467
Cashlie	5	550 (thrice)	460
Torrish Estate	8	1000	459
Hillview	2	500	450
Suisgill	7	650	444
Golval	11	600	407

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (October 23rd) sold 163 rams at its second continental ram sale of the year.

Charollais (5) sold to £480 for a shearling from Whitebog, Rosemarkie.

BFL (7) sold to £650 for a shearling from Greenlands Farm, Arabella.

Suffolks (55) sold to £520 for a ram lamb from Galcantray Farm, Cawdor.

Texels (58) sold to £650 twice for shearlings from Vetigar, Tankerness.

Beltex (4) sold to £450 for a shearling from Runachloie, Gruids.

Crosses (21) sold to £450 for a Suffolk cross shearling from Stonyford, Tarland.

Lleyn (8) sold to £300 for a shearling from Todholes, Thurso.

Millenium Blue (one) sold to £200 for a shearling from Easter Aberchalder, Gorthleck.

Leading prices per head

Ram lambs: Suff – Galcantray Farm, Cawdor, £500; **Tex** – Woodside, Muir of Ord, £280; **Cross** – Mariain, Evanton, £180.

Shearlings: Suff – Strathskiach, Evanton, £500; **BFL** – Greenlands Farm, £650; **Tex** – Veltigar, £620; **Belt** – Fearn Farm, Tain, £420; **Cross** – Ruthven Farm, Kirkmichael, and Fearn Farm, £350; **Lyn** – Riverside, Tummelbridge, £280.

Two shears: Suff – Strathskiach, £380; **BFL** – 2 Balspardon Cottages, Gollanfield, £500; **Lyn** – Riverside, £180.

Aged: Char – Culnaha Cottage, Nigg, £420; **Tex** – The Cloy, Fortrose, £350.