

**DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, (October, 24<sup>th</sup>) sold 513 rams at its annual show and sale off Hill Cheviots.**

The overall champion was a two shear from Keppoch Farm, Dundonnell, Garve, which realised £500 to the judge Mr David Macdonald, Corriebheinn, Portree. The reserve champion award also went to Keppoch Farm for a two shearing.

**Shearlings (67)** sold to £800 gross from Brackside, Reay, Thurso.

**Two shears (270)** sold to £3,500 gross from Humbleheugh, Alnwick.

**Three shears (76)** sold to £1,100 gross from Kelsocleugh Farming, Yetholm.

**Four shears (29)** sold to £2,000 gross from Balnakeil, Durness

**Five shears (12)** sold to £1,200 from North Loch Naver Estate, Altnaharra.

%Demand was high for rams with good skins, length and power.+

Leading prices per head

**Shearlings** – South Balkeith, Tain, and Gilston, Heriot, £600; Gilston, £550; Rhifail Farm, Kinbrace, £500. **Two shear** – No. 67 Strathcanaid, Ullapool, £1,100; Ardchronie, Ardgay, £1,000; Clashinglash, Achue, £950. **Three shear** – Davoch, Rogart, and Hownam Grange, Kelso, £1,000; Mid Gruinards, Ardgay, £900; Badanloch Estate, Kinbrace, £700. **Four shear** – Balnakeil, £1,200; Balnakeil, £550; Knockendon Farm, Dalry, £200. **Five shear** – Balnakeil, £400; No. 67 Strathcanaid, £200.

**Flock averages 2008**

513 sold averaging £285 (2007 averaged £248 for 424 sold)

<b>Flock</b>	<b>No. Sold</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Avg</b>
Stouphill	5	3500	1180
Attadale	4	650 (twice)	636
Kelsocleugh	5	1100	600
Balnakeil	13	2000	588
Achue	6	950	565
Davoch	4	1000	525
North Lochnaver	3	1200	523
Tullochard	3	850	466
Ardchronie	5	1000	454
Mid Gruinards	5	900	450
Badanloch	9	700 (twice)	435
Brackside	4	800	425
Strathcanaid	16	1100	409
Balkeith	3	600	400
Keppoch	17	650 (twice)	398
Inverbroom	9	600	397