

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highlands Marts Ltd, (September, 8th) sold 5,239 ewe lambs and gimmers at the Highland Mule Breeders Association annual show and sale.

The gimmer judge, Mr J. C. Maclver, Wester Colfield, Forres, awarded the Challenge cup for best pen of gimmers to a pen of 20 mules from Nether Comisty, Forgue, which realised £120 to the judge. Mr A. D. Forbes, Little Kildrummie, Nairn, who judged the ewe lambs, awarded the Secretary's cup to a pen from Blackford Farm, Croy, which realised £90 to the judge.

Highland Mule gimmers (1,502) averaged £86.16 (+£24.92 on corresponding sale last year) and sold to £125 from Lochletter Farm, Drumnadrochit.

Cheviot Mule gimmers (14) sold to £98 from Dell Farm, Farr.

Highland Mule ewe lambs (3,630) averaged £55.11 (+£17.71 on the year) and sold to £90 from Blackford Farm.

Cheviot Mule ewe lambs (74) sold to £72 from Flichity Mains, Farr.

%Strong demand with quality stock selling exceptionally well.+

Leading prices per flock:

High Mule gmr – Dell Farm, (73 sold) top £120, av £109.72; Nether Comisty, Forgue, (172 sold) top £120, av £104.05; Croftdhu, Tomatin, (75 sold) top £118, av £110.16; Alvie Estate, Kingraig, (15 sold) £102, av £102; Flichity Mains, (43 sold) top £100, av £79.62; Achnabat, Torness (38 sold) top £100, av £93.84; Abersky, Torness (57 sold) top £98, av £94.12.

High Mule lamb - Abersky, (120 sold) top £85, av £56.50; Blackford Farm, (272 sold) top £90, av £62.33; Milton Farm, Aberarder, (253 sold) top £75, av £59.62; Lairgandour, Daviot, (300 sold) top £75, av £61.38; Balchraggan, Dores, (191 sold) top £72, av £53.69; Flichity Mains, (402 sold) top £72, av £57.23; Corrimony, Glen Urquhart, (55 sold) top £71, av £60.18.

Leading prices per head:

Chev mule ewe lamb – Dell Farm, £67.