

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highlands Marts Ltd, (September, 11th) sold 5,117 ewe lambs and gimmers at the Highland Mule Breeders Association annual show and sale.

The gimmer judge, Mr B. Buchan, Clinterty, New Aberdour, awarded the Challenge cup for best pen of Mule gimmers to Mrs S. Johnstone, Croftdhu, which realised £160 to Mr H. Mackellar, Craigroy, Dallas. The ewe lamb judge, Mrs S. Johnstone, Croftdhu, Ballindalloch, awarded the Secretary's cup to a pen from Mr P. Junor, Balchraggan, Dores, which realised £120 to Messrs W. S. Garson & Son, Huan, Sandwick. Show sponsored by Messrs P. K. Nutrition supplied by Highland Business Services.

Highland Mule gimmers (1,325) averaged £126.27 (- £9.98 on the corresponding sale of last year) and sold to £165 from Mountrich Farm, Dingwall.

Other breeds of gimmers (135) averaged £106.78 (-£15.02 on the corresponding year) and sold to £125 for Beltex crosses from Dell Farm, Farr.

Highland Mule ewe lambs (3,615) averaged £83.03 (- £19.64 on the year) and sold to £125 from Glebe of Deisher, Boat of Garten.

Other breeds of ewe lambs (42) averaged £81.71 (- .90p on the corresponding year) and sold to £112 for Cheviot Mules from Achnabat, Dores.

"Top lots of gimmers sold well, others meeting a selective enquiry. Strong lambs met a decent steady demand with smaller lambs looking more in buyers favour."

Leading prices per flock:

Highland Mule gmr –

Croftdhu, Tomatin (100 sold) top £160 ave £140.35;
Dalmigavie, Inverness (6 sold) top £110 ave £101.66;
Nether Comisty, Forgue (150 sold) top £150 ave £124.20;
Balchraggan, Dores (58 sold) top £115 ave £101.98;
Cawdor Estate, Cawdor (90 sold) top £110 ave £105.44;
Mountrich Farm, Dingwall (189 sold) top £165 ave £148.73;
Abersky, Torness (26 sold) top £140 ave £133.23;
Balloan, Farr (103 sold) top, £135 ave £114;
Milton of Aberarder, Dores (35 sold) top £145 ave £145;
Blackford, Croy (8 sold) top £145 ave £145;
Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck (34 sold) top £125 ave £122.05;
Achnabat, Dores (24 sold) top £125 ave £120.62;
Coxton, Cornhill (257 sold) top £160 ave £131.59;
Dell Farm, Farr (41 sold) top £115 ave £115;
Tulloch Farm, Dingwall (16 sold) top £105 ave £103.87;
Alvie Estate, Kinncraig (53 sold) top £140 ave £140.

Highland Mule ewe lamb –

Gorthleck Mains (252 sold) top £111 ave £89.76;
The Arr, Lethen (211 sold) top £108 ave £84.96;
Dalmigavie (84 sold) top £75 ave £74.21;
Abersky (120 sold) top £110 ave £86.25;
Achnabat (132 sold) top £112 ave £96.47;
Milton of Aberarder (471 sold) top £122 ave £88.42;
Balchraggan (217 sold) top £120 ave £85.15;
Blackford (191 sold) top £120 ave £96.41;
Dunachton Farm, Kinncraig (153 sold) top £58 ave £49.66;
Cawdor Estate (294 sold) top £82 ave £74.75;
Dell Farm, Farr (60 sold) top £115 ave £105;
Viewhill, Balloch (331 sold) top £125 ave £87.76;
Wester Rarichie, Tain (437 sold) top £115 ave £71.81;
Glendoe Estate, Fort Augustus (120 sold) top £90 ave £79.87;
Bochruben Farms, Torness (62 sold) top £90 ave £82.01;
Glebe of Deisher, Boat of Garten (292 sold) top £125 ave £90.96;
Tulloch Farm (193 sold) top £90 ave £75.98.