

The 2016 offering from Burnview and Lakeview was billed as the best yet and that was certainly reflected in the prices paid on the day.

Top sale price of 2,400gns was paid by Donegal breeder Liam Browne who dug deep to purchase a Birness Murray daughter out of a dam by Bailey's Invincible. This eye-catching Burnview gimmer was in-lamb to Attitude and was maternal sister to 3,000gns gimmer sold to Crewelands where she bred ram lams selling to 13,000gns.

Not far behind was a Strathbodie Jackpot gimmer belonging to the Beacom camp which fetched 2,300gns. This impressive shearling was out of a dam by Glenho The Genius and a grand dam by Strathisla Shadrach and was purchased by new breeder Andrew Moses.

Two lots were knocked down at 2,200gns. The first was a Burnview gimmer by Birness Murray in-lamb to Rookery Union Jack and it found a new home in Patrick McVerry's Tullywinney flock, Armagh.

The second lot to hit the same mark was a Lakeview gimmer by Strathbogie Jackpot and out of a dam by Glenho The Genius. It was in-lamb to Rhaeadr Rolex I and was knocked down to Beattie Pedigree Livestock.

Murray daughters were much in demand. Philip Kennedy, Armagh forked out 1,900gns to secure Lot 4 a Burnview gimmer by Shannagh Resolve and in-lamb to Attitude while Fred Smyth, Limavady paid 1,500gns for another Burnview gimmer with similar breeding lines but in-lamb to Rookery Union Jack.

Lot 6 offered by the Burnview stable found a new home with Omagh breeder Oliver McFarland. It was a Birness Bacardi daughter in-lamb to Rookery Rolls Royce and attracted considerable interest before the hammer dropped at 1,550gns.

Two other lots fetched 1,300gns. The first was a Lakeview ewe by Solwaybank Major and in-lamb to Rookery Rodeo which sold to renowned Donrho flock owner Patrick Donnelly, Antrim while the second from Burnview was the pick of the ewe lambs, a Ballycannon Attitude lamb out of a dam by Resolve, which knocked down to well-known Devon breeder Mrs. M.J. Cornish.

Lot 11 and Lot 33, two Burnview gimmers both by Bacardi, sold to J. Campbell Gorteade and H. & D. McCaughan, Ballyrock for 1,250gns & 1,220gns respectively.

Flock ewes with exceptional bloodlines were also in demand with Burnview selling a Forkins Ferrari ewe, in-lamb to Murray to D. McNally and Lakeview selling a Major ewe, in-lamb to Rolex, for 1,000gns.

In all, 14 lots changed hands for a four figure sum with the Tait camp selling 17 gimmers for an impressive average of £1,120.

In total Burnview sold 37 females, including ewe lambs, at an average of £883.59 while Lakeview sold 28 aged ewes and gimmers for an average of £708.