

Report on South of Ireland Suffolk Show & Sale at Roscrea Mart

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Delighted sellers and delighted buyers was the theme in Roscrea on Saturday last when the South of Ireland Branch of the Suffolk Sheep Society held their Premier Show and Sale at Roscrea Mart.

100% clearance on Shearling Ewes; 93 % Clearance of Ewe Lambs: 75% clearance of Ram Lambs; 67% Clearance of Shearling Rams reflected the mood of the day. Buyers from France purchased four ram lambs and a number of very impressed Northern Ireland buyers were very happy to travel to Roscrea to invest in their choice of breeding ram lamb for the coming season.

Champion of the Show was selected by Judge Jimmy Rooney "Benwiskin Flock" as AJ & JA Lucas's of the "Finnvale Flock" January born Ram lamb sired by Oakbridge Maxiumus. The judge was so impressed by this lamb that he choose to purchase him at the sale later in the afternoon. This same lamb was deemed as Male Champion and placed 1st in the open Ram Lamb Class.

Seamus Browne of the Errigal Flock came in as Reserve Champion with a late December born ram lamb sired by Lakeview Heart of Gold. This lamb also captured the Reserve Male Champion Rosette as was 1st prize winner in the Recorded Class and 2nd in the Group of Three Rams. Another Ram Lamb owned by Seamus, also sired by Lakeview Heart of Gold, was placed 2nd in the Open Ram Lamb Class.

Philip Lynch of the Glyde Flock followed up his success in the 2018 National Championships by winning the Female Championship for the second time in three years with a Rookery Rodeo sired Ewe Lamb, born in early January. This lamb won 1st prize in the Ewe Lamb Class as well as in the NSC in Kilkenny in June and sold for top female price of €1,200 gns. Philip also took 3rd prize in the open ram class with a Young Burnview the Duke sired lamb and 3rd in the Group of Three Rams; selling to Greg Rossiter.

Reserve Female Champion of the Show went to another Donegal Breeders Jeffrey & Robert Thornton of the Killyclug Flock. Their Shearling Ewe sired by Birness Bravado secured the Reserve Champion Rosette as well as 1st place in the Single Shearling Ewe Class.

**Average prices: Shearling Ewes €910.00: Ewe Lambs €605.00: Shearling Rams €700.00:
Ram Lambs €1030.00**

High Prices in €gns.

Seamus Browne €4,200 gns; €2,800gns: €2,000gns: €1,900gns; €1,000gns.

Susan O'Keeffe €3,200: €1,600gns.

John A Doherty €3,000gns: €2,600gns.

William R Wilson €2,050gns twice: €1,450gns: €1,200gns.

Thomas Cavanagh €2,000gns.

AJ & JA Lucas €2,000gns: €1,300gns.

Philip Lynch €1,200gns

Philp Byrne €1,200gns

Colin Watchorn €1,100gns twice.

Jeffrey & Robert Thornton €1,000gns

Andrew Wilson €1,000gns.

Winners

Supreme Champion of the Show: - AJ & JA Lucas

Reserve Champion of the Show: - Seamus Browne

Male Champion: - AJ & JA Lucas

Reserve Male Champion: - Seamus Browne

Female Champion: - Philip Lynch

Reserve Female Champion: - Jeffrey & Robert Thornton

Shearling Ewe Class

1st - Jeffrey & Robert Thornton

2nd - John & Esther Gahan

3rd - Michael & James O'Connell

4th - John & Esther Gahan

Ewe lamb Class

1st - Philip Lynch

2nd - Gerry Killilea

3rd - Colin Watchorn

Shearling Ram Class

1st - Alan Fitzpatrick

2nd - Kenneth Bailey

3rd - Marie Ennett

4th - Garth Graham

Ram lamb sired by Irish bred ram

1st - John Doherty

2nd - Thomas Cavanagh

3rd - Patrick O'Keefe

4th - Sean Paul McHugh

Recorded (Sheep Ireland) Class

1st - Seamus Browne

2nd - William R. Wilson

3rd - Susan O'Keeffe

4th - John A. Doherty

Novice Ram lamb

1st - Jeffrey & Robert Thornton

2nd - Jeffrey & Robert Thornton

3rd - Colin Watchorn

4th - J & James Corcoran

Open Ram Lamb Class

1st - AJ & JA Lucas

2nd - Seamus Browne

3rd - Philip Lynch

4th - Jeffrey & Robert Thornton

Group of Three Ram Lambs

1st - William R. Wilson

2nd- Seamus Browne

3rd - Philip Lynch

4th - Richard Thompson