

25,000gns top at Scottish Area Show and Sale

Trade at the Scottish Area Show and Sale at Stirling was strong for breeders lambs with eight making 10,000gns or more. Overall the sale averaged £1718 for 166 lambs sold and a clearance of 68% for 21 more lambs sold than last year's sale.

Commenting on the sale auctioneer George Purves from United Auctions said: "This year's sale offered the best quality show of lambs seen here. Stud sheep were keenly big for throughout the sale and strong bidding on the top sheep carried on right to the end of the sale. The number of lambs sold was very encouraging."

A top price of 25,000gns was paid for Myfyr Evans' fourth prize open lamb A12:15:01287. This Ardlea Arbennig son is out of FZJ:L63, a Strathisla Speed daughter. He sold in a three way split to Gary Beacom, Lakeview, Highfield Farming, Knockem, and Pat Machray, Middlemuir.

The reserve champion lamb from Dennis Taylor's Ballynacanon flock sold for the second top price of 18,000gns. This Mountford Mustang son, KKW:15:00629, stood champion ram lamb at Ballymena Show, his dam is a Birness Bacardi daughter. Gary McAdoo purchased this lamb for his Knockadoo flock in Northern Ireland.

At 14,000gns was Andrew Wilson's champion lamb DDX:15:00933. Sired by Birness Murray he is out of a dam by the former sire of the year Cairness Liam. Buying this lamb was Mark Priestley, Limestone, James Innes, Strathbogie, and Joe Stewart, Gransha.

Stephen Sufferin sold two lambs at 13,000gns, first lamb in from his Crewelands pen was PWN:15:00468. This Birness Bravado son is out of a Burnview bred dam by Sannagh Resolve that was purchased for 3000gns. He stood first in the novice lamb class and went on to sell to Chris Holmes, Rookery.

Then PWN:15:00460 made the same money, also by Birness Bravado he is out of a dam by Forkins Ferrari II. He was second at the Northern Ireland championships and fourth ram lamb at Balmoral Show. He sold in a third way split between Messrs Campbell, Thrunton, Harry Annett, Widdrington, and Helen Goldie, Harpercroft.

Three lambs traded at 10,000gns, the first to reach this price was A12:15:01270 from Myfyr Evans. By Rookery Best of the Best he is out of a Thurston Calzaghe sired ewe, this lamb was part of the winning pen of three. Patrick Donnelly bought this lamb for his Donrho flock, Ballymena.

Also making 10,000gns was the Mair family's NAI:15:00385, a Rhaeadr Red Devil son that was purchased by Ross Lawrence, Roundacre, James Young, Muirton, Graeme Christie, Balquhain and Mary-Julia Cornish, Mardle. His dam is a Forkins Figo daughter and his granddam was sold at the Deveronside reduction sale for 4300gns to Strathisla.

James Cannon had the third lamb at this price, JKA:15:02297 is an Ardlea Atomic son out of a Lakeview Empire Strikes Back sired dam. He joins George Stuart's Birness flock.

At 5500gns was Iain and Judith Barbour's FHT:15:00994, a Solwaybank Solario son out of an Ewebank Cartier sired dam. He sold to Stewart Lathangie, Pyeston, and Ronald Black, Collessie.

Gordon Troup's Scottish Area champion L25:15:00859 sold at 5000gns to Jimmy Douglas, Cairness. This lamb stood third in the open class and was first and reserve male champion at the Royal Highland Show. Sired by Rhaeadr High Roller he is out of a dam by Cairness Diamond Jubilee.

Trading at 4500gns was FHT:15:01075, a Solwaybank Solario daughter from Iain and Judith Barbour and selling to R F Holmes, Dunchideock, Exeter. He stood champion at the West and Central Club Show as well as second ram lamb at the Royal Highland Show. His dam is a Rhaeadr Rastafari daughter.

James Young sold one of his Muirton lambs at 3800gns, K14:15:01217 is a Solwaybank Pound Stretcher son out of a Deveronside Mountroyal sired dam. Buying him was Mike Davies and Sons, Safaddan.

Other leading prices:

3200gns – John Gibb's KLR:15:00014 sold to JB McVicker, Bushmills, Co Antrim

3200gns – Angus Wilson's DHD:15:00015 sold to D McCaughan, Ballyrock, Ballymoney

3000gns – R and K Wilson's THJ:15:02026 sold to P Murphy, Inch, Co Wexford

3000gns – Mr GJ Christie's PDN:15:00601 sold to A O'Keefe, Mallow, Co Cork

3000gns – Gary Beacom's JFF:15:01840 sold to Jan Rook, Belgium and Messrs Duncan, Arrochar

2600gns – PDW Taylor's KKW:15:00605 sold to Stuart Mair and Sons, Deveronside

2600gns – S and W Tait's T86:15:0818 sold to C Watson, Rasharkin, Ballymena

2500gns – James Innes' SUT:15:01243 sold to P McVerry, Carnlough, Newry

Full Show Report

Securing the overall championship at the Scottish Area Show and Sale at Stirling under judge William Tait was Andrew Wilson's DDX:15:00933 from the Castleisle flock. Coming through as winner of the open ram lamb class this Birness Murray son is out of a dam by the former sire of the year Cairness Liam, his great granddam is by the 10,000gns Glenho Giant Causeway.

Following him in to reserve was the second prize open lamb KKW:15:00629 from PDW Taylor's Ballynacanon flock. This lamb was champion ram lamb at Ballymena Show, sired by Mountford Mustang he is out of a Birness Bacardi sired dam.

Gordon Troup stood champion Scottish Area lamb with L25:15:00859, a Rhaeadr High Roller son out of a Cairness Diamond Jubilee sired dam. This lamb third in the open class and was first and reserve male champion at the Royal Highland Show.

Standing reserve in this championship was George Stuart's 1W:15:01430, a member of the second prize group of three he is by Ballynacanon Commander and out of a Meikleson Square Up sired ewe.

In the classes Antony Glaves won the QMS recorded ram lamb class with the Strathisla Stifler son M17:15:03064. He is out of a home bred ewe by Cairness Carbon.

In the novice ram lamb class it was MPW:15:00468 that stood first for Stephen Sufferin. This Birness Bravado son is out of a 3000gns dam by Shannagh Resolve that was purchased from Burnview.

Myfyr Evans' Rhaeadr lambs by Rookery Best of the Best stood top of the pen of three. The group comprised A12:15:01296, A12:15:01255 and A12:15:01270.

The elite ram lamb class was judged by Andrew Pate and taking top spot was the Mair family's NAJ:15:00399. This Roundacres Rojo son is out of a Strathisla Speed daughter, he is maternal brother to NAJ:14:0347 who was Turriff Show champion 2014 and NAJ:14:0343, first prize ewe lamb at the Royal Highland Show 2014.

Securing the red rosette in the junior young handlers class was Owen Butler. Then in the senior young handlers class David Moir stood top of the line.