

## Brisk Suffolk Sale at Stirling

For the second week in a row Suffolk breeders saw good demand for ram lambs sold at the Stirling Suffolk Sheep Society sale. The Scottish Area Show and Sale at Stirling recording 139 ram lambs sold, as trade peaked at 20,000gns and thirteen lambs made 5,000gns with an overall average of £2,131, an increase of £418 on last year.

Commenting on the sale auctioneer George Purves from United Auctions said: "This year's sale offered an excellent quality show of lambs. Stud sheep were keenly bid for throughout the sale and strong bidding on the top sheep carried on right to the end of the sale."

Meanwhile, Suffolk Sheep Society chief executive Robin McIlrath said it was great to see Suffolk breeders from across Europe in attendance with investors from Belgium, Spain, Italy and Holland giving the sale a real international feel.

The top price of 20,000gns was paid for Dennis Taylor's third prize open lamb KKW:16:00755 from his Ballynacanon flock. This Ballynacanon Discovery son is out of KKW:L47. He sold in a split to S Sufferin, Crewlands (Maghera), J Grant from Cookstown and P Grant from Newry.

The second placed lamb in the Novice Class from James C Innes Strathbogie flock (Aberdeenshire) sold for the joint second top price of 16,000gns. This Castleisle Knockout son, SUT:16:00621, was bought by Iain Barbour, Dumfreisshire (Solwaybank) and D P & R Delves, Powys (Bridgeview). John A Gibb also got 16,000gns for his Baileys Rock Solid sired lamb, KLR:16:00280 bought by Jimmy Douglas of Aberdeenshire (Cairness Flock)

At 13,000gns was Andrew Wilson's Birness Murray sired lamb DDX:16:00960. He is out of a dam by the sire Limestone To-Tal. Buying this lamb were James Young and JGS Duncan, both from Aberdeenshire.

William Tait sold six lambs in total from his Burnview pen with the Birness Murray sired ram lamb, T86:16:00976 purchased by T Irwin from Devon for his Kings flock. This sheep had won the first prize ram lamb and reserve male champion at the NI Championships, selling at 11,000gns. Mrs Cornish (Devon) purchased the reserve male champion from the previous days show, Mr Tait's also sired by Birness Murray.

Norman Robinson's Cairness Ignition sired Stirling Male Champion, 73A:16:01028 was purchased for 10,000gns by M L Evans from Keighley.

### **Other leading prices:**

8,000gns – S & W Tait's T86:16:00952 sold to Mrs M J Cornish, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

8,000gns – Myfyr A Evans A12:16:01333 sold to Denis Taylor, Coleraine.

7,000gns – S Sufferin's PWN:16:00546 sold to J J Tooze, Carnwath, Lanarkshire.

6,500gns – Philip Kennedy's NLP:16:00411 sold to J Lathangie (Fife), M Black (Fife), G Stuart (Aberdeenshire), and J Douglas (Aberdeenshire).

5,800gns – S Sufferin’s PWN:16:00505 sold to P W Poole, Battlefield, Shrewsbury.

5,320gns – S & W Tait’s T86:16:00988 sold to T Burke (Galway), E Campbell (Galway) & W Tait (Tyrone).

5,000gns – M Priestly’s KPC:16:00657 sold to Robert Jenkinson, Penrith, Cumbria.

4,500gns – D Taylor’s KKW:16:00768 sold to S Sufferin (Maghera) & J Grant (Cookstown).

**Average; 139 ram lambs £2,131 (United Auctions).**