

Press Release

Suffolk Sheep Society – Scottish Area Sale Lanark

50,000gns top for Suffolk Ram Lamb

A top price of 50,000gns, one of eleven lots selling at five-figures, set the scene at an electric Suffolk Society ram sale at Lanark, where Darragh McMenamin's Mullinvale flock led the trade with the top price. It was an excellent day all round with a 78% clearance rate (64% in 2019) and an outstanding average of £2,993 for 161 ram lambs sold (up from last years average of £2,852 for 144 ram lambs).

Suffolk Sheep Society Chief Executive Robin McIlrath said "This has been an excellent sale despite the obvious challenges facing agriculture. The sale started with a bang and kept the pace up throughout the day. I was particularly pleased that there were quality prices throughout with a good strong bottom end. This is the third year in a row that the sales average has recorded an increase which is very encouraging for the breed. It has been a difficult year for our breeders with lots of uncertainty, and it's great to see such a buoyant and positive sale on the back of some challenging months, not least with the coronavirus pandemic."

The 50,000gns (Lot 88) Mullinvale top price was a son of Plasllewelyn Pure Genius, out of a Cairness ewe by Cavanagrove Catalyst. He was knocked down to Stewart Craft for his Lakeview flock.

Next in the money list was Michael & Caolan McNally's Benedyglen flock Lot 240. This Salopian Scuderia sired ram out of a Benedyglen dam was sold for 32,000gns to Paul Delves for addition to his Powys based Bridgeview flock.

Close behind at 30,000gns, George Stuart's Lot 18 was jointly bought by L & M Liggett of Co Tyrone for their Carony flock and Darragh McMenamin from Donegal for his Mullinvale flock. This is a Salopian Scuderia sired ram lamb out of a Thurston Urastar sired Birness bred ewe.

There was then a flurry of four lambs at 26,000gns. George Stuart's Birness Lamb set the tone of the sale early on with Lot 15 and Dennis Taylor purchasing this Limestone Legacy sired ram out of a Birness bred ewe. Stewart Craft's Lakeview flock then had two at the same price both going to Darragh McMenamin's Mullinvale flock in Donegal. These ET brothers were Strathbogie Stradivarius sired rams out of a Birness bred ewe. A R Gault's Forkins' lamb, Lot 190, also went for 26,000gns. This Mullaghboy Goliath sired ram out of a Forkins ewe went to an international syndicate of Mark Priestly's Limestone flock, Llavandera Suffolks from Spain and MaCCauley Suffolks from the USA.

Next in the money list at 13,000gns were Lot 78 from S & W Tait (Burnview flock) bought by Paul Delves (Bridgeview) and Lot 151 from James C Innes (Strathbogie flock) bought by Shaun & Ruth Turkington for their Beechcrest flock in Northern Ireland.

Stephen Sufferin's Crewelands flock had two rams knocked down at 12,000gns. The first, Lot 48 was purchased by George Stuart for his Birness flock, and the second, Lot 50 went to Eamonn Duffy's Kells flock in Ireland.

Clearance 78%

Averages:

	Sold	Ave
FEMALE	5	£788
	161	£2993
OVERALL	166	£2926

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