

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, (March 2nd) sold 3,310 sheep of all classes.

Lambs (2,089) averaged £53.81 and sold to £113 for a Dorset from The Crossings, Caithness.

Store Ewes & Gimmers (844) averaged £48.73 and sold to £270 for a pair of Blackfaces from Balgowan, Laggan.

Breeding Ewes (56) averaged £164.25 and sold to £380 for a pen of Cheviots from 185 Migdale, Bonar Bridge.

In Lamb Ewes (154) sold to £150 for a pen of Cheviots from Nottingham Mains, Latheron and a pen of Herdwicks from Lower Farley Farm, Kilmorack.

Rams & Feeding Sheep (116) averaged £52.98 and sold to £140 for a Texel Ram from 69 North Shawbost, Isle of Lewis.

Leading prices per head:

Lambs: Tex – The Crossings, £110 & £94; **TexX** – Kinnahaird, Contin, £96, Glentruim Farm, Inverness, £94, Drynie Farm, Dingwall, £94, Fearn Farm, Tain, £92 & £78, East Croft Roy, Inverness, £89, Skinnnet, Halkirk, £87, £85 (Thrice), £80 & £77, Achnagairn, Kirkhill, £80, The Crossings, £79, Culligran, Cupar, £77, East Kirk, Wick, £76, Lochbuie, Newtonmore, £76; **Chev** – Strathvaich Farms, £96, Ivy Cottage, Achentoul, £92, 177 Trantlemore, Halladale, £90, £82 & £78, Badanloch Estate, Beauly, £86, 30 Big Sand, Gairloch, £77; **SuffX** – Culligran, £96 & £73 (Twice), The Crossings, £90 & £79, East Kirk, £90, Broombank, Tain, £71, Foxhole, Kiltarlity, £70, Bogburn Farm, Duncanston, £70; **ZwbX** – Inverhavon Croft, Newtonmore, £94, Drumancroy, Portmahomack, £78 & £65; **BeltX** – Drummond Farm, Evanton, £83 & £68; **CharX** – Skinnnet, £80; **Suff** – 12 Loanickiem, Kiltarlity, £75; **Mule** – Gaich Farm, Dulnain Bridge, £74 & £70, Cawdor Estate, £72, The Crossings, £70; **BF** – Gaich Farms, £70, Bogburn Farm, £69, 8 Drynie Park, Muir of Ord, £66, Drynie Farm, £64.

Ewes: Tex – Kinnahaird, £132; **Suff** – Clachan Farm, £125; **Zwb** – Invernahavon, Newtonmore, £110 & £85; **TexX** – Kinnahaird, £110, 5C Balnabeen, Conon Bridge, £105 & £88, Dell Farm, Farr £102 & £86; **Dst** – The Crossings, £104; **Chev** – 5C Balnabeen, £93, 177 Trantlemore, £86, 13 Cross Skigersta Road, Isle of Lewis, £84, Wester Fearn, Ardgay, £84, Inverbroom, £80; **Mule** – Tulloch Farm, Dingwall, £90, Dell Farm, £81; **BF** – Greenwood, Laggan, £90; **Lly** – Cadbollmount, Fearn, £89.

Breeding Ewes: Chev – 185 Midgale, £360 & £300, 84 Tomich, £170 & £150, The Square, Inverinate, £125.

In Lamb Ewes:

Chev – 1 Eyre, Isle of Skye, £140, Nottingham Mains, £120; **Hdw** – Lower Farley Farm, £150, £140, £120 (Thrice), £115 (Twice), £110 & £100.

Rams & Feeding Sheep:

Chev Ram – Badanloch Estate, £115 & £94, 4 Park, Barvas, £96, 177 Trantlemore, £88 & £81, 12 Bualnaluib, £86, 30 Big Sand, £80; **SuffX Ram** – Drynie Farm, £110, Caberfeidh House, Leverburgh, £110; **Char Ram** – Dunlichity Farm, Farr, £106; **ABF Ram** – Fearn Farm, £95; **KH Ram** – The Crossings, £90; **Zwb Ram** – 7 Ferrindonald, Sleat, £90; **BF Ram** – 30 Big Sand, £84, Drynie Farm, £82; **BeltX Wdr** – 177 Trantlemore, £92; **TexX Wdr** – East Croft Roy, £80; **Chev Rig** – 177 Trantlemore, £98.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, (March 2nd) sold 29 Blackface & Cheviot females.

In Lamb Blackface Gimmers (4) sold to £1,000 from Mr T. Muirhead, Orchilmore, Blair Atholl.

In Lamb Blackface Ewes (6) sold to £1,800 from Mr W. A. MacFarlane, Drumgrange, Patna.

In Lamb Cheviot Ewes (7) sold to £1,300 from Welbeck Farms.

In Lamb Blue Faced Leisters (2) sold to £480 from Mr R. Flett, Crackaig Blackies, Inverness.

“Dingwall & Highland Marts held its annual “Hill Day Sale” of in-lamb Blackface and Cheviot Females. Judging proceedings of the Blackface sheep show lay in the hands of Mr B. Mackenzie, Glebe of Deisher. A small yet tremendous show for quality was presented to our judge. The Champion of the day was awarded to local shepherd Mr B. Reive with a gimmer from his Glenbow Flock. A daughter of the £3,000 Midlock scanned in lamb carrying a single to £1,500 Dyke. The judge later backed his decision by purchasing her for £500.

The Reserve Champion ticket was then tapped out to first time consigner, Perthshire raider, Mr T. Muirhead from Blair Atholl. This team of beauties from the Orchilmore Flock saw the 1 crop ewe by 85k Elmscleugh who was scanned carrying a single to a home-bred son of Blaze, cashed in at £1,000 selling to Mr D. Morrison, Dalwhyte. This stable topped at £1,200 and levelled at £1,000 per head for 4 sold and making its mark on the castle in the process.

Topping the Blackface section was a 2 crop ewe from regular Ayrshire Consigners Messrs MacFarlane, Drumgrange. This daughter of an 18k Dalchirla was scanned carrying twins to a 52k Dalblair, cashed in at a new centre record of £1,800 to Mr Morrison, Dalwhyte after a ferocious frenzy of bidding from all corners of the ring.

Overall a phenomenal trade was witnessed for both the Blackface and Cheviot sheep breeds, with averages rocketing up on the year. As in-lamb Badger-Faced Cheviot from Welbeck Farms, Ousdale Flock which was scanned carrying a single to an Inkstack Ram cashed in at £1,300 to Mr Murdo Macdonald, Achentoul Farm Cottage. “

Other prices:

BF Gimmers – Glenbow, Fortrose, £500, Crackaig Blackies, £350 & £320.

BF Ewes – Orchilmore, £1,200, £1,000 & £800, Glenbow, £380, Drumgrange, £350.

Chev Ewes – Welbeck Farms, £1,300, £400 & £350, Clachan Farm, Inverbroom, £350.

BFL Ewes – Crackaig Blackies, £350.