



WALLETS MARTS CASTLE DOUGLAS

FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2018 MULTIBREED RAM SHOW AND SALE

WALLETS Marts Castle Douglas Limited held their inaugural Multi Breed Show and Sale of Rams at Castle Douglas on Friday 21st September 2018. This new format was deemed to be a great success by both buyers and sellers. The success of the sale reflected of the trade with prices being well ahead of both sellers expectations and indeed that of many other recent sales bucking the trends of lower prices.

The 30th Annual Show and Sale of Bluefaced Leicester Rams held in conjunction with the Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Society saw the Champion tickets go to a Shearling Ram from Mr R McKie, Finniness which went on to sell for £1500. Reserve Champion was a Ram Lamb from J & A Brown, Macqueston which later sold for £1400. Top price of the day was £2500 paid to W Lockhart & Co., Culdoach for a Shearling selling to R McTurk, Barlaes. Next up at £2200 was another shearling ram, this time from J & A Brown selling to R & F Loughridge, Northern Ireland. Sale averages saw Shearling Rams level at £681.33 a rise of £108.20 or 18.5% on last year whilst Ram Lambs lifted by £54 or 10.8% to settle at £500.94.

The buoyant trade experienced by the Bluefaced Leicesters followed through on to all other breeds as well. At the show prior to the sale the judging was very ably carried out by Mr A Marchant, Clonhie Farm, Thornhill. His Suffolk Champion was a Ram lamb from J Harkness & Son, Netherhall which went on to sell for the top price in the Suffolk Section of £550. Reserve Champion was a Shearling Ram from Mr Ashley Bothwell, Smithston which later sold for £420. Suffolk Shearlings averaged £300, a rise of £52 on the year. Ram lambs averaged £302, up £75 on the year.

Taking the honours in the Texel Section was a Shearling Ram brought out and sold by Fraser McTaggart, Glen Farm, Gatehouse of Fleet which went on to gain top price on the section at £880. Reserve Champion Texel was a Ram lamb from Andrew Hiddleston, Park Farm, Shawhead which went on to sell for £400. Shearlings averaged £460 a drop of £56 whilst Ram lambs levelled at £240 back £84 on the year.

Crossbred Tups met an animated demand selling to £900 for a Beltex X Shearling from R Jardine & Son, Upper Hardland. Sale average for this section was a very respectable £490.

Leading Prices

Bluefaced Leicester Shearlings

£2500. £1000 Culdoach; £2200 Macqueston; £1500, £1100(x2) Finniness; £1400, £1100 Mains of Larg; £1200 Marr; £1200 Upper Hardland; £1000 Laggan Park; £1000(x2) Sauchrie Mains

Bluefaced Leicester Ram Lambs

£1400, £750, £720 Macqueston

Suffolk Shearlings

£500 High Drum; £480 Smithston; £380, £320, £300 Redcroft; £350, £320 Mossend; £320(x2) Spoutwells; £320 Larglea

Suffolk Lambs

£550, £420, £350, £320 Netherhall; £400 Castlehill; £380, £350, £300 Burgh Head; £280 Smithston

Texel Shearlings

£880 McTaggart, Glen; £850, £800 The Cottage, Nisbet; £750, £680, £600 Fineview; £720, £650, £620, £600 Douganhill; £680 West Glengyre; £620 Hillside

Texel Lambs

£450 Low Arkland; £400 Park Farm; £400 Townfoot, Glencaple; £400 Kilncroft;

Crossbreds

£900, £700(x2); £600(x2) Upper Hardland