

Dispersal of the Ardlea Flock of Dan Tynan

Burnview B52 was the highest priced sheep sold at the Ardlea dispersal. The main stock ram was purchased at Stirling in 2012 and was knocked down to Claude Vanwijnsberghe for his Meierie flock in Belgium. No fewer than four lots headed to Belgium.

Ewes were highly sought after by buyers from the United Kingdom, Ireland and Europe. The second lot into the ring made €5,000gns for a daughter of Cairness Kanine out of a ewe by Cairness Scholes. This ewe heads to the Northern Ireland based Crewelands flock of Stephen Sufferin.

Myfyr Evans who has purchased the highest priced Suffolk ram every sold in the United Kingdom reinforced his decision when he spent €3,800gns to purchase his mother. This ewe is out of a Cairness Golddust ram and a ewe by Cairness Save the Day. She is sold as served by the £16,000gn Burnview B52 ram which had been purchased by the Ardlea flock at Stirling earlier in the year.

Well known Suffolk breeders Stephanie and William Tait got in on the action when they spent €2,300gns to secure a Rhaeadr Rossi daughter out of a ewe by Muirensk King of Diamonds. She is sold as served by the other Ardlea stock ram Cairness Custom Made.

Rory Skerritt from Eniscorthy in Co Wexford made his presence felt when he paid €1,900gns to secure a ewe sired by Cairness Cold Play out of a ewe by Solwaybank Salute. This ewe goes back to that consistent breeder Crosemanor Commandeur. She was sold as served to Burnview B52.

The highest priced gimmer was sired by Pexhill Real Lucky and out of a Cairness Golddust ewe. She heads to the Scottish flock of William Borthwick and is in lamb to Cairness Custom Made.

Martin Butler spent €2,500gns to secure a Baileys Bacchus sired gimmer out of a Rhaeadr Rossi ewe. She is just one of the latest quality ewes to be added to the prize winning Castlewood flock that has won an array of awards in the South of Ireland over recent years.

A further two gimmers sold for €1,600gns. The first was sired by Cairness Achievement and out of a ewe by Cairness Cold Play. She sold in lamb to Burnview B52 to L&M Liggett from Northern Ireland. The second lot to realise €1,600gns was sired by Cairness Achievement and out of a Cairness Just the Best ewe. She heads to the Scottish flock of W Ingram.

The highest priced ewe lamb was paid by A&N Robinson for a lamb sired by Whitestone Footprint out of a ewe by Strathisla Sea Bird. She is the latest edition to the Benrafton flock.

Veteran breeder Ray Woolway paid €2,000gns to secure a Cairness Custom Made Sired ewe lamb out of a ewe by Cairness Cold Play.

The third highest priced ewe lamb was knocked down to Newry breeder Patrick McVerry for €1,700gns. She is sired by Cairness Custom Made and out of the Cairness Golddust dam that is the mother of Ardlea Arbennig the breed record holder that was sold for £90,000gns.

The average prices were as follows:

19 Ewes averaged €1,575
23 Gimmers averaged €1,181
21 Ewe Lambs averaged €920
13 Recipients averaged €761
1 Ram sold for €6,825