

The 5th Annual Production Sale of In Lamb Suffolk's for Annakisha/Clyda, Barrowlands, Shannagh/Castleisle Flocks was held in Blessington Mart on Saturday 1st November.

This sale was an ideal opportunity for both new and established breeders to purchase some of the best and modern bloodlines within the breed today. The excellent quality of stock on offer attracted breeders from both the North & South and it was no surprise that there was an excellent clearance of 97% and average of 650gns. Fifteen sheep make over 1000gns and there was plenty of bidding for all the sheep on offer.

The top price of the sale went to Arthur O'Keeffe for Lot 31, an outstanding gimmer who was part of Annakisha's very successful show team 2014. This gimmer was by Clyda Wishmaster and was carrying twins to Cairness Another Oscar. After brisk bidding this lot was knocked down to Delaney Family Roscommon. The same purchaser also took home Lot 50, a very stylish ewe by Rookery Classic and carrying twins to Birness Attitude for 1400gns from Susan O'Keeffe's Clyda Flock. Also from O'Keeffe's Lot 32 a Rookery Classic gimmer scanned with twins to Birness Attitude was sold to Thomas Kenny Jnr for 1100gns.

A & R Wilson achieved their highest price for an exceptional gimmer Lot 66 by Shannagh Resolve scanned in lamb to Cairness Liam. This ewe was purchased for 1400gns by new young breeders Podge & Jack Bolger for their Coolamins Flock. Another Wilson's ewe, Lot 40, an embryo gimmer, by Limestone To-Tal and in lamb to Birness Murray was purchased by Brendan & Michelle Caulifield for their newly established Drummin Flock for 1200gns. The Drumming Flock also purchased Lot 59 for 1250gns from S & S Gahan's Barrowlands Flock, this was a stylish Strathisla Speed ewe and in lamb to Cairness Hamlet. S & S Gahan also sold another Strathisla Speed three shear ewe carrying twins to Limestone Coronal for 950gns to Michael & Marie Jennings Ballygarris Flock.

Making its way back Donegal to the Bonyglen Flock of Sean Paul McHugh was a super gimmer Lot 65 by Limestone To-Tal selling for 1200gns and in lamb to Birness Murray. Sean also took home Lot 45 an Ardlea Inspiration gimmer and also in lamb to Birness Murray for 1100gns.

Also going to Donegal from Wilson pen was Lot 64 a Shannagh Resolve Gimmer costing 1000gns and in lamb to Cairness Jubilee. She went to Jonathan Lucas for his Finnvale Flock and Jonathan also purchased lot 48 for 1000gns from Susan O'Keeffe, a Cairness Gala Star Gimmer carrying twins to Birness Attitude.

Willson's also secured 1100gns for Lot 67, a Resolve Ewe in lamb to Cairness Liam sold to another young breeder John Oakman for his Lissakillen Flock, also Lot 44 a stylish gimmer by Limestone To-Tal and in lamb to Ardlea Inspiration was sold to John & Esther Gahan's Barronstown flock and Lot 43 a Cairness Sapphire Ewe carrying twins to Cairness Jubilee sold to McCormack's Altra Flock.

In conjunction with this sale was the full Dispersal Sale of Herbert Stanley's "Bawnogue Flock". With 53 years commitment to breeding excellent quality Suffolk's the support from fellow breeders and enthusiasts on the sale day was no surprise. Twenty three in-lamb second crop ewes made from 420gns to 1400gns with top price for a Burnview Top Flight ewe in lamb to Crosmanor Ard Ri selling to Seamus Browne's Errigal Flock, while 14 ewe lambs sold from 300gns to 1000gns with top price selling to Andrew Wilson's Castleisle Flock.

