

The South of Ireland Branch of The Suffolk Sheep Society celebrated the Society's 125th Anniversary at their Show and Sale which was held at Roscrea Mart on the 5th and 6th of August.

Martin Butler, Killeen Road, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath produced the Supreme Champion. This Ram lamb sired by Cairness New Approach won the Novice & Open Ram lamb classes and stood overall male Champion. He was purchased by Judge Charlie Proctor for €5000gns. The reserve champion was bred by William J. & R Wilson from Shannagh, Raphoe, Co. Donegal. This ram is a son of Stratisla Stoner and was purchased by well known Co. Tyrone breeders S&W Tait for the top price of €11,000gns. The 2nd highest price of €10,000gns was achieved by new breeder Dan Tynan for a ram lamb by Cairness Liam. The final bidder for this ram was Jimmy Douglas of Aberdeenshire. This lamb was highly sought after as he is a full brother to the £90,000gns lamb sold at Sterling the previous week.

### **Other Prize Winners**

Single Shearling Ewe: Philip Lynch Sold for €700gns to Eugene Dunne.

Ewe Lamb: Alan & Robert Stanley Sold for €900gns to Andrew Henning.

Shearling Ram: Jim Jeffery Sold for €620gns to Michael Duffy.

Group of Three Ram Lambs: Tom Bailey sold for €3,200gns; €4,000gns & €1,700gns respectively.

### **Top Averages:**

Tom Bailey averaged €2,793 for five ram lambs.

Andrew Wilson averaged €2,380 for three ram lambs

Herbert Stanley averaged €987 for five ram lambs

Eamon Duffy averaged €961 for eight ram lambs

### **Other High Prices**

Andrew Wilson €3,570

Tom Bailey €3,045

Dan Tynan €2,625

Gerry Killilea €2,250

Andrew Wilson €1,995

William Wilson €1,890

Niall Walsh €1,785

Andrew Wilson €1,575

Tom Bailey €1,575

Doherty Brothers €1,365

### **Clearance**

Shearling Ewes 83% Average price €680

Ewe Lambs 92% Average price €555

Shearling Rams 85% Average Price €533

Ram Lambs Clearance 63% average price €1,305

The night ended with the presentation of prizes, barbeque and barn dance to celebrate the 125th Anniversary. This was held in a traditional style shed at Roscrea mart. All participants enjoyed their food in a jovial atmosphere while seated on straw bales.

The next Show and Sale of Suffolk rams will be held at Roscrea Mart, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.