

Suffolk Ram Sells to €31,000gns at Roscrea

The South of Ireland Branch held their annual Premier Show & Sale at Roscrea Mart on Saturday 8 August 2015. It was an event to remember for Mr Liam McGonigle from Cloontagh, Clonmany Co. Donegal. Liam's ram lamb won The Novice Class, the Open, Male and Overall Championships. This show success which had been judged by Mr Pat Greaney was endorsed when he went on to make the top price at the sale of €31,000gns. The final bid came from Mr James Douglas and the ram heads for use in the Cairness flock, Aberdeenshire. The ram was sired by Shannagh Resolve out of a dam by Whitestone Footprint.

Second highest price of €3,500gns went to WJ&R Wilson from Donegal. This Birness Murray sired ram out of a Strathisla Speed ewe was knocked down to well known Suffolk breeder Tommy Wilson, Triplehill flock. Another ram from the same flock was sold for 3,000gns to Mr William Hennessy. This ram was also sired by Birness Murray. The Reserve Male Champion also came from this flock and sold for 2,000gns and sold to Mr John Martin. This ram was sired by Shannagh Resolve out of a Cairness Achievement ewe.

Gordon Pearson from Boherard Clough Portlaoise brought home the rosette for the Female Champion. Gordon's Ewe lamb was sired by Rookery Classic out of a ewe sired by Castlegrogan Earl. This ewe lamb sold for €1080gns to Mr Martin Herron. The second highest priced ewe lamb came from Mr Gerry Killilea and sold for €700gns

Tom & Jeff Bailey brought forward a strong pen of lambs. Arguably one of the best carcass lambs in the sale sold for €2,400gns to Mr Michael Jennings. This Baileys Rock Solid lamb out of a Cairness Crean ewe had a tremendous top and gigot. The Baileys pen also received €2,100gns and €1,900gns. The first sired by Cairness Achievement and the other by Stockton Almighty.

This year's sale was one of the biggest held by the Branch in recent years and it attracted buyers from as far away as the Netherlands. Patrick Haccou purchased a Shearling Ewe from the flock of Marie Ennett from Enniscorthy and a ewe lamb from the flock of Shaun & Seamus Gahan Co. Carlow.

Notes to Editor

Sale Averages

4 gimmers sold to average €669.38 (top price of 900gns)
7 ewe lambs sold to average €589.50 (top price of 1,080gns)
1 shearling ram sold to average €630.00 (top price of 600gns)
82 ram lambs sold to average €1,280.81 (top price of 31,000gns).

Show Results

Class 1 Single Shearling Ewe

1st O & G Deane
2nd Shaun & Seamus Gahan
3rd Shaun & Seamus Gahan

Class 2 Ewe Lamb

1st Gordon Pearson
2nd John Durcan
3rd Gerry Killilea

Class 3 Shearling Ram

1st James Jeffery & Sons
2nd Aidan Collins

Class 4 Ram Lamb sired by South of Ireland Bred Ram

1st W J & R Wilson
2nd Philip Lynch
3rd Arthur O'Keeffe

Class 5 Recorded Class

1st WJ & R Wilson
2nd Mark & Mary Grealy
3rd John A. Doherty

Class 6 Novice Ram Lamb

1st Liam McGonigle
2nd John & Ester Gahan
3rd Doherty Bros

Class 7 Open Ram Lamb Class

1st Liam McGonigle
2nd John A Doherty
3rd Seamus Browne

Class 8 Group of Three Ram Lambs

1st WJ & R Wilson
2nd Susan O'Keeffe
3rd Philip Lynch