

South of Ireland Suffolk Sheep Society

National Championships 2015 @ Athenry

Judge Steven Govin

The South of Ireland Branch of the Suffolk Sheep Society held their National Sheep Championships at Sheep 2015 in the Teagasc Centre Athenry on Saturday 20th June 2015. The event was well attended. In selecting his Supreme Champion of the Show he tapped forward Cleagh El Dorado, a shearling ram owned jointly by Eric Campbell and Trevor Burke of Tuam, Co. Galway. This exceptional Ram was purchased in 2013 at the Donegal Premier Sale where he captured overall Champion and Male Champion on the day. He is sired by Hardy Frankel out of a ewe by Glenagh Tommy.

Reserve Champion went the O'Keeffe family from Cork. This year Arthur O'Keeffe's trimmed ewe lamb sired by Rookery Classic out of a ewe by Cairness Gala Star took the Reserve Champion slot and the Female Champion Red Rosette. Arthur's Shearling Ewe was placed as Reserve Female Champion as well as 1st prize winner in the Shearling Ewe Class. This shearling was sired by Rookery Classic out of a ewe by Solway Bank Super Sensation.

Philp Lynch of the "Glyde" flock from Castlebellingham Co Louth was the proud owner of the Reserve Male Champion when his stylish ram lamb, sired by a homebred ram Glyde Goldbar. His mother was purchased at the Conveth dispersal in Scotland. Goldbar was Champion Suffolk at last year's North Eastern Breeders club show and was sold at the Premier Sale in Roscrea for €1,750gns. He was sired by the 10,000gns Cairnton the Cracker.

Results of all classes

Class 1 Shearling Ram Bred in SOI 2014

1st Arthur & Susan O'Keeffe

2nd Patrick Rossiter

3rd James Rooney

Class 2 Shearling Ram One Year & upwards

1st Eric Campbell

Class 3 Aged Ewe

1st Susan O'Keeffe

2nd Jimmy Rooney

3rd Thomas Kenny

Class 4 Shearling Ewe

1st Arthur O'Keeffe

2nd Patrick O'Keeffe

3rd Seamus Browne

Class 5 Novice Ram Lamb

1st Sean O'Connor

2nd Gabriel Conroy

3rd Anne Quirke O'Mahony

Class 6 Ram Lamb sired by Irish Bred Ram

1st Philip Lynch

2nd Susan O'Keeffe

3rd Seamus Browne

Class 7 Open Ram Lamb

1st Philip Lynch

2nd Seamus Browne

3rd Sean O'Connor

Class 8 Novice Ewe Lamb

1st Jack & Podge Bolger

2nd Eric Campbell

3rd Sean O'Connor

Class 9 Untrimmed Ewe Lamb

1st Susan O'Keeffe

2nd Philip Lynch

3rd Arthur O'Keeffe

Class 10 Trimmed Ewe Lamb

1st Arthur O'Keeffe

2nd Jack & Podge Bolger

3rd Philip Lynch

Class 11 Group of Three Mixed

1st Philip Lynch

2nd Arthur O'Keeffe

3rd Sean O'Connor

Shearling Ram and Supreme Champion

NDB:13:001 (Cleagh El Dorado) sired by Hardy Frankel out of a ewe by Glenagh Tommy

Female and Reserve Overall Champion

Trimmed Ewe Lamb from Arthur O'Keeffe

R15:15: 04767 sired by Rookery Classic out of a ewe by Cairness Gala Star