

SUFFOLK SOCIETY NATIONAL SHOW AND SALE Sponsors: Norbrook Laboratories

Dates: 20th & 21st July 2018.

Joint Auctioneers: J Straker, Chadwick & Sons, Abergavenny and Halls, Shrewsbury.

The Suffolk Sheep Society broadcast its Norbrook sponsored National Show and Sale online with over 18,000 people logging in as W H Sinnett & Sons (Stockton Flock) National Breed Reserve Champion Ram Lamb (72H:18:05251) topped the sale at 15,500gns bought by Myfyr Evans, Rhaeadr flock at Denbigh. This excellent lamb was the Male and Supreme Champion at the 2018 Royal Three Counties Show. Its dam is a Stockton ewe by Frongoy Welsh Champion (NAT:14:01628). W H Sinnett & Sons also got 4,000gns for their Stockton Last Chance sired 72H:18:05267, purchased by I & J Barbour for their Solwaybank flock. This was the last opportunity to buy a Stockton Ram Lamb at the National Sale as the flock will be dispersed on 27th October at 11.00am at Stockton Farm.

Andrew Evans (Dol-Ilys Flock) and Claire Hardman (Glanmarton) purchased J C Innes & Son's (Strathbogie Flock) Breed Champion for 11,000gns, the Redbrae Real Deal sired SUT:18:02709. The Champion's dam was a sister to the 16,000gns Sirius. Strathbogie lambs achieved an excellent average of 4,720 gns with prices of 5,600gns, 3,400gns, 2,300gns, and 1,300 gns.

Gary Beacom paid 9,000gns for the Birness Flock (G L Stuart) Limestone Legacy sired lamb, 1W:18:02325, out of the Strathisla Obama dam (1W:11:038).

Mark Priestley presented 5 ram lambs with an average of 3,450gns selling to a top price of 6,500gns for his Lakeview No Limits sired lamb out of the Strathbogie dam (SUT:14:00849) and purchased by S W Cobald for his Lavenham Flock. His next price was 5,000gns for a full brother bought by G M Owen.

M F Evans (Rhaeadr Flock) got a top price of 5,000gns for his Rhaeadr Raring To Go sired lamb (A12:18:01878). The dam is an excellent sheep by the 90,000gns Arbennig. Stephen Sufferin's Crewlands Flock also got a top price of 5,000gns for PWN:18:1058, the Ballynacannon Booty Hunter sired lamb out of a Birness Bravado sired ewe.

There were five more breeders with lambs getting 2,500gns or more for their lambs. G & F J Soulsby (Williamsgill Flock), 4,200gns for FAJ:18:00628 (sire Strathbogie Invictus), G C Beacom (Lakeview Flock) 4,000gns for JFF:18:03081 (sire Lakeview Lyphard), C J Holmes (Rookery Flock) 3,500gns for DND:18:00652 (sired by Rookery Grand Slam), M A Evans (Rhaeadr Flock), 2,600gns for A12:18:01960 and D G Jones (Frongoy Flock), 2,500gns for NAT:18:04759.

R Lawrence (Roundacre Flock) and P L:upton (Kexbeck Flock) both got 1,400gns for their Shearling Rams going to P A Smith (Peghouse Flock) and N D Howl (Normandy Flock) respectively. There were also 11 Shearling ewes presented with top price going to Samantha Thomas (Glenstone Flock) getting 1,100gns for her Burnview Hurricane sired ewe which was bought by M & H Fear of Bristol for their Felton Flock. Mrs J J Tooze (Spittal Flock) topped the ewe lamb sales with 1,200gns bought by S W Cobbald (Lavenham Flock).

Averages:

11 Shearling Ewes £584, top £1,155

9 Ewe Lambs £453, top £1,260

2 Shearling Rams Ave £1,470, top £1,470 (both got same price)

131 Ram Lambs (205 forward) Ave £1,475 , top £16,272