

The 6th Annual Production Sale of In Lamb Suffolk's for Annakisha/Clyda, Barrowlands, Shannagh/Castleisle Flocks was held in Blessington Mart on Saturday 14th November 2015.

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 785gns. Bidding was brisk and there was plenty of trade for all the sheep on offer.

Selling for 4,000gns, the top price of the sale went Lot 30 from Richard Wilson "Shannagh Flock" home of many champions and continually featuring amongst the top prizes and prices at Suffolk Premier Sales. An outstanding gimmer by Shannagh Resolve and in lamb to Birness Murray – sire of Stirling Champion 2015 who sold for 14,000gns. This excellent gimmer has future flushing potential and was one of the best ewes offered for sale from this flock. This ewe was purchased in partnership by upcoming young breeders, John Oakman, Athlone and Aeron Myles Donegal.

Second highest price went to Lot 38 from Arthur O'Keeffe "Annakisha Flock" for a stylish gimmer by Rookery Classic and in lamb to Balquhain Red Star selling for 2,500gns. This ewe was part of Annakisha's very successful show team 2015 including winning Champion Shearling Ewe at National Championships 2015, Reserve Female Champion and Reserve Female of the Year and also Supreme Champion at National Livestock Show. This ewe found a new home at John Redmonds "Redstone Flock" Co Carlow

Garth Graham from "Kirriemuir Flock" purchased Lot 20 for 1400gns from S & S Gahan's Barrowlands Flock, this was a stylish ewe by Barrowlands Hurricane and in lamb to Shannagh Benteke who is ET brother to Stirling Champion 2015.

Buyers at the sale were from a wide geographical area including NI, Donegal, Meath, Westmeath, Sligo, Limerick, Cork, Kildare Dublin, Longford, Monaghan, Carlow, Wicklow, Wexford, Mayo and Louth. While some of the purchasers were established breeders, a lot of purchases were made by new breeders and potential breeders. Prices ranged from 500gns to 4000gns.