

Kelso 2017 Show & Sale

Following the success of 2016 when we introduced the first show at the Kelso Lamb Sales, there was once again considerable interest on the eve of the sale for the show. Judge Andrew Reed (Beaconhill Flock, Devon) had a challenge picking the winners with upwards of thirty entries in both the Shearling and Lamb classes. Congratulations to S & W Tait (Burnview Flock) for winning the Breed Champion with his Ram Lamb (lot 3634). R & G Hiddleston (Irongray Flock) were runners up in the Ram Lamb Class and Reserve Breed Champion with lot 3690. In the Shearling Class, E A & L Jackson (Rugley Flock) lifted the 1st and 2nd Tickets for lots 3050 and 3060. The results were:

Lamb Class

1st & Breed Champion - S & W Tait (Burnview Flock) lot 3634

2nd & Reserve Breed Champion - R & G Hiddleston (Irongray Flock) lot 3690

3rd – G L Stuart & Son (Birness Flock) lot 3845

4th - S & G Brown (Capielaw) lot 3788

5th - R H Goldie (Harpercroft) lot 3570

Shearling Class

1st - E A & L Jackson (Rugley) lot 3050

2nd - E A & L Jackson (Rugley) lot 3060

3rd – Redhead & Watson (Brijon) lot 3110

4th - D W M Gilmour (Broomeknowe) lot 2904

5th - J H C Campbell & Sons (Thrunton) lot 2865

Sale

As the leading domestic terminal sire breed in the UK and Ireland, the Suffolk breed has dominated the ram lamb sales at Kelso, not only did G Beacom (Lakeview Flock) get the highest ram lamb price across all rings (£4,800) but Suffolks accounted for 49% of all lamb sales with 45% of the total lamb prices.

In the shearling ring, E A & L Jackson was the top performer in Ring 8, clearing 30 sheep at an average of nearly £1,080 with a top price of £4,000. Overall, the MV registered shearlings did really well this year with averages well up on 2016 (an increase of £158 from £655 in 2016 to £813). What is also interesting with the MV accredited Shearlings is that last year they were below the overall average price, but this year increased their average by quite a margin to come in well ahead of the overall average (£733). The non-accredited (Ring 14) also did well, they increased their average while selling more sheep.

There is always confusion to rings being classified as “Registered” or “Non Registered”. This is not an indication of Society membership, it simply relates to the Maedi Visna Accreditation scheme. Registered rings refer to a ring where all vendors must be in the MV scheme and Non Registered refers to a ring where breeders sell sheep that are not required to be in the MV scheme. Some members choose to sell their accredited sheep in the non-registered ring.

The sale highlights and averages were as follows:

Table 1 Ring 8 Shearling Rams from Society Members

Shearling Rams - MV Accredited Ring 8			
Name	Highest Price	No of Sheep Sold	Average
E A & L Jackson, Rugley	£4,000	30	£1,079
Peter Gray, Scrogton	£2,800	14	£1,054
Redhead & Watson, Brijon	£2,000	35	£968
T & K Bailey, Easton	£1,150	12	£950
Lilburn Estates	£1,300	19	£926
J A Park, Drinkstone	£2,800	7	£881
Mrs I M Fowlie, Essie	£1,400	23	£839
A Gray & Son, Langside	£1,100	7	£804
D W M Gilmour, Broomeknowe	£1,100	6	£780
Mrs F J Wight, Wights	£1,100	14	£778
H Annett & Sons	£1,150	9	£761
S & G Sutherland, Soutra	£1,400	24	£711
J S & J B Mauchlen, Spotsmains	£1,050	10	£705
J Hepburn & Co, Northhouse	£900	8	£681
J H C Campbell & Sons, Thrunton	£1,200	20	£675
H Martindale, Landale	£1,000	12	£653
J S Dun & Partners, Catcune	£1,100	20	£633
Messrs G Berwick & Son, Barbarafield	£550	6	£508
P & A Wilson, Spoutwells	£800	7	£507
R K Denby, Carnforth	£500	2	£475
P K & H C Dowson, Castlegrove	£500	5	£426

Table 2 Ring 10 Ram Lambs from Society Members

Ram Lambs - MV Accredited Ring 10			
Name	Highest Price	No of Sheep Sold	Average
R G Laing & Sons, Oxmuir	£1,800	1	£1,800
G Beacom, Lakeview	£4,800	20	£849
S & W Tait, Burnview	£2,500	11	£712
Lilburn Estates, Roseden	£800	3	£667

S Buckley, Sitlow	£1,200	5	£596
P Lupton, Kexbeck	£850	4	£575
S & G Brown, Capielaw	£1,200	16	£558
D W M Gilmour, Broomknowes	£1,000	7	£550
S Lathangie, Pyeston	£1,600	7	£534
P & D Reid, Conchar	£1,000	5	£510
R H Black, Collessie	£600	10	£495
M L Evans, Jubliee	£1,200	10	£491
R & G Hiddleston, Irongray	£850	8	£443
George L Stuart, Birness	£550	9	£440
Mrs H Goldie, Harpercroft	£650	11	£413
J H Christie & Sons, Westcarse	£650	10	£404
H Martindale, Landale	£600	9	£402
J G Douglas, Cairness	£1,400	12	£388
Highfield Farming, Knockem	£480	3	£360
W & H Fleming, Hallhill	£580	11	£349
G J Christie, Balquhain	£420	4	£348
J Wallace, Claycrop	£600	10	£344
R G Denby, Carnforth	£360	3	£337
P & K Brannen, Mersley	£350	2	£325
G & J Soulsby, Williamsgill	£350	4	£325

Table 3 Ring 14 Shearling Rams from Non Society Members

Shearling Rams - Non-MV Accredited Ring 14			
Name	Highest Price	No of Sheep Sold	Average
I H G Warden, Skelfhill	£3,400	5	£1,980
Mrs A Campbell, Glenrath	£1,500	12	£1,005
J Elliot, Roxburgh Mains	£2,000	31	£960
Messrs Moore & Son, Nesbit	£2,800	20	£872
W Pate & Partners, Marvingston	£1,350	18	£775
T & J Elliot, Blackhaugh	£1,200	25	£770
Mr J Herdman, Edlingham	£1,150	15	£759
R King & Sons, Gospelhall	£850	9	£713
Messrs J Warnock & Sons, Dreva	£1,150	4	£695
J O Clark, Brinkburn	£1,050	8	£686