

Northern Ireland Branch in Lamb Suffolk Female Sale

Ballymena Mart was the venue for the evening Suffolk sale of female sheep on behalf of the Northern Ireland Branch. The sale was judged by A Barclay, Blackbrae flock.

S Sufferin, Crewelands was awarded 1st prize gimmer for a Rhaeadr Ring-a-Ding sired ewe out of a Strathisla Stoner dam. She was purchased by P Grant, Newry for 1,300gns. Stephen's flock also received 1,650gns for his third place gimmer. It was sired by Burnview B52 out of a Cairness Kanine dam. The final bid came from S&W Tait, Burnview flock. The Creweland flock sold seven to average £768.

Top price at the sale went to A Gault, Forkins. This Birness Bacardi daughter out of a Cairness Kanine dam was carrying twins to Mountford Mustang. After numerous bidding she was eventually knocked down to the telephone bid of M Davies, Safadden flock from Wales. Forkins second gimmer, an ET sister to their first lot, was sold for 1,700gns to P Grant, Newry. Forkins sold 12 out of their thirteen gimmers entered to average £963.

The largest exhibitor on the evening was W Montgomery the outgoing Society President. His Smiddiehill flock brought forward 25 lots. These sold to a top for a Stockton Radar sired gimmer, out of a ewe by Muirek Dancing Brave, carrying twins to Solwaybank Inspiration.

The equal highest price for ewe lambs was paid to L&M Liggett, Carony flock. Their first two lots which were sired by Rhaeadr Vodka and out of a Conveth Royal Flush dams were bought for 2,000gns each by MJ Cornish, Devon.

Third highest priced ewe lamb came from the Benrafter flock of AJ & NAJ Robinson, Benrafter flock. This special lamb which had stood first in the ewe lamb class was sired by a Rhaeadr Rossi out of a Jubilee Jethro dam. She was purchased for 1,150gns by D McCaughan, Ballymoney.

Overall 84 sheep were presented for sale and 77 were sold representing a 92 percent clearance rate. Sixty two in lamb ewes and gimmers sold to average £569.20 and 15 ewe lambs to average £633.50