

Stirling Suffolk Sale

There was a flying trade for Suffolk rams at the Northern Area Branch sale at Stirling on Friday 27th July which left a 72 per cent clearance rate and a sale average of £2,100. The top price on the day was 28,000gns from Robbie Wilson's Strathisla flock. FNV:12:090 stood champion on the day and was sired by the 23,000gn Rookery Rooney out of a Lakeview Leeroy ewe. There was a three way split of purchasers which included Chris and Sally Holmes, Rookery flock, Geoff Biddulph, Pexhill flock and Iain and Judith Barbour, Solwaybank flock.

Next best at 20,000gns was one from George Stuart's Birness flock, 1W:12:044 (lot 164), a son of Rhaeadr Giggysy out of a dam by Rhaeadr Flash Harry. The final bidder was Patrick Donnelly, Donrho flock, Martinstown, Northern Ireland.

A son of Ardlea Arbennig, the 90,000gns breed record holder, was the last lamb in from Myfyr Evans' (lot 201). He was out of a dam by Baileys Brigadier the Second. This lamb had style and a tremendous carcass which attracted a final bid of 18,000gns from RH Wilson Strathisla on behalf of a syndicate of purchasers which included Mark Priestley, Patrick Grant and the Sufferin Family all from Northern Ireland.

The best from the Burnview flock of Stephanie and William Tait T86:12:056 sold for 16,000gns. He heads to the Irish Republic for use in the Ardlea flock of Dan Tynan and was bought by well known shepherd Pat Greaney.

Another from Birness but this time by Ardlea Champion (lot 165) then sold at 12,000gns, this was 1W:12:049, out of dam by Meikleson Square Up. He too heads to Northern Ireland as part of a syndicate which included Dennis Taylor, Alastair Gault, Derrick Farrell and Malcolm Beattie. At the same money was another from Robbie, FNV:12:136 (lot 134). This son of Forkins Figo is out of a dam by Strathisla Shadrach and was purchased by Graeme Christie, Balquhain flock.

A 10,000gns bid was enough to secure the first in the ring from Jimmy Douglas' Cairness flock. This was 33H:12:021, a son of Cairness Cyclone out of a dam by Whitestone Warrior. Irish breeders were again top bidders in a three way split which included S&W Tait, Burnview flock, W & R Wilson, Shannagh flock and Andrew Wilson, Castleisle flock.

Also at 10,000gns was one from John Gibb's Cairnton flock, KLR 12:027 (lot 219). Sired by Cairnton Eyecatcher he is out of a dam by Deveronside Speedway and goes back to Cairness Warrior. He stays in Aberdeen heading to the well known Conveth flock of Charlie and Kevin Proctor.

Just 1,000gns shy of that at 9,000gns was another Strathisla lamb, FNV:12:112 (lot 133). Another by Forkins Figo he is out of a dam by Strathisla Schumacher. This lamb heads to England for use in the Jubilee flock of Mark Evans.

Reserve championship honours were taken by Gary Beacom's lamb JFF:12:140 (lot 114) from his Lakeview flock. This one is by Cairness Cyclone, the 26,000gns National Sale champion in 2010. He is out of a dam by Strathisla Shadrach and goes

back to Baileys Barracuda and was eventually knocked down to George Stuart for 7,000gns.

A pair then traded at 5,500gns, with the first at this level being one from Robbie's pen, FNV:12:049. He was purchased by Mary-Julia Cornish for her Mardle flock. This Forkins Figo son is out of a dam by Strathisla Speed. The other at this price was from Jimmy Douglas 33H:12:048, a Whitestone Footprint son out of a dam by Cairness Achievement. He heads to the Northern Ireland flock of David Duncan at Crumlin.

Winning the recorded ram lamb class was S&W Tait's lamb T86:12:060 from the Burnview flock (lot 89). Sired by Cairness Liam he is out of a dam by Castleisle Impact and goes back to Burnview Beamer. He sold for 2,200gns. Second to him was Jim Fleming with a lamb from the Hallhill flock, 35N:12:030. This is by Forkins Favourite and out of a dam by Cairness Direct Line and sold for 800gns, while in third was Antony Glaves with his lamb M17:12:002, a Cairness Carbon son out of a dam by Tomcroft Fusion.

In the Elite Commercial ram lamb class the winner was George Stuart's lamb 1W:12:039 (lot 167) was sold for 4,200gns. He is sired by Lakeview Irish Cream and out of a dam by Cairness Bondi. Second was G J Christie's lamb from the Balquhain flock PDN 12:003 which sold for 2,30gns. This one is by Strathisla Sea Bird and out of a dam by Glenhead Golden Phoenix. Third in this class was clinched by Alistair Gault's, AOR:12:027. This is by Ardlea Alonso and out of a dam by Cairness Scholes and was sold for 2,000gns.