

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (October, 10th) sold 2,241 breeding ewes and lambs at their annual Blackface & Cross ewes, gimmers, ewe lambs sale.

Blackface ewes (957) sold to £100 gross from Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck.

Blackface gimmers (180) sold to £104 gross from Woodlands, Daviot.

Blackface ewe lambs (172) sold to £68 gross from Crubenbeg, Laggan.

Swaledale ewe lambs (35) sold to £60 gross from Crubenbeg.

Correct ewes (255) sold to £132 gross thrice for Texel crosses from Colaboll, Lairg, and Suffolk crosses from Woodside Croft, Ardersier, and The Arr, Lethen.

Gimmers (42) sold to £138 gross for Texel crosses from Woodside Croft.

Ewe lambs (210) sold to £90 gross twice for Mules from Glendoe Estate, Borlum Farm, and Tulloch Farm, Dingwall.

Store lambs (88) sold to £52 gross for Crosses from Woodside, Ardvannie (Clayton).

Feeding ewes (265) sold to £83 gross for Texels from Clune Farm, Aldourie.

Rams (22) sold to £450 gross twice for a Blue Faced Leicester ram and a Suffolk ram, both from Newton of Crathie, Ballater.

Feeding sheep (15) sold to £82 gross for Texel cross wedders from Bruach, Heights of Fodderty.

"An extremely strong demand for all classes of breeding sheep."

Other leading prices per head:

Blackface ewes – Gorthleck Mains, £88, Newton of Crathie, £72, Ousdale, Berriedale, and Tigh N'Ulaidh, Tomatin, £64.

Blackface gimmers – Newton of Crathie, £93, Ruifour, Kiltarlity, £92, Tulloch Farm, and 2 Camusterrach, Applecross, £90.

Blackface ewe lambs – Bogburn Farm, Duncanston, £67, Ousdale, £62, Higher Tullochgribban, Dulnain Bridge, £60.

Correct ewes: SuffX – Woodside Croft, £120, The Arr, £118, £108; **Cross** – Meddat, Nigg (Scott), £98, Woodside, £80; **TexX** – Colaboll, £95, Teanluick Croft, £74; **CHM** – 1 Newmore, Muir of Ord, £92; **Chev** – Meddat, £90.

Gimmers: TexX – Woodside Croft, and Colaboll, £130; **SuffX** – Woodside Croft, £130; **Mule** – Veltigar, Orkney, £110.

Ewe lambs: Mule – Aberarder Estate, £87, Borlum Farm, £80.

Feeding ewes: Chev – Clune Farm, £82, Charleston, North Kessock, £67; **TexX** – Charleston, £59; **Mule** – Cnoc An Lon, Lentrán, £57, Charleston, £53, Birchwood, Rearquhar, £50; **CHM** – 1 Newmore, £54; **BF** – 2 Camusterrach, £54, Auchnafearn, Grantown on Spey, £52.

Rams: Suff – Newton of Crathie, £380; **Tex** – Colaboll, £370, Newton of Crathie, £350; **BFL** – Newton of Crathie, £350; **Belt** – Newton of Crathie, £275; **Char** – Newton of Crathie, £240.

Dingwall, Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd., (October, 10th) sold 117 Blackface rams at their PK Nutrition sponsored show and sale.

The judge, Mr Donald Fraser, Dunain Mains, Inverness, awarded the champion to a two shear ram from Mr W. G. Macpherson, Blackford Farm, Croy, realising £2200 to the Messrs E. Fraser & Co, Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck. The reserve champion, a shearling from Messrs A. & J. Macpherson, Abersky, Torness, realised £1400, to Messrs R. Macdonald & Son, Drumgask, Laggan.

83 shearlings averaged £489.32 and sold to £1,800 gross from Mr H. Blackwood, Auldhouseburn Farm, Muirkirk.

12 aged rams averaged £533.33 and sold to £2,200 gross for a two shear from Blackford, Croy.

22 ram lambs averaged £245.91 and sold to £1,250 gross from Recltich, Dufftown.

"Quality sheep sold well."

Other leading prices per head:

Shearling rams: Abersky, £1400, £1300, Auldhouseburn, and Hillhead of Morinsh, Glenlivet, £1000, Achdregnie, Glenlivet, £900.

Aged rams: Blackford, £1200, £1000, £550.

Ram lambs: Tigh N'Ulaidh, £900, Recltich, £500, £350.

Flock averages	2014		2013	
Blackford	£1237.50 ave	£2200 top	£420.00 ave	£600 top
Auldhouseburn	£888.33 ave	£1800 top	£1066.66 ave	£1700 top
Lower Nuide Farm	£642.50 ave	£1000 top	£566.66 ave	£900 top
Abersky	£570.66 Ave	£1400 top	£470.76 ave	£1500 top
Recltich	£448.18 ave	£1250 top	-	-
Hillhead of Morinsh	£431.66 ave	£1000 top	-	-
Balchraggan	£429.16 ave	£1000 top	£406.50 ave	£1450 top
Achdregnie	£417.50 ave	£900 top	-	-
Tigh N'Ulaidh	£250 ave	£900 top	-	-