

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highlands Marts Ltd, (September, 8th) sold 4,229 ewe lambs and gimmers at the Highland Mule Breeders Association annual show and sale.

The gimmer judge, Mr L. Gunn, Caithness Livestock Breeders, Thurso, awarded the Challenge cup for best pen of Mule gimmers to Messrs G. & E. McKilligan, Coxton, Cornhill, which realised £180 to Messrs W. Ronaldson & Sons, Westerseat, Wick. The ewe lamb judge, Mr G. Mathers, Sandford Farm, Brechin, awarded the Secretary's cup to a pen from Mr W. G. Macpherson, Blackford Farm, Croy, which realised £150 to Messrs B. & S. Thomson, Brechins, South Ronaldsay.

Highland Mule gimmers (976) averaged £160.06 (+ £8.27 on the corresponding sale of last year) and sold to £185 gross from Croftdhu, Tomatin.

Other breeds of gimmers (36) averaged £121.94 and sold to £160 gross for Cheviot Mules from Croftdhu.

Highland Mule ewe lambs (3,207) averaged £110.02 (+ £11.65 on the year) and sold to £150 gross twice from Blackford Farm, Croy and Milton Farm, Aberarder.

Other breeds of ewe lambs (10) averaged £103 and sold to £105 gross for Cheviot Mules from Glebe of Deisher, Boat of Garten.

“Trade for gimmers and ewe lambs remained strong throughout.”

Leading prices per flock:

Highland Mule gmr –

Croftdhu, Tomatin, (112 sold) top £185, av £177.72;
Mountrich, Dingwall, (68 sold) top £180, av £172.94;
Coxton, Cornhill, (191 sold) top £180, av £168.95;
Coxton, (had lambs), (40 sold) top £165, av £165;
Nether Comisty, Forgue, (203 sold) top £175, av £164.90;
Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck, (32 sold) top £170, av £160.94;
Milton, (40 sold), top £165, av £159.13;
Achnabat, Torness, (20 sold) top £165, av £159;
Glebe of Deisher, Boat of Garten, (12 sold) top £150, av £150;
Balchraggan, Dores, (47 sold) top £155, av £145.64;
Alvie Estate, Kincaig, (38 sold) top £150, av £144.73;
Balloan, Farr, (80 sold) top £165, av £142.75;
Abersky, Torness, (6 sold) top £145, av £142.50;
Bochruben Farm, Torness, (4 sold) top £140, av £140;
Tulloch, Dingwall, (43 sold) top £140, av £133.48;
Glenshira Farming Partnership, (44 sold) top £130, av £122.61.

Highland Mule ewe lamb –

Milton Farm, (419 sold) top £150, av £121.92;
Glebe of Deisher, Boat of Garten, (187 sold) top £145, av £120.18;
Dell Farm, (77 sold) top £120, av £118.78;
Blackford Farm, (274 sold) top £150, av £116.26;
The Arr, (151 sold) top £125, av £114.87;
Wester Croachy, Aberarder, (104 sold) top £122, av £110.83;
Alvie Estate, (60 sold) top £110, av £110;
Abersky, Torness, (116 sold) top £128, av £109.28;
Gorthleck Mains, (224 sold) top £115, av £109.14;
Balchraggan, Dores, (192 sold) top £125, av £107.98;
Cawdor Estate, Cawdor, (164 sold) top £122, av £106.94;
Bochruben Farm, (80 sold) top £110, av £106.33;
Flichity Mains, (343 sold) top £125, av £105.34;
Tulloch Farm, (160 sold) top £112, av £103.24;
Wester Rarichie, Nigg, (473 sold) top £118, av £101.92;
Dalmigavie, Inverness, (64 sold) top £112, av £102.78;
Achnabat, Torness, (119 sold) top £110, av £96.24.