

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, (October, 30th) sold 613 rams at its annual show and sale of North County Hill Cheviots, generously sponsored by Robertson Crop Services, D. R. Alexander Trailers, and Animal Health (Highland).

The overall champion was a five shear from Messrs W. & F. Elliot Ltd, Hethpool, Wooler, realising £900 to Mr G. Hooker, Upper Poldagon, Wick. The reserve champion award went to a three shear from Mr D. Henderson, (Torrish Shepherd), Saluscraggie, Helmsdale, realising £3,000 to Messrs Suisgill Estate, Helmsdale. Mr G. Macleod, 185 Migdale, Bonar Bridge won the Animal Health Highland sponsored prize for highest Highland flock average (minimum 5 rams), selling 5 rams to average £710.

Shearlings (82) sold to £1,200 gross from 185 Migdale, (Macleod), Bonar Bridge.

Two shears (401) sold to £1,200 gross thrice from East Clyne, Brora, Woodside Farm, Yetholm, and Kelsocleugh Farming, Yetholm.

Three shears (85) sold to £3,500 gross from Gilston, Heriot.

Four shears (25) sold to £1,800 gross from Whitchesters, Hawick.

Five shears (12) sold to £900 gross from Hethpool, Wooler.

Ram lambs (10) sold to £400 gross from 1 & 2 Ose, Isle of Skye.

“With buyers from the length and breadth of the country, well bred, correct rams met a sound trade from start to finish.”

Other leading prices per head:

Shearlings – Gilston, £1000 (twice); South Balkeith, Tain, and 185 Migdale, Bonar Bridge, £800; 12 Bualnaluib, Aultbea, and 185 Migdale, £600; Proncy Farm, Dornoch, and Badcaul, Dundonnell, £550.

Two shear – Keppoch Farm, Dundonnell, £1150; Hethpool, and Clachan Farm, Lochbroom, £1100; 27 Portgower, Helmsdale, £1050; Woodside Farm, Brackside, Reay, and Armadale Farm, Thurso, £1000; Badcaul, £950; North House, Hawick, £920.

Three shear – Saluscraggie, £3000; Inkstack Farm, Thurso, £1200; Taldale, Forss, £1000; Torrish Estate, £900; Attonburn, Yetholm, Erribol, Sutherland, and Inkstack Farm, £700.

Four shear – Knockendon Farm, Dalry, and Baligill, £1700; Wood Cottage, Tobermory, £400.

Five shear – Hownam Grange, £800; Suisgill Estate, £550.

Flock averages 2015

613 sold to average £412.14 (2014 averaged £394.89 for 583 sold)

	No Sold	Top	Average
SALUSCRAGGIE	1	3000	3000.00
GILSTON	5	3500	1240.00
BALIGILL	2	1700	1100.00
INKSTACK	2	1200	950.00
ARMADALE	2	1000	875.00
KNOCKENDON	5	1700	740.00
PORTGOWER	2	1050	725.00
185 MIGDALE	5	1200	710.00
KELSOCLEUGH	7	1200	660.00
SUISGILL	8	900	656.25
HETHPOOL	9	1100	638.00
4 FLODIGARRY	2	650	625.00
WHITCHESTERS	5	1800	618.00
BRACKSIDE	7	1000	607.14
ACHENTOUL	8	900	581.25
KEPPOCH	19	1150	578.94
WOODSIDE FARM	8	1200	575.00
BALNAKEIL	7	800	557.14
SOUTH BALKEITH	6	800	525.00
THE HIRSEL	2	800	525.00
HOWNAM GRANGE	10	800	525.00
ATTONBURN	6	900	508.33
RHIFAIL	12	900	501.66
ELSDONBURN	6	800	491.66
CLYNELISH	7	650	485.71