

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts, (February, 24th) sold 1,828 sheep of all classes. Lambs (741) averaged £53.82 and sold to £84.50 gross for Cheviots from 196 The Doll, Brora.

Ewes (673) averaged £52.53 and sold to £118 gross for Bleu De' Maine crosses from Tighnahinch, Alcaig.

In-lamb gimmers & ewes (329) averaged £59.54 and sold to £85 gross twice for Cheviots from Dalnacroich, Strathconon and for Swale crosses from the reduction of the Flichity Mains flock, Aberarder.

Rams and feeding sheep (85) sold to £112 gross for a Cheviot ram from Belmaduthy, Munloch.

“Store lambs, prime and feeding ewes again met a firm enquiry. Breeding ewes looked more in buyers favour.”

Leading prices per head:

Lambs: BF – Dalmagarry Farm, Tomatin, £84; **Chev** – 9 Sasaig, Sleat, £83.50; **TexX** – 17 Englishtonmuir, Bunchrew, £82; **Lleyn** – Langal, Argyll, £78.50; **BeltX** - Dalmagarry Farm, £77; **Cross** – St Ninians Farm, Drumnadrochit, £76; **SuffX** – Achnamoine, Watten, £63.50; **Mule** - Alvie Estate, Kincaig, £49.50; **JCB** – Newhall, Balblair, £43.

Ewes: Tex - Woodend, Killearnan, £117; **TexX** – Ballicherry Farm, Balblair, £110; **SuffX** – Woodend, £107; **Suff** – Mariain, Evanton, £98; **CharX** – Ankerville, Nigg, £89; **HB** – Woodend, £81; **BDM** – Tighnahinch, £81; **Mule** – Balintraid, Invergordon, £80; **CHM** – Gaich Farm, Dulnain Bridge, £78; **Chev** – Tighnahinch, £74; **BF** – Gaich Farm, £56; **Lleyn** – Langal, £54.

In-lamb gimmers: Chev – Dalnacroich, £70; **ZwbX** – Upper Cullernie, Balloch, £68.

In-lamb ewes: BFL – Flichity Mains, £83; **Swale** – Flichity Mains, £82; **BF** – 134 West Langwell, Rogart, £78; **Chev** – Cadbollmount, Fearn, £66.

Rams & feeding sheep: BFL – Gaich Farm, £108; **Suff** – Ankerville, £90; **Chev** – Braebost Farm, Portree, £89; **TexX** – 17 Englishtonmuir, £80; **Char** – 19 Holmisdale, Glendale, £68; **Zwb** – 7 Ferrindonald, Sleat, £60; **Swale** – Gaich Farm, £60.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (February, 24th) sold 13 Blackface females at its show and sale.

Mr K. MacKinnon, Ballyvoulin, Glenfruin, judged the Blackface section and awarded his champion to the first prize in lamb gimmer from Midlock Farm, Crawford, a daughter off a homebred son of 25K Nunnerie carrying a single sired by 44K Crossflatt, realising £450 to Mr B. Reive, Glenbow, Humberston, Dingwall.

In the Blue Faced Leicester section the top price was awarded to Midlock Farm for a ewe lamb sired by 2944/E1 Bull & Cave out of a 980/C2 Howgill dam realising £850.

Averages:

Blackface – five gimmers, £390; three lambs, £116.60.

BFL – five lambs, £600.

Other leading prices:

Blackface – in lamb gimmers – Midlock Farm, £700, £300; Drumgrange, Ayrshire, £250.

Ewe lambs – Glenbow, £150.

BFL ewe lambs – Midlock Farm, £650, £550 (twice), £400.