

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, (October, 26th) sold 725 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 judges Ms Emma Bradbury, Satchells, Melrose and Mrs Joyce Campbell, Armadale, Thurso awarded the overall champion to a three shear from Messrs W. & J. Thomson, Hownam Grange Farm, Kelso, realising £2,400. The reserve champion award went to a shearling from Mr A. Campbell, Millhouse, Thurso, realising £800. Suisgill Estate, Kildonan won the Animal Health Highland sponsored prize for highest Highland flock average (minimum 5 rams), selling 12 rams to average £1,412.50.

Shearlings (127) sold to £2,400 gross twice from Rhifail Farms.

Two shears (466) sold to £3,800 gross from Hethpool, Wooler.

Three shears (99) sold to £1,700 gross from Badanloch, Kinbrace.

Four shears & Aged (33) sold to £2,400 gross from Hownam Grange Farm, Kelso.

“Well bred quality rams commanded premium prices but overall standard barely as good as last year.”

Other leading prices per head:

Shearlings – 185 Migdale, Bonar Bridge & Rhifail Farms, £1400, Allanshaws, Galasheils, £1300, £1250, £1200, Rhifail Farms, £1200, £1100, £1000, Kinaldy Farm, St Andrews, £1050, Bardnaclaven, Thurso, Rhifail Farms & Allanshaws, £900.

Two shear – Suisgill Estate, Kildonan, £3500, £2900, Kelsocleugh Farm, Yetholm, £2100, Castle of Mey, Thurso, Keppoch Farm, Dundonnell & Suisgill Estate, £2000.

Three shear – Kelsocleugh Farm, £1400, Badanloch, £1300, Taldale, Forss, £1100, Bardnaclaven Farm & Badanloch, £1000.

Four shear & Aged – 185 Migdale, £2000, Suisgill, £1200, £1000.

Flock averages 2018

725 sold to average £413.38 (2017 averaged £499.20 for 746 sold)

Address	No.	Top	Average
Suisgill	12	3500	1412.50
Rhifail	14	2400 (twice)	1114.28
Achentoul shepherd	1	1100	1100.00
Allanshaws	5	1300	1050.00
Badanloch	8	1300	937.50
Kelsocleugh	6	2100	908.33
185 Migdale	8	2000	893.75
Taldale	4	1100	862.50
Philiphaugh	9	1300	833.33
Longoe	4	2000	825.00
Hethpool	10	3800	805.00
Castle Grant	5	900 (twice)	710.00
Suisgill shepherd	2	700	700.00
Dunbeath Farms	2	700	700.00
Colony Farm	2	750	700.00
Heathmount	7	1000	692.85
Keppoch	20	2000 (twice)	650.00
Armadale	6	1000	633.33
North Lochnaver	1	600	600.00
Achnaclerach	1	600	600.00
Gillesbie Farms	4	850	587.50
Torrish shepherd	4	900	575.00
9 Balmacara	3	700	566.66
Thistle Croft	2	600	550.00
Hownam Grange	7	2400	550.00