

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highlands Marts Ltd, (September, 9th) sold 3,719 ewe lambs and gimmers at the Highland Mule Breeders Association annual show and sale.

The gimmer judge, Mr A. Coghill, Skinnet, Halkirk, awarded the Challenge Cup for best pen of Mule gimmers to Messrs D. & D. M. Leslie, Redhill, which realised £168 to Mr S. Montgomery, 30 Balallan, Isle of Lewis. The ewe lamb judge, Mr G. McKilligan, Coxton, Cornhill awarded the Secretary's Cup to a pen from Messrs K. & J. Matheson, Milton Farm, Aberarder which realised £142 to Messrs Iain G. Robertson, Lower Inchcorsie, Rothiemay.

Show sponsored by Messrs P. K. Nutrition supplied by Highland Business Services.

Highland Mule gimmers (1,018) averaged £143.03 (-£1.84 on the corresponding sale of last year) and sold to £170 from Croftdhu, Ballindalloch.

Other breeds of gimmers (44) averaged £138.41 (-£6.59 on the corresponding year) and sold to £145.00 for Cheviot Mules from Achnabat, Dores.

Highland Mule ewe lambs (2,649) averaged £85.85 (-£3.60 on the corresponding year) and sold to £142 from Milton Farm, Aberarder.

Other breeds of ewe lambs (8) averaged £72.00 (-£24.80p on the corresponding year) and sold to £72 for Charrolais crosses from Tulloch Farm, Dingwall.

"Both gimmers and ewe lambs met a steady trade from start to finish."

Leading prices per flock:

Highland Mule gmr –

Tulloch Farm, Dingwall (24 sold) top £132 ave £125.25;
Croftdhu, Tomatin (99 sold) top £170 ave £161.51;
Cawdor Estate, Cawdor (88 sold) top £145 ave £142.25;
Balchraggan, Dores (55 sold) top £160 ave £151.40;
Blackford, Croy (27 sold) top £160 ave £153.33;
Achnabat, Dores (16 sold) top £148 ave £140.75;
Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck (42 sold) top £145 ave £140;
Balloan, Farr (92 sold) top £142 ave £133;
Galcantray Farm, Cawdor (23 sold) top £165 ave £160.43;
Mountrich Farm, Dingwall (112 sold) top £160 ave £150.98;
Abersky, Torness (13 sold) top £150 ave £133.84;
Redhill Farm, Mosstowie (109 sold) top £168 ave £161.61;
Dalmigavie, Inverness (31 sold) top £115 ave £111.45;
Coxton, Cornhill (209 sold) top £160 ave £139.89;
Alvie Estate, Kincaig (51 sold) top £122 ave £118.43;
Glebe of Deisher, Boat of Garten (27 sold) top £100 ave £95.18.

Highland Mule ewe lamb –

Bochruben Farms, Torness (40 sold) top £78 ave £77;
Glebe of Deisher (241 sold) top £100 ave £82.68;
Dell Farm, Farr (39 sold) top £92 ave £88.10;
Viewhill, Culloden sold (345 sold) top £96 ave £81.97;
Abersky (136 sold) top £120 ave £85.97;
Dalmigavie (51 sold) top £79 ave £78.64;
Achnabat (148 sold) top £102 ave £98.35;
Gorthleck Mains (211 sold) top £90 ave £83.28;
Polbain House, Achiltibuie (9 sold) top £70 ave £70;
Alvie Estate (50 sold) top £74 ave £68.80;
Balchraggan (180 sold) top £99 ave £86.20;
Milton of Aberarder (483 sold) top £142 ave £92.85;
Blackford (259 sold) top £102 ave £86.89;
Tulloch Farm (160 sold) top £101 ave £84.63;
Glendoe Estate, Fort Augustus (135 sold) top £97 ave £85.29;
The Arr, Lethen (162 sold) top £105 ave £79.42.