

QUOYBRAE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (14th September 2023) sold 114 rams under the auspices of the Caithness Sheep Breeders Association and sponsored by HRN Tractors

Champion Suffolk judged by Scott Dey, Bogbeth Livestock Kemnay was a shearling from J B & L Swanson, East Murkle and sold for £2,000 J R Burgess Lower House Hillwell.

Reserve was a shearling from Angus Brims, Thuster Mains, Wick and sold for £800 to R W Innes, Stirkoke, Wick.

Champion Texel judged by Nicola Wordie, Cairnborrow Mains was a shearling from R Mackay, Clyth Mains, Wick and sold for £1,800 to R & A MacKintosh, Glengolly Farm, Thurso.

Reserve was a shearling from R Mackay, Clyth Mains and sold for £2,000 to J S Baillie & Co, Sebay Farm, Tankerness.

Champion any other Breed judged by Tracey Nicol, Balthayock Farm, Perth was a Beltex shearling from James Swanson, Framside, Thurso and sold for £800 to J MacDonald, West Brims, Thurso.

Reserve was a Dutch Spotted shearling from S Fowlie, Braeside, Mid-clythand sold for £800 to W & G Coghill, Balnahard Harpsdale.

“Caithness Ram Breeders came out in style last night smashing centre records for the Texels and Suffolks with a fantastic price of £2,000 was achieved for both, firstly by Ron Mackay, Clyth Mains, Clyth for a Texel and secondly for a Suffolk from J B & L Swanson, East Murkle, Murkle. There was an outstanding show forward which met an electric trade from start to finish with a packed ringside of buyers with many buyers going home emptied handed.”

Leading prices

Suffolk

East Murkle- £700 to Angus Leslie, Nia-roo Twice.

Thuster- £820 to D Watt, Boulcrawford; £800 three times to Graeme Bremner, Curlew, D & C Coghill, Knockdee & R W Innes, Stirkoke.

Lynegar - £1,050 to Auchentoul Estate & I Mackenzie & Co, Essich; £1,000 twice to T B Pottinger, Baillie Farm, R W Innes, Stirkoke; £900 to J & M MacDonald, Tormore.

Shop Farm- £580 to D & A Miller, Stemster; £550 to A & A Gunn, Kirkfield.

Hoy & Braal- £600 x3 to A & A Gunn, Kirkfield.

Texel

Boultach £1,000 to Clatequoy; £950 to J & M H Brims, Thuster; £850 to John Swanson, Bylbster.

Clyth Mains £1,600 to G Cormack & Son, Wester; £1,550 to JAC Campbell, Mayfield & J & J Swanson, Hillhead; £1,500 to R & A MacKintosh, Glengolly. £1,400 to J A C Campbell, Mayfield.

Cairnside £800 Twice to EA J Gunn, Rhaemullen & D Coghill & Sons, Skinnet.

Burnside, Huna £1,000 & £900 to D Coghill & Sons, Skinnet; £850 to D & G Manson, Brodieshill, Alves.

Hill of Forss £1,000 to J & J Swanson, Hillhead. £700 to Messrs D Miller, Buckies.

East Kirk £800 to Mesr D Thomson, West Watten, Firm of John Swanson Blybster, Mesr D Miller Buckies, Mesr J A Ross, Rhyne.

Bardnaclavan £1,300 to W & G Coghill, Balnahard; £1,100 twice to R J Poleson, Findlines & W & S McCarthy, Myrelandhorn.

Durran Mains £1,550 to J M & B Sutherland, Latheronwheel Mains; £1,500 to D Coghill & Sons, **Myrelandhorn**- £750 to Mesrs Swanson, Quarryside; £650 to A Mackay & Som, Strath Farm; £550 to B Bain, The Leen.

Wester- £700 to Auchentoul Farms; £650 to A Mathieson, Parkview.

Tofts of Tain- £1,000 to D Coghill & Sons, Skinnet. £550 to Watt Taylor Ltd, Philorth.

Any Other Breed

Framside (J Swanson) to £800 Top Price averaged £600 for 4.

Braeside – £800 to averaged £800 for 1.

Skirza Croft – £600 Top Price averaged £600 for 3.

Roadside- £300 to J & L Mackay, Hillhead.

Knockglass – £500 to averaged £325 for 2.

Smithy House £400 to averaged £400 for 1.

110 East Kirkatomy - £300 to averaged £300 for 1.

Leading Flock averages

Suffolk –

East Murkle Top price £2,000 average £1133.33 for 3 (£765.71 for 7 last year)

Lynegar £1,150 average £890 for 13 (£733 for 10)

Thuster Mains £820 average £734 for 5 (£707.14 for 7)

Achalone £600 Three Times average £560 for 5 (£720 for 5)

Shop Farm £580 averaged £565 for 2. (N/C)

Roadside £300 averaged £300 for 1 (N/C)

27 averaged £816.68 (£769.74 for 38)

Texel-

Clyth Mains £2,000 average £1363.64 for 11 (£1371.42 for 7)

Bardnaclavan £1,300 average £914.29 for 7 (£897 for 10)

Hill of Forss Top price £1,000 average £733.33 for 3 (£1,200 for 1)

Tofts of Tain Top Price £1,000 averaged £683.33 for 3 (N/C)

Myrelandhorn Top Price £750 averaged £620 for 5 (N/C)

Durran Mains £1,550 average £1,060 for 5 (£950 for 3)

Wester Dunnet £750 average £625.00 for 6 (£637.50 for 4)

East Kirk £800 five times average £715 for 10 (£678.57 for 7)

Burnside, Huna **£1,000 average £766.67 for 6 (£550 for 2)**

Boultach £1,000 average £692 for 10 (£588.46 for 13)

Seaview Cottage averaged £550 for 1. (N/C).

Cairnside £800 twice average £800 for 2 (£660 for 2)

70 averaged £843.14 (£819.43 for 53)

Prize List

TEXEL

MV Accredited Texel Shearling Ram

- 1st – Lot 18 - R Mackay, Clyth Mains
- 2nd – Lot 20 - R Mackay, Clyth Mains
- 3rd – Lot 66 – D J & M Allan, Durran Mains
- 4th – Lot 19 – R Mackay, Clyth Mains

Non-Accredited Texel Shearling

- 1st - Lot 134 – A Henderson, Seaview Cottages
- 2nd – Lot 136 - G Cormack & Sons, Wester
- 3rd – Lot 135 – G Cormack & Sons, Wester

Champion Texel

Lot 18 – R Mackay, Clyth Mains

Reserve Champion Texel

Lot 20 – R Mackay, Clyth Mains

SUFFOLK

MV Accredited Suffolk Shearling Ram

- 1st – Lot 87 – J B & L Swanson, East Murkle
- 2nd – Lot 94 – A Brims, Thuster Mains
- 3rd – Lot 103 – W Barnetson & Sons, Lynegar
- 4th – Lot 95 – A Brims, Thuster Mains

Non-Accredited Shearling

- 1st – Lot 148 – C & W Budge, Hoy & Braal
- 2nd – Lot 147 - C & W Budge, Hoy & Braal
- 3rd – Lot 146 – K Gunn, Shop Farm

Champion Suffolk

Lot 87 – J B & L Swanson, East Murkle

Reserve Champion Suffolk

Lot 94 – A Brims, Thuster Mains

ANY OTHER BREED

MV Accredited Any Other Breed Shearling Ram

1st – Lot 78 – J Budge, Knockglass

2nd – Lot 72 –K Mackay, East Mey

3rd – Lot 73 – S Rogers, Cogle

4th –Lot 74 – S Rogers, Cogle

MV Accredited Any Other Breed Ram Lamb

1st -Lot 79 – J Budge, Knockglass

MV Non Accredited Any Other Breed Shearling Ram

1st – Lot 169B – J Swanson, Framside

2nd – Lot 164 –S Fowlie, Braeside

3rd – Lot 163 – S Fowlie, Braeside

Champion Any Other Breed

Lot 169B – J Swanson, Framside

Reserve Champion Any Other Breed

Lot 134 – A Henderson, 2 Seaview Cottages

Pen of Three Texel Shearlings

1st – R Mackay, Clyth Mains

2nd –J Coghill, Burnside

3rd – D N Campbell & Sons, Bardnaclavan

Pen of Three Suffolk Shearlings

1st – W Barnetson & Sons, Lynegar

2nd –W Barnetson & Sons, Lynegar

3rd – J B & L Swanson, East Murkle