LERWICK, Shetland Livestock Marketing Group in conjunction with Aberdeen and Northern Marts on Wednesday 3rd^h April 2024 sold 139 head of Cattle and 616 head of all classes of sheep at is annual Spring Show & Sale.

"The Annual Spring Show and Sale held on Wednesday 3rdth April seen a good entry of 139 cattle and 616 sheep selling to record levels. The cattle entered for the show were ably judged by Mr James Morrison, Nether Blairock, Aberdeenshire. His Champion winning the Bryden Budge Memorial Trophy came to be a 424kg Limousin Cross Steer which was consigned by the Hubert Moar, Brouster, Bridge of Walls, realising £1520 and bought by the judge. Thanks to Garriock Bros Ltd for their sponsorship at the Spring Sale.

All classes of cattle were well bid for with averages up on the year, steers averaging 285 pence per kilo and heifers 274 pence per kilo. Many pens of cattle surpassing 300 pence per kilo. Top average coming from a pair of 395kg Limousin Cross steers realising 365 pence per kilo. Top gross for the sale was £1640 for a 482kg Limousin steer.

Sheep sold to an exceptional trade following the national trend, old season lambs topping at £182 for Suffolk's from Messrs Nicolson, Noss Farm, Twatt.

Thanks to SLMG staff and customers for their continued support. All the best for this year's lambing season. Ellis Mutch, Auctioneer.

Show Results

Champion – Limousin Cross Steer from Hubert Moar, Brouster, Bridge of Walls.

Reserve – Limousin Cross Heifer from Hubert Moar, Brouster, Bridge of Walls

Cattle

Steers (71) sold to 365p per kg for a pair of 395kg Limousin Crosses from Brouster, Bridge of Walls and £1640 gross for a 482kg Limousin Cross from the same home.

Heifers (63) sold to 336p per kg for Limousin Cross from Brouster and £1470 gross for a 437kg Limousin Cross from the same home.

Cast Cows (5) sold to £1100 gross.

Leading Prices Per Head - Steers

Aberdeen Angus X - £1130 Grindischool, Bressay; £1080 Hoversta, Bressay.

Beef Shorthorn X - £1565 Noss Farm, Twatt; £1250 Bigton House, Bigton; £1230 Bigton House; £1010 Setter, Bressay.

Charolais X - £1440 Bigton House; £1240 La Morlaye, Selivoe; £1010 La Morlaye.

Hereford X - £900 Boddam, Dunrossness.

Highland - £1080 Vendeshoul, Westing.

Luing X - £850, £800 Klettnahoull, Garth.

Saler X - £1115 Niaroo, Gloup; £900 Boddam.

Simmental X - £1630 Noss Farm; £1440 Braewick, Eshaness; £1130 Braewick.

Leading Prices Per Head – Heifers

Aberdeen Angus X - £1030 Garthsvale, Voe; £950 Hamar Farm, Baltasound, Braewick.

Beef Shorthorn X - £1200 Braewick; £1000 Haygreen, Cunningsburgh.

Charolais X - £1300, Bigton House, La Morlaye; £1280, £1170 Bigton House; £1160 Grindischool, Bressay.

Highland - £950 Vendeshoul.

Limousin X - £1470, £1370, £1280 Brouster; £1080, £970 Hillwell, Quendale.

Saler X - £890, £800 Boddam, Dunrossness.

Simmental X - £1450 Noss Farm; £1100 Braewick, La Morlaye; £1050 Braewick.

Sheep

Store Old Season Lambs

<u>Leading Prices –</u>

Texel - £138 Millfield, Norwick; £134 Noss Farm; £131 Djubadale, Busta; £100 Aithsetter, Cunningsburgh.

Suffolk - £182 Noss Farm; £156 Noss Farm; £155 Brake, Quendale; £136 Noss Farm; £121 Millfield; £112 Northouse, Gonfirth; £100 Millfield.

Lleyn - £168 Lower House, Hillwell.

Cheviot - £167 Lower House; £149 Annsville, Sand; £146 Pinehoulland, Walls; £136 Lower House; £113 Doonbye, Ollaberry; £106 Rockietoon, Aith; £104 La Morlaye; £100 Ernahoull, Uyeasound

Shetland - £89 Doonbye; £80 La Morlaye; £71 Annsville; £69 Hill Daeks, Walls; £68 Annsville; £60 Roadside, North Roe; £55 Northouse; £53 Hill Daeks.

Ewes and Rams

Leading Prices Ewes -

Texel - £152 Solnabrack, Wethersta; £118 Da Knowes, Twatt; £102; Brake; £100 Schiehallion, Dale of Walls, Longfield Crofts, Wiltrow.

Cheviot - £132 Lower House; £102 Bigton House; £100 Blett, Cunningsburgh.

Shetland - £66 Pouster, Effirth; £54 Ennisfirth, Sullom; £52 Da Haa, Clousta.

Leading Prices Rams -

Cheviot - £140 Ennisfirth; £132 Uphouse; £114 Roadside.

Texel - £166 Roadside; £140 Pouster; £108 Hillock, Dunrossness.

Suffolk - £158 Annsville; £148 Midfield, Ollaberry.

Shetland - £116 Solnabrack, Wethersta.