

**LERWICK, Shetland Livestock Marketing Group in conjunction with Aberdeen and Northern Marts
23rd August 2024 sold 1357 head of Sheep at their opening sale of the season.**

“At the opening sale of the season the annual pre-sale show was held with “Pen of 5 Prime Lambs and 10 Store Lamb Classes” and ably judged by Mr David Moir, Home Farm Cairness and kindly Sponsored by Harbro. Results were as follows;

Prime Lambs – 1st I & P Johnson, Da Yard, Lochend; 2nd A & K Budge, Bigton Farm, Bigton; 3rd RJ Poleson, Swinister, Ollaberry

Store Lambs – 1st RJ Poleson, Findlins Farm, Ollaberry; 2nd Uyea Ltd, North Roe; 3rd R & S Irvine, Boddam.

Thanks to our judge, sponsor, and consigners.

Overall an increased entry on year, the opening sale seen a tremendous show with lambs looking well with bloom and all classes were well bid for, majority of the sale being Suffolk and texel lambs. 628 Suffolk lambs seen an average of £115.10 (+£29.15 on the year) and then 410 Texels levelling off at £115.96 (+£32.23 on the year). Overall sale average for the entire 1357 sold was £99.82 (+£23.53 on the year). Top price lambs of the day went to the first placed prime lambs at £150 for Suffolks from I & P Johnson, Da Yard, Lochend purchased by the judge.

Leading Prices –

Lambs -

Suffolk – £150, Da Yard, Lochend; £149 Lower House, Hillwell; £148 Bigton House, Bigton; £137 Lower House; £133 Boddam, Dunrossness; £130 Springbank, Twatt; £129 Gunnister, Uyeasound; £127 Da Yard, Lower House; £124 Setter, Fair Isle; £120 Bigton House, Gilbraes, Twatt, Vindas, Laxfirth, £119 Springbank, Twatt; £118 Berry Farm, Scalloway; £117 Ringesta, Quendale, Midhouse, Northdale, Lower House.

Texel - £149 Setter; £146 Da Yard; £145 Findlins Farm, Hillswick; £144 Skerryholm, Fair Isle, Lower House, Midhouse; £140 Findlins Farm; £139 Burkle, Fair Isle; £136 Roadside, North Roe; £135 Berry Farm, Scalloway; £130 Fairhaven, Exnaboe; £129 Roadside; £127 East Gate, Lower House, East Burrafirth; £121 Skerryholm, Lower House, £120 Da Yard, Solnabrack, Wethersta.

Cheviot – £121 Lower House; £116 Lower House; £100 Findlins Farm; £99 Lower House

Shetland - £38 Voxter, Brae; £37 Voxter; £31 Voxter; £30 Voxter; £26 Breckon, Cullivoe.

Ewes, Rams & Feeders –

Texel - £220 Brekkavidur, Sandness; £136 Solnabrack; £100 Brekkavidur.

Suffolk - £192 Brekkavidur; £108 Tresta Farm.

Cheviot - £156 Solnabrack.

Shetland - £76 Moustoft, Weisdale; £72 Bonavista, Wethersta; £70 Bonavista; £69 Tresta Farm, Fetlar.