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Introduction

Lewis and Harris Auction Mart in Stornoway held their second sale of the 2013 season on Wednesday 11th September. There was a high demand for bookings for this sale with the mart running at absolute capacity on the day. A total of 4152 sheep and lambs were sold.

The sale, held in conjunction with Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., saw the auction of 3466 store lambs and 683 feeding sheep. All classes of lambs and sheep sold extremely well, with quality stock meeting a strong demand. Although there was a small decrease in the average price on last year, this was a little less than the fall seen at some other centres, and is indicative of the price trend for lamb nationally.

Average lamb prices saw a decrease of £1.93 on 2012 and the top sale price was £66.00 for crosses from Garrabost. Sheep sold to £90.00 for blackface gimmers from Hacklett, Uig.

Sale Summary and Comparisons:

Year	Total Lambs Sold	Top Lamb Price	Average Lamb Price	Total Sheep Sold	Top Sheep Price
Sep 2013	3466	£66.00	£36.47	683	£90.00
Sep 2012	3248	£71.00	£38.40	693	£79.00
Sep 2011	3221	£66.00	£35.35	654	£75.00
Sep 2010	3680	£68.00	£38.64	324	£48.00
Sep 2009	3964	£60.50	£32.64	317	£70.00

Top lamb prices by breed:

- Cheviot lambs

£61.00 from 27 Melbost

£58.00 from Water's Edge, Braighe Road

£54.00 from 7 Ivorhill

- Texel lambs

£62.00 from 9A Ranish

- Texel cross lambs

£62.00 from 8 Sand Street, Stornoway

£54.50 from 2A Back

£54.00 from 34 Lower Barvas

- Cross lambs

£66.00 from 32 Garrabost, Point

£65.00 from 45 Arnol

£55.00 from 15 Macqueen Street, Tarbert

£54.50 from 16 Aridhvuich

- Suffolk cross lambs

£62.00 from 9 Coll, Back

£58.00 from 25 Lower Shader

£57.00 from 32 Garrabost, Point

- Suffolk lambs

£58.00 from 11 Upper Barvas

£57.00 from 17 Laxay, Lochs

£51.50 from 46 Balallan

Top sheep prices by breed:

- Cross Gimmers

£88.00 from 8 Swainbost, Ness

£80.00 from 7 Hacklett

£68.00 from 3 Cliasmol

- Cheviot Gimmers

£85.00 from 7 Hacklett

- Blackface Gimmers

£90.00 from 7 Hacklett

£75.00 from 7 Hacklett

£52.00 from 22 New Tolsta

- Texel Cross Ewes

£69.00 from 38 South Galson

- Texel Ewes

£59.00 from 38 Lower Barvas

- Cheviot Ewes

£59.00 from 429 Flesherin

£49.00 from 14 Knock

- Cross Ewes

£54.50 from 10A Holm

£53.00 from 8 Swainbost