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Lewis and Harris Auction Mart in Stornoway held their first sale of the 2012 season on Wednesday 22nd August.

The sale, held in conjunction with Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., saw the auction of 2983 store lambs and 113 feeding sheep. All classes of lambs and sheep were shown very well and met very good demand. The overall average price showed an increase of 83p on the sale last year and the top lamb price of £65.50 was received by Kevin Macdonald, 9 Coll, Back.

Sale Summary and Comparisons:

| | Aug 2012 | Aug 2011 | Aug 2010 | Aug 2009 |
|-----------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Lambs Sold | 2983 | 3434 (-451) | 2636 (+347) | 2085 (+898) |
| Top Lamb Price | £65.50 | £63.00 (+£2.50) | £60.50 (+£5.00) | £55.00 (+£10.50) |
| Avg Lamb Price | £44.27 | £43.44 (+£0.83) | £42.31 (+£1.96) | £31.00 (+£13.27) |
| Sheep Sold | 113 | 74 (+39) | 46 (+67) | 130 (-17) |
| Top Sheep Price | £48.00 | £58.00 (-£10.00) | £41.00 (+£7.00) | £68.00 (-£20.00) |

* Data shown in brackets indicate how the 2012 figures compare with previous years.

Leading prices and breed averages were as follows:

- Cheviot lambs (353 sold)

Averaged £43.49 and sold to £58.00 from 7 Ivorhill, Stornoway.

- Texel crosses (250 sold)

Averaged £49.24 and sold to £65.50 from 9 Coll, Back.

- Suffolk crosses (485 sold)

Averaged £50.99 and sold to £59.00 from Stoneyfield Cottage, Stornoway.

- Blackface lambs (773 sold)

Averaged £31.30 and sold to £53.00 from Glebe Farm, Upper Barvas

- Cross lambs (1122 sold)

Averaged £36.92 and sold to £54.00 for Crosses from 7 North Bragar.

- Feeding sheep (74 sold)

Sold to £48.00 from 58 Balallan, Lochs.

Other leading prices per head:

Stornoway:

- **Cheviot** – 5 East Street, Sandwick, £56.00;
- **Suffolk Cross** – 5 East Street, Sandwick, £57.00;
- **Cross** – 8 Sand Street, £53.00.

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- **Blackface** – 7 Hacklete, £38.50;
- **Cross** – 17 Carishader, £39.50.

Harris:

- **Cheviot** – Atlantic View, Bunnaveadar, £40.00;
- **Suffolk Cross** – Atlantic View, Bunnaveadar, £54.00;
- **Blackface** – 1 Horgabost, £48.00;
- **Cross** – 2A Maraig, £44.00.

Westside:

- **Cheviot** – 8 Dalmore, £44.00;
- **Texel Cross** – 12 Doune, Carloway, £55.00;
- **Suffolk Cross** – Cloverdale, 25 Lower Barvas, £58.00;
- **Blackface** – 23 Doune, Carloway, £47.00;
- **Cross** – Sheishal, Park Barvas, £50.00.

Lochs:

- **Cheviot** – 24 Laxay, £56.00;
- **Texel Cross** – 5B Airidhvruich, £52.50;
- **Blackface** – 78B Balallan, £43.00;
- **Suffolk Cross** – 6 Habost, £57.50.
- **Cross** – 10 Kershader, £53.00.

Point:

- **Cheviot** – 32 Garrabost, £56.00;
- **Blackface** – 15A Sheshader, £47.50;
- **Suffolk Cross** – 32 Garrabost, £57.50;
- **Cross** – 6 Shulishader, £50.00.

Ness:

- **Texel Cross** – 38 South Galson, £63.50 and £55.00;
- **Suffolk Cross** – 43 Habost, £57.50.

Back:

- **Cheviot** – 47 Back, £46.50;
- **Suffolk Cross** – 9 Back, £57.00;
- **Blackface** – 15 Vatisker, £38.50;
- **Cross** – 22 New Tolsta, £40.00.

Sale data kindly provided by Dingwall & Highland Marts LTD

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Wednesday 12th September (Lambs & Sheep)

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