



# Lewis & Harris Auction Mart

Stornoway - Isle of Lewis

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## SALE REPORT

WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 2019

Lewis and Harris Auction Mart held its first sale of the 2019 season on Wednesday 26th August.

The sale, held in conjunction with our partners at Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., saw unusually high demand for place for the first sale of the season, resulting in the auction of 3986 store lambs and sheep of all categories. This was a record number for our August sale. Good quality and well presented lambs saw good demand and overall prices were up on the equivalent sale last year. There was a significant reduction in the number of cheviot lambs presented for sale and a notable increase in suffolk cross lambs and mixed crosses.

Two prime texel lambs were sold by 4 Park, Barvas to raise funds for Ronald Macdonald House. Both lambs achieved £100 and were bought by J Errington and B Duffton. Dingwall Mart also waived commission on the sale so a total of £200 will be donated to this worthy cause.

### Leading Prices by Breed:

#### CHEVIOT LAMBS

There was a notable drop in the number of cheviot lambs presented at this sale compared to the equivalent sale last year, falling from 1191 to 381 this year. Prices were stronger though, with cheviot lambs averaging £43.53. They sold to a high of £55.50 from 8B Shader Point.

#### *Leading prices for cheviot lambs:*

- £55.50 from 8B Shader, Point
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- £51.00 from 30 Gravir, Lochs
- £50.50 from 18 Leurbost, Lochs
- £50.50 from 2B Back
- £50.00 from 13 Cross Skigersta, Ness
- £49.50 from 25 Garrabost, Point
- £48.00 from 47A Back
- £47.00 from 14 Gravir and 13 Cross Skigersta

#### BLACKFACE LAMBS

Numbers of blackface lambs sold in August remained steady with a total of 1401 lambs sold, representing 35% of all stock sold. The top blackface lamb price on the day was £50.00 from 6 Valtos, Uig and the breed average was £29.80

*Leading prices for blackface lambs:*

- £50.00 from 6 Valtos, Uig
- £46.00 from 2 Scaladale, Harris and 7b Shader, Point
- £43.50 from 34 Upper Bayble and 7b Shader, Point
- £41.00 from 15 Vatisker, Back and 15 Northton
- £40.00 from 5b Arivruaich
- £39.50 from 17 Northton, Harris and 25 Lower Barvas
- £39.00 from 1 Vatisker, Back and 9 Broadway View, Back
- £38.50 from 7 Garyvard, Lochs
- £38.00 from 3 Ardhasaig, Harris and 50 Garrabost, Point
- £37.00 from 14 Sheshader, Point, 15 Northton, Harris and 6 Valtos, Uig

### **TEXEL CROSS LAMBS**

A good number of texel crosses were presented for sale and prices were strong. The breed averaged £52.73 and the top price was £65.00, achieved for lambs from 20 Ranish.

*Leading prices for Texel Cross lambs:*

- £65.00 from 20 Ranish, Lochs
- £56.00 from 2a Back
- £55.00 from 47a Back, 30 Gravir, Lochs and 34 New Shawbost
- £52.00 from 15 Vatisker, Back
- £51.50 from 34 New Shawbost
- £49.50 from 30 Gravir, Lochs
- £47.00 from 1 Lionel, Ness

### **SUFFOLK PURE BRED AND CROSS LAMBS**

There was an increase in the number of suffolks presented for sale this year and prices held up well, achieving higher average and top prices than last year. The breed average was £51.54 and the top price was £69.00 for pure bred lambs from Anerley Cottage, 9 Back

*Leading prices for Suffolk Pure Bred and Cross lambs:*

- £69.00 from 9 Back (Pure bred)
- £64.00 from 13 Upper Barvas (Crosses)
- £62.00 from 30 Gravir (Crosses)
- £61.50 from 6 Portvoller, Point (Crosses)
- £58.00 from 2a Back (Crosses)
- £57.00 from 13 Upper Barvas and 30 Gravir (Crosses)
- £53.50 from 5 East Street (Crosses)
- £53.00 from 29 Flesherin, Point (Pure bred)
- £51.00 from 25 Lower Barvas (Crosses)

### **MIXED CROSS LAMBS**

There was a considerable increase in the number of mixed crosses presented for sale this year, up from 521 in 2018 to 1356 in 2019. The average for this class was up over £5.00 on last year to £39.33 and the top price was up £8.50 to £61.00.

*Leading prices for Cross lambs:*

- £61.00 from 9 Back
- £60.50 from 10a Portvoller, Point
- £57.00 from 5b Arivruaich and 11 Garyvard

- £56.50 from 10a Portvoller, Point
- £55.00 from 8a New Garrabost, Point
- £54.50 from 6 Habost, Lochs and 20 Ranish, Lochs
- £54.00 from 29 Flesherin, Point; 20 Ranish, Lochs and 9 Back.
- £53.00 from 38 Lower Barvas, 30 Gravir, Lochs
- £52.50 from 29 Flesherin, Point and 13 Crossbost, Lochs
- £51.50 from 9a Ranish, Lochs; 11 Garyvard, Lochs and 11 Portvoller, Point

### **SHEEP CLASSES**

As well as the large number of lambs sold on the day, 243 breeding and cast ewes and rams were sold, including:

- Cheviot ewes (34), gimmers (5) and rams (1)
- Blackface ewes (138), gimmers (5) and wedders (1)
- Cross ewes (37), gimmers (8), wedders (1) and rams (1)
- Texel rams (2)
- Suffolk ewes (1)

*Leading prices for Sheep Classes:*

- £54.00 for a texel ram from 7 North Bragar
- £50.00 for a suffolk ewe from 7 North Bragar
- £42.00 for cheviot ewes from 13 Cross Skigersta
- £41.00 for cheviot ewes from 9 Back
- £38.00 for cross ewes from Blackhill, Lochs Road
- £36.00 for a cheviot ram from Croit nan Sithe, Ardmoil, Uig
- £35.00 for a texel ram from 9 Crossbost, Lochs
- £34.00 for a blackface wedder from 4 Maraig, Harris
- £30.00 for cheviot gimmers from Croit nan Sithe, Ardmoil, Uig
- £30.00 for a cross wedder from 17b Leachkin, Harris
- £30.00 for a cross ram from Blackhill, Lochs Road
- £29.00 for a blackface gimmer from Croit nan Sithe, Ardmoil, Uig
- £25.00 for cross ewes from 9a Ranish, Lochs
- £24.50 for cross ewes from 25 Lower Bayble, Point and Croit nan Sithe, Ardmoil, Uig
- £23.00 for blackface ewes from 9 Broadway View, Back

*Sale data kindly provided by Dingwall & Highland Marts LTD*