

HIGH DEMAND FOR QUALITY STOCK AT DSSUK SALE AT CARLISLE MART RESULTS IN A NEW BREED RECORD

This year's premier Carlisle sale of Dutch Spotted sheep, sold by H & H on behalf of the members of DSSUK, reached beyond all expectations. With membership of the Society climbing all the time, members were keen to bid on a very good show of sheep and competition for the top lots was fierce.

100% of females sold with 3 Aged Ewes averaging £1488; 13 Shearling ewes averaging £2827 and 51 ewe lambs averaging £1943.

A good show of rams saw a more selective trade, with quality stock selling to a premium. 2 Aged rams averaged £2835; 23 Shearling rams averaged £1161.84 and 43 Ram Lambs averaged 864.66.

The females led the way, with the top price of the day and a new breed record, when Merryboro Coco, a shearling ewe from Thomas Nash's Merryboro Flock, from Haverford West, sold for 6.500gns to Nigel Lofthouse, Harrogate. She is by Gallowhill, Balblair and is a half-sister to the flock's stock ram Merryboro Cracker. Adam Neachell's Cromwell flock took the next highest price, when he sold his first of two shearling ewes, Cromwell Channel for 6000gns to William & Liz McAllister, Kells, Ballymena. Channel is by Bullseye and out of an imported ewe.

Thomas Nash also headed the ewe lamb trade, when he sold Merryboro Demi for 4000gns to A & R A Middleton, from Carnforth, Lancs. Again, by the stock ram Cracker and out of an imported ewe. which sold for 2400gns to Coulston Livestock in December 2019. The other lamb in this outstanding pen, made 3500gns and the next top price. Another Cracker daughter, Merryboro Dottie, out of one of his favourite ewes, sold to Jack Simpson, Stoney Middleton, Hopevalley, Derbyshire.

The first female in the ring, Gallowhill Candice, from Penny Troup, Inverurie, set the trade off, when she made 3200gns to Messrs Brown and Mason, Clapham, Lancs. This stylish shearling gimmer is by the homebred Gallowhill Balvenie and out of an imported ewe.

A very good pen of ewe lambs from Robert Barber-Fleming's Threve View flock, from Castle Douglas, saw one of the highest averages of the day. When his three lambs averaged 1666gns. All bred by Damson Bailey, the top price ram at the society sale in 2018, he had proved his worth. Robert's leader was his first lamb in, Threve View Dora, who sold to Andrew & Laura Beattie, Carlaustan, Stirling, for 3000gns. Mr Beattie had previously bought Graeme Jackson's number one lamb, Mount Pleasant Dasher, by Mount Pleasant Cracker for 2800gns.

The last pen of the day from Liam Campbell's flock saw his outstanding pen of females take the top average for 11 sold of 2,118gns. Glencoy Delight, from his Ballymena-based flock, sold to Messrs Roberts, Kenley, Shrewsbury for 3000gns. She is out of an imported dam and is by Challoch Bearskin, which has bred daughters to £2800. Next in was Glencoy Dancing Queen, by the same sire, realised 2600gns to Messrs Jacobson, Inverbervie. Bearskin had already bred females to 2,800gns earlier in the year. Megan Rowlandson, who had a good sale with her own sheep, paid 2700gns for the first ewe lamb in the ring from Hayley's Clarke's, Williams Flock. Delilah is by Tiptop Aero, a son of Tiptop Hannah, Ali Jackson's top prize-winning ewe. Robert Barbour-Fleming, also parted with 2600gns for his choice in the pen, Williams Delight, also by Tiptop Aero. Raymond Heigh paid 2700gns for a ewe lamb

from a very good pen from Andrew Park's Sandymount Flock. This pen was by the imported lamb Spaniard, who had clearly stamped his mark on his daughters. He had previously bred daughters to 2,750gns

While males had a more selective trade, there was rams for every pocket and the best sold well to their new homes.

Topping the ram trade was Alan Smyth's Eden Flock, from Penrith in Cumbria, with Eden Bently, the flock's stock ram, sold to S P Herraty, Low Rannachan, Campbeltown. . This very correct and well-marked stock ram, had successfully bred show progeny for the flock and was by the prolific imported sire Spotted Dick.

Ali Jackson's, ram lamb Tiptop Diablo, topped the section and took second top price for a male when he realised 4000gns, to a two-way split for Drew Guthrie, Hartwoodmyres, Selkirk and A R Beattie, Kippen Stirling. He is again out of Tiptop Hannah, Ali's top show ewe, who won the interbreed at The Gt Yorkshire show in 2019 and the current stock ram, the homebred, Tiptop Charlie.

Brian and Louise Davies's Ty-Gwyn Flock, took the next top price when their lamb sold for 3000gns to Derek Steen, Moffat, Dumfriesshire. Ty-Gwyn Cheetah is by, Gallowhill Balblair, the same sire as Tom Nash's top priced female. Mr Steen also added Duncan Welsh's stock ram Ancholme Casper, who had bred successfully in the flock 2020 for 2500gns. He was bred by Lizzy Coulson and is by Lochlad Bomber Command. Duncan's other shearling, the homebred Westbrood Captain, by the imported Highlander sire, sold to Messrs Cooper & Sons, Broughton-In-Furness, Cumbria for 2400gns.

Ali Jackson's impressive ram lamb Mount Pleasant Diego, bred by Graeme Jackson, is by Mount Pleasant Cracker and made 2800gns, when he sold to Alisatir McKerrow, Champany Pedigrees, Boness, West Lothian. Ali's shearling offering, Tiptop Cupid, took the next highest price of 2.600gns, when he sold to Mark Abel, Ingmanthorpe, Wetherby. He is by Lochlad Baby Shark and his full sister had sold previously for £3350.

Liam Campbell's shearling gimmers took the next two top prices. Glencloy Channel, by the imported Spaniard sold for 2500gns to J G Atkinson, Northallerton, N Yorks, while Glencoy Cecillia by A Noha of Glencloy, sold for 2400gns to Messrs C & N Lockyer, Honiton, Devon.

Top ram price of the day was Alan Smyth's, Eden Flock, stock ram, Eden Bentley from Penrith. He realised 4,400gns to Messrs Herrary, Campbeltown.