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United Auctions to invest six-figure sum at Lairg



United Auctions (UA) are set to continue their ambitious investment programme with a six-figure upgrade of Lairg Auction Mart.

Farmers in Sutherland will benefit from the improvements that will secure the long-term future of the facility.

The first phase of the upgrade is scheduled to start this month (May) and includes the replacement of a loading bay and 150 steel pens.

Lairg mart hosts three important sales each year, including the famous August sale of North Country Cheviot Lambs, which is regarded as one of the largest in Europe. The first phase of improvements is expected to be completed in time for the opening lamb sale in August.

The announcement follows the outright purchase of Lairg by UA in February this year and a subsequent review of its existing facilities. Together with Lairg, Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers also purchased Huntly mart and the area office and lairage facility at Oban.

The improvements complete a comprehensive review of UA's operations that in the last twelve months has seen the amalgamation of the Perth and Stirling businesses at the Stirling Agricultural Centre and the upgrade of Dalmally and Islay marts.

David Leggat MBE, Executive Chairman of UA, said: "I'm sure this will be welcome news to our customers at Lairg, especially as it comes so soon after we purchased the mart. It's a very special market and is famous for the quality of stock on offer. I am delighted we have been able to make this commitment. The market is deserving of the investment and so are our customers."

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