

Lairg United Auctions (Tuesday 2nd October 2018) sold 7916 North Country Cheviot gimmers and ewes at their annual sale. A full company of buyers were in force once again representing all corners of the UK. A steady trade was witnessed among the ewes with buyers being very selective. The best bred sheep were cashing in at similar rates on the year. Gimmers proved to be the hardest commodity to cash this year, as with the ewe buyers were very selective, the lack of keep and money seems to be the driving force behind this hesitance.

1733 Gimmers sold to average £81.12 (-£23.16) selling to a top of 178 for a pen of Hill NCC from K MacLennan, Rannoch, Tain. Park type NCC sold to a top of £145 from A MacKay, South Balkeith, Tain.

6135 Ewes (-613) sold to average £64.63 (-£4.33) selling to a top of £142 for correct ewes from Achentoul Farms, Kinbrace.

Leading prices

Sandside Dispersal

Gimmers	£75,£70
1 crop	£92
2 crop	£91
3 crop	£84
4 crop	£70
BMCB	£60

Gimmers:

£175 Rannoch, Tain
£135 Rannoch, Tain
£132 Rannoch, Tain
£120 Lower Westerdale, Halkirk, Rannoch

Ewes (warranted):

£140 Armadale, Thurso
£138 Achentoul, Kinbrace
£135 Suisgill, Sutherland
£120 Achentoul
£118 Achentoul
£110 Armadale
£108 Suisgill
£107 Badanloch
£106-£105 Welbeck

Ewes

BMCB
£101 Armadale
£82 Suisgill
£80 Achentoul £70
£70 Achley

Feeding Ewes

£79+£67 Armadale
£69 186 Migdale

£67 Rhanich, Achley
 £66 246 Torrisdale, Runacloie
 £64 114 Inschregra, The Green

Wedder

£69 Scourie & Badcal
 £67 Welbeck
 £60 25 Achfrish

Sold 267 North Country Cheviot rams averages were back (£59.86) on the year to average £1068.54. Where a satisfactory sale clearance of 90% was achieved. A strong trade throughout the sale was witnessed, where a buoyant commercial trade saw four figure sums achieved no less than 75 times during the sale. Also witnessed were breeders from as far afield as Wales paying premium prices for “Top End” rams.

Top Prices of the day

- 1 - £14,000 from Suisgill Estates selling to Douglas, Catslackburn
- 2 - £11,000 from Badanloch selling to Allan, Humbleheugh (Stouphill)
- 2 - £11,000 from Torrish selling to Suisgill.
- 3 - £9,500 from Catslackburn selling to Badanloch.
- 4 - £7,200 from Badanloch selling to Armadale
- 5 - £6,000 from Sorbietrees selling to Wilson, Newbank
- 6 - £6,000 from Philiphaugh selling to Linhope Farming (Hartside)
- 7 - £4,800 from Linhope Farming (Hartside) selling to Baillie, Calla
- 8 - £4,500 from Suisgill selling to Badanloch
- 9 - £4,500 from Badanloch selling to Suisgill
- 10 - £4,200 from Torrish selling to MacDonald, Castle Grant
- 10 - £4,200 from Badanloch selling to Auchentoul

Rams – Leading averages:

<i>Farm</i>	<i>Nos sold</i>	<i>Top</i>	<i>Average</i>
<i>Badanloch</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>£11000</i>	<i>£3688.89</i>
<i>Suisgill</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>£14000</i>	<i>£3230</i>
<i>Torrish</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>£11000</i>	<i>£2560</i>
<i>Catslackburn</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>£9,000</i>	<i>£1971.43</i>
<i>Philliphaugh</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>£5200</i>	<i>£1333.33</i>
<i>Armadale</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>£3000</i>	<i>£1303.57</i>
<i>Linhope Farming (Hartside)</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>£4,800</i>	<i>£1292.86</i>
<i>Suisgill(Shepherds Pack)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>£1600</i>	<i>£1200</i>
<i>Blackhaugh</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>£1800</i>	<i>£1190</i>
<i>Brackside</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>£2800</i>	<i>£980</i>
<i>Humblehaugh(stoophill)</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>£1200</i>	<i>£972.22</i>
<i>Rannoch (Ex-Heathmount)</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>£3200</i>	<i>£970</i>