

Lairg United Auctions (Tuesday 1st October 2019) sold 6644 North Country Cheviot gimmers and ewes at their annual sale. A full company of buyers were out in force representing all corners of the UK. A brisk trade was witnessed with all classes recording an increase in values on the year. One particular highlight of the sale, albeit a sad one was the dispersal on one of the most noted flocks amongst the breed, Torrish Estate. Buyers were scrambling over each other to obtain these outstanding genetics, culminating in a new breed record being set for a Ram.

1036 Gimmers (-697) sold to average £1111.34 (+£30.22) selling to a top of £190 for a pen of Hill NCC from Badanloch, Sutherland.

5608 Ewes (-527) sold to average £77.53 (+£12.90) selling to a top of £160 for warranted ewes from Badanloch, Sutherland.

## **Leading prices**

### **Culrain Mains Dispersal**

Gimmers	£115
1 crop	£100
2 crop	£98
3 crop	£90
4 crop	£80
5 crop	£68
BMCB	£52

### **Amat Dispersal**

Gimmers	£148
1 crop	£115
2 crop	£105
3 crop	£95
4 crop	£95

### **Torrish Estate Dispersal**

Gimmers	£138, £138, £130
Maiden	£125, £130
1 crop	£130, £122
2 crop	£122, £98
3 crop	£115, £100
BMCB	£82, £72

### **Gimmers:**

£190 Badanloch  
£168 South Balkeith  
£148 Langdale  
£140 South Balkeith  
£132, £130 Sittyton

### **Ewes (warranted):**

£160 Badanloch  
£150 Suisgill  
£148 Armadale  
£135 Achentoul  
£132 Armadale  
££130 Achentoul

£125 Suisgill

### **Ewes**

BMCB

£101 Armadale

£98 Suisgill

£92 Suisgill

£82 6 Borgie

### **Feeding Ewes**

£69 Armadale

£67 186 Migdale

£68 Carnich

£66 Achentoul

£64 Achlich

£64 Cartomie

Sold 201 North Country Cheviot rams where a breed record average was achieved of £1,157 (up £88.46 on the year) 81% clearance of rams was witnessed. Highlight of the sale was a 3shear ram from Torrish Estates selling to a new record breed price of £18,000 victorious in the bidding war for this exceptional ram was McCaig Farms, Wester Jawcraig, Falkirk

### **Top Prices of the day**

1 - £18,000 from Torrish Estates selling to McCaig Farms

2 - £7,000 from Woodside selling to Bowmount Farming

3 - £6,000 from Hethpool selling to Kelsocleugh Farming

4 - £6,000 from Torrish selling to Suisgill

5 - £5,500 from Badanloch selling to McCaig Farms

6 - £5,500 from Badanloch selling to Dunbeath Farms

7 - £5,500 from Linhope selling to Harestone

8 - £4,800 from Badanloch selling to Catslackburn

9 - £4,500 from Badanloch selling to Calla

10 - £4,200 from Badanloch selling to Inkstack

### **Rams – Leading averages:**

<b>Farm</b>	<b>Nos sold</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Average</b>
<i>Badanloch</i>	11	£5500x2	£3100
<i>Woodside</i>	6	£7000	£2933.33
<i>Torrish</i>	12	£18000	£2829.17
<i>Hethpool</i>	8	£6000	£1756.25
<i>Linhope</i>	7	£5500	£1700
<i>Humbleheugh</i>	5	£2400	£1566.67
<i>Suisgill</i>	12	£3000	£1375
<i>Brackside</i>	10	£2800	1356.25
<i>Bowmount Farming</i>	8	£3800x2	£1300
<i>Catslackburn</i>	10	£2000	£1022.27

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