

## Great from Grass sale report

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 we held our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Great from Grass Sale on farm by Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd.

A total of 111 rams sold to an average of £644.76 (£714.15 last year)

Texel shearlings (37) averaged £683.35 (£674.05 last year) and sold to 1,250 guineas twice.

Beltex shearlings (3) averaged £462.00 (£405.30 last year) and sold to 500 guineas.

New Zealand Suffolk shearlings (43) averaged £616.08 (£673.80 last year) and sold to 900 guineas.

Aberfield shearlings (28) averaged £657.38 (£846.04 last year) and sold to 1350 guineas.

This year was the first year we had a consignment of Aberfield Cross gimmers available, 100 averaged £130.75.

It would be fair to say we that we were nervous prior to this year's sale, with the industry facing uncertainty this autumn it would make sense if buyers were cautious in their approach to purchasing rams this year.

On the day as with many sales the better sheep sold well and although the percentage sold was down on last year we were satisfied with the outcome.

Several of our regular buyers didn't need rams this year due to the fact that rams bought in previous years have been standing the test of time, words obviously spreading as we had various new buyers at the sale along with repeat customers who were needing fresh blood. Our gimmers sold well, again in a difficult year but we were happy with them and look forward to receiving feedback on how they perform.

Thank you to all of you that attended the sale, we look forward to seeing you again next year and in the meantime we will return our focus to breeding rams and gimmers which are best suited to the modern sheep industry.

For anyone that couldn't make the sale we do have some rams still available, please get in touch to discuss your requirements.