

GREAT DAYS TRADING AND THE BEST EVER SALE OF SUFFOLKS AT BEESTON. RHAADR FLOCK LEADS WITH 1800GNS CHAMPION.



THE CHAMPION EWE A12-H142 from Myfyr Evans, Llanrhaeadr, Denbigh

A huge crowd, the largest ever seen at a sheep sale at Beeston Castle Auction, were in attendance for the 8th Annual Show and Sale of Pedigree Suffolk Females. This year this was the only sale of its kind in England and Wales outside of Carlisle and consequently attracted buyers from all over the country. And what a good result the sale was for all concerned! Trade was fast right from the off and gathered momentum throughout the course of the sale resulting in a very good clearance and only eight head failing to find new homes.

On the day there were 172 sheep entered of which 164 were present on the day. At the pre-sale show which was sponsored by Farmers Guardian, the judge was Chris Holmes of the well known Rookery Flock based at Broadway, Worcestershire. There were three very strong and hotly contested classes for Chris to judge where the quality was very high. In the end he selected the first prize ewe, a two crop daughter of Castlewellan Cruz, from Myfyr Evans' Denbigh based Rhaeadr flock for his Champion and in reserve was the first prize gimmer, a daughter of Whitestone Warrior from the Cairness Flock of Jimmy Douglas at Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire. The first prize ewe lamb also came from the Rhaeadr Flock with an outstanding daughter of Thurston Calzaghe out of Castlewellan Cruz dam.

As has already been stated trade was very good from start to finish; buyers were present from all over the country from Aberdeenshire to Devon. In all 65 individual buyers were recorded and the sheep were distributed to thirty different counties.

Top price of the day was 1800 gns for the Champion which was purchased by the judge, Chris Holmes for his prizewinning Rookery Flock. She was carrying twins to Thurston Calzaghe The next top price was 1600 gns for the third prize gimmer from Jimmy Douglas; this daughter of Thurston Chieftain is a g.dtr of the 6000 gns Glenho Goland ewe that came

from Muirek and was sold carrying twins to the 20000 gns National Sale Champion Cairness Achievement. She was purchased by Mike Waycott of Ashburton, Devon. The next two prices both came from Cairness; a two crop Stockton Savannah ewe carrying twins to Achievement was the choice of Paul Osman at 1300 gns for his Hukeley Flock at South Molton, Devon and the first prize gimmer and Reserve Champion was the choice of John Gould for his Rychmae Flock at Sheen, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Kevin Proctor from Turriff, Aberdeenshire made the long journey to Beeston for the first time and was rewarded with a great trade and topped his consignment with a gimmer by Strathisla Schumacher whose g.dam was a former Reserve Champion at the Royal Highland Show. She sold carrying twins to Cairness Achievement for 1100 gns to AW Jones of Llanfairfechan, Conwy.

Ewe lambs were a tremendous trade and met with a total clearance. The top price lamb was the first prize lamb from Myfyr Evans which sold for 1050 gns and was the choice of Messrs. Troup for their Whitestone Flock at Sauchen, Aberdeenshire. The only other lot to break the four figure barrier was a ewe lamb from Clive Norbury's Alphazone Flock based at Market Drayton, Shropshire, and who was dispersing through this sale. This lamb was sired by Muirek Adrenaline and sold for 1000 gns to join the Cairness Flock of Jimmy Douglas at Fraserburgh.

AVERAGES:

54 Ewes £480.67; 70 Gimmers £501.40; 32 Ewe Lambs £440.83. 156 HEAD £485.25

WRIGHT MANLEY of Beeston Castle Auction, Cheshire were the Auctioneers.