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Report for the Sale of Sheep on Thursday 16th October 2014

Introduction

Lewis and Harris Auction Mart in Stornoway held their fifth sale of the 2013 season at the Steinish Mart on Thursday 16th October.

The sale, held in conjunction with Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, saw the auction of 565 store lambs and 710 sheep of all classes. Prices for lambs remained remained good with a top price of £60 matching the previous high for this sale. Average lamb prices were the highest seen for six years.

Gimmers peaked at an excellent £84.00 for cheviots from 10 Sand Street

Sale Prices and Comparisons:

Year	Lambs Sold	Top Lamb Price	Avg Lamb Price	Gimmers Sold	Top Gimmer Price	Avg Gimmer Price	Sheep Sold	Top Sheep Price
Oct '14	565	£60.00	£36.37	54	£84.00	No data	710	£85.00
Oct '13	1213	£59.00	£33.13	82	£80.00	£51.04	1091	£70.00
Oct '12	950	£59.00	£31.85	124	£64.00	£49.65	790	£100
Oct '11	877	£60.00	£34.07	80	£88.00	£61.15	955	£138.00
Oct '10	1311	£57.00	£28.79	21	£70.00	No data	1099	£71.00
Oct '09	1599	£47.50	£30.32	35	£68.00	No data	810	£56.00

Sale Summary:

Store Lambs - Averaged £36.37 and sold to £60 gross for a Blackfaces from 17 Habost, Ness.

Ewes & Gimmers - Sold to £85 gross for Cheviot ewes from 10 Sand Street, Stornoway.

Rams & Wedders - Sold to £140 gross for a Cheviot ram from I Sheildinish, Lochs.

Other leading prices

Lambs: Chev – 42 Garrabost, Point, £59, 11 Newmarket, £57, 20B North Dell, and 1 Cameron Terrace, Leurbost, £55.50; Cross – 34 Lower Barvas, £56, 20 Habost, £50.50, 8 Swainbost, £50; BF – 6 Brue, £55, 17 Habost, £48, 36 South Dell, £45; SuffX – 20B North Dell, £44.

Gimmers: Chev – 10 Sand Street, £84; Cross – 8 Swainbost, £74; BF – 37 Vatisker, £74, 50 Back, £71.

Ewes: Chev – 2A Back, £78, 8 Sand Street, £65, 10 Sand Street, and 18 Leurbost, £64; BF – 17 Habost, £74, 46 Lower Barvas, £72, 7 Ivorhill, £62; Cross – 10A Holm, £71.

Wedders/Rams: BF ram – 37 Vatisker, £100, £90; Chev ram – 7 Aird, £76, 2 Scaladale, £75, Struan Cottage, £62; Tex ram – 10A Holm, £72, 18 Cross, £67, 16 North Bragar, £65; Suff ram – 4 Upper End, £67; BF wdr – 81 Cross Skigersta Road, £55, 4 Leacklee, Harris, £54, Caiream, Grosebay, £52.

Sale data kindly provided by Dingwall & Highland Marts LTD