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Lewis and Harris Auction Mart in Stornoway held their first sale of the 2013 season on Wednesday 21st August.

The sale, held in conjunction with Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., saw the auction of 2680 store lambs and 242 feeding sheep. All classes of lambs and sheep were sold well and prices were similar to rates at other sale centres. The overall average price showed an decrease of £1.44 on the same sale last year. The top lamb price of £66.50 for crosses from 9A Ranish and sheep prices reached £69.00 for ewes from 40 Crossbost. Although the sale averages and total numbers were down slightly on last year's August sale, it was encouraging to see top prices reach a five-year high.

Sale Summary and Comparisons:

	Lambs Sold	Top Lamb Price	Average Lamb Price	Sheep Sold	Top Sheep Price
August 2013	2680	£66.50	£42.83	242	£69.00
August 2012	2983	£65.50	£44.27	113	£48.00
August 2011	3434	£63.00	£43.44	74	£58.00
August 2010	2636	£60.50	£42.31	46	£41.00
August 2009	2085	£55.00	£31.00	130	£68.00

Leading prices and breed averages were as follows:

- Cheviot lambs (332 sold)

Averaged £40.14 and sold to £59.00 from 7 Ivorhill, Stornoway.

- Texel crosses (198 sold)

Averaged £48.49 and sold to £59.00 from 5B Arivruich, Lochs.

- Suffolk crosses (516 sold)

Averaged £47.17 and sold to £63.50 from 30 Gravir, South Lochs.

- Blackface lambs (763 sold)

Averaged £28.50 and sold to £45.00 from 6 Percival Road, Stornoway.

- Cross lambs (863 sold)

Averaged £39.62 and sold to £66.50 from 9A Ranish, Lochs.

- Feeding sheep (74 sold)

Sold to £69.00 from 40 Crossbost, Lochs.

Other leading prices per head:

Stornoway:

- **Cheviot** 5 East Street, Sandwick, £56.00;
- **Texel Cross** 9 East Street, Sandwick, £44.50;
- **Suffolk Cross** 5 East Street, Sandwick, £57.00;
- Cross Stoneyfield Cottage, £55.00.

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- Blackface 7 Hacklete, £36.00;
- Cross 30B Valtos, £46.00.

Harris:

- Cheviot 6 Glen, Kyles, £53.50;
- Suffolk Cross 3 Ardhasaig, £44.00;
- Blackface 6 Glen, Kyles, £36.00;
- **Cross** 2A Maraig, £52.50.

Westside:

- **Cheviot** 25 Tolsta Chaolais, £43.50;
- Texel Cross 12 Doune, Carloway, £54.50;
- **Suffolk Cross** 12 Doune, Carloway, £56.00;
- Blackface 7 North Bragar, £41.00;
- Cross 7 North Bragar, £58.00.

Lochs:

- **Cheviot** 6 Habost, £49.00;
- **Texel Cross** 30 Gravir, £57.00:
- Blackface 10 Kershader, £40.00;
- **Cross** 30 Gravir, £46.50.

Point:

- Cheviot 25 Garrabost, £48.50;
- Blackface 50 Garrabost, £39.00;
- **Texel Cross** 29 Flesherin, £55.00;
- Suffolk Cross 16 Shulishader, £51.50;
- Cross 16 Knock, £47.00.

Ness:

- **Texel Cross** 38 South Galson, £48.00;
- Cross 100 Cross Skigersta Road, £56.00.

Back:

- **Cheviot** 47 Back, £48.50;
- **Texel Cross** 47 Back, £46.00:
- Suffolk Cross 9 Back, £54.00;
- **Blackface** 26 Back, £40.00;
- Cross 9 Back, £52.00.

Feeding Sheep:

- **Cross Ewe** 24B Lionel, Ness, £42.00;
- Cross Gimmer 24 Ranish, Lochs, £41.00;

- **Cheviot Ewe** – 6 Glen Kyles, £37.00;

Sale data kindly provided by Dingwall & Highland Marts LTD

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