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Lewis and Harris Auction Mart in Stornoway held their first sale of the 2011 season on Wednesday 24th August.

The sale, held in conjunction with Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., saw the auction of 3434 store lambs and 74 feeding sheep. Quality and long keeping lambs sold extremely well and there was an overall sale average increase of £1.14.

Sale Summary and Comparisons:

	Aug 2011	Aug 2010	Aug 2009
Lambs Sold	3434	2636 (+798)	2085 (+1349)
Top Lamb Price	£63.00	£60.50 (+£2.50)	£55.00 (+£8.00)
Average Lamb Price	£43.44	£42.31 (+£1.14)	£31.00 (+£13.44)
Sheep Sold	74	46 (+28)	130 (-56)
Top Sheep Price	£58.00	£41.00 (+£17.00)	£68.00 (-£10.00)

^{*} Data shown in brackets indicate how the 2011 figures compare with previous years.

Leading prices and breed averages were as follows:

- Cheviot lambs (519 sold)

Averaged £43.45 and sold to £63.00 from 27 Melbost, Stornoway.

- Texel crosses (706 sold)

Averaged £42.73 and sold to £59.50 from Stoneyfield Cottage, Stornoway.

- Suffolk crosses (323 sold)

Averaged £48.08 and sold to £58.50 from 9 Back.

- Blackface lambs (783 sold)

Averaged £33.82 and sold to £51.00 from 15A Sheshader, Point.

- Cross lambs (1072 sold)

Averaged £37.15 and sold to £58.50 for Crosses from 23 Lower Sandwick.

- Feeding sheep (74 sold)

Sold to £58.00 from 10 Aird, Point.

Other leading prices per head:

Stornoway:

- Cheviot 27 Melbost, Stornoway, £59;
- **Suffolk Cross** 5 East Street, Sandwick, £57.50;
- **Blackface** 13 North Street, Sandwick, £43;
- Cross 14 East Street, and 34 Park End, £40.50.

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- Blackface 6 Tobson, £41;
- Cross 6 Tobson, £44.

Harris:

- **Texel Cross** 6 Stockinish, £36.50;
- Suffolk Cross 4 Borve, £39;
- Blackface 9 Manish, £33;
- **Cross** I Horgabost, £47.

Westside:

- Cheviot 13 Callanish, £44;
- **Texel Cross** 46 Lower Barvas, £51;
- **Suffolk Cross** Glebe Farm, and 25 Lower Barvas, £57.50;
- Blackface 40 South Bragar, £43.50;
- Charolais Cross 13 Callanish, £39;
- Cross 46 North Shawbost, £46.

Lochs:

- Cheviot 9 Crossbost, £49.50;
- **Texel Cross** 17 Laxay, £47.50;
- **Blackface** 5B Achmore, £45;
- Charolais Cross 10 Kershadder, £50.50.

Point:

- **Cheviot** 32 Garrabost, £55;
- Texel Cross 15 Knock, £58;
- **Blackface** 16 Knock, £42.50;
- Charolais Cross 28 Lower Shader, £45.50;
- Cross Sheshader, (Nicolson), £53.

Ness:

- **Texel Cross** 38 South Galson, £49;
- Suffolk Cross 24 South Dell. £43.

Back:

- Cheviot II Back, £45;
- Texel Cross 2A Back, £58;
- **Suffolk Cross** 15 Vatisker, £56;
- Blackface 15 Vatisker, and 1 Vatisker, £44.50;
- Cross 8 Coll, £50.

