

## Spring lamb Show and Sale Crumlin 14<sup>th</sup> April 2003

The Suffolk Sheep Society Northern Ireland Branch held a very successful spring lamb show and sale in Allams Crumlin, with 39 pens of Suffolk lambs being presented for the show. Congratulations to Brian Cromie Banbridge on winning the Supreme Championship, one litre Supaverm & £20 cash, with his pen of three lambs which were out of Suffolk/Texel cross ewes served with a pedigree Suffolk ram which was purchased at the premier sale in Balmoral. Brian runs a commercial flock of 300 ewes lambing from January onwards. The lambs are put out to grass at 2 days old and are introduced to creep feed at approx. one month. Brian's lambs for which he received £120, achieved the weight of 23.30kgs at just 13 weeks old and were purchased by family butcher John McDowell Farmview Meats who runs a very successful butchery business at Lisnabreeny Road on the outskirts of Belfast. John believes his success comes from using home produced quality products in his shop, which is well worth a visit.

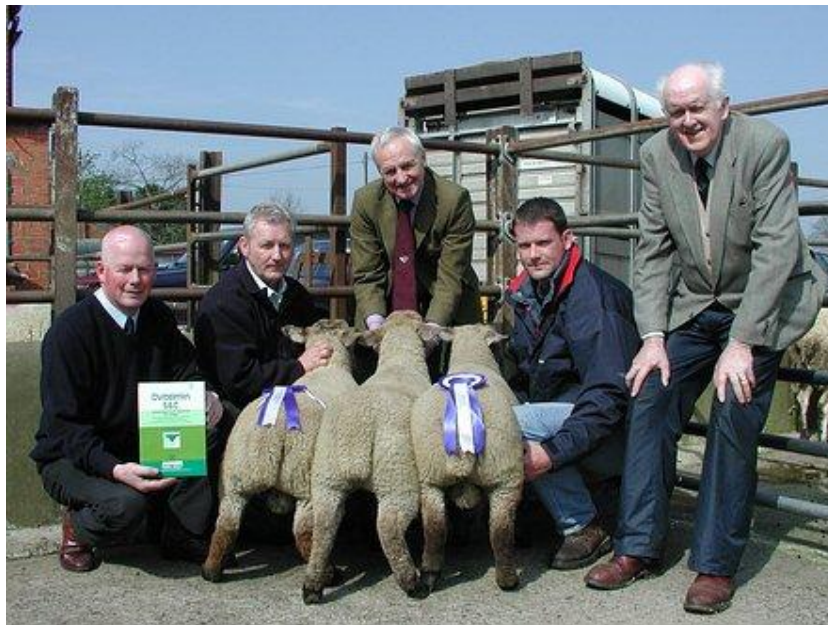
The reserve champion pen was won by Enniskillen Agricultural College with a pen of lambs weighing 20.50kgs and realising £86, which were also purchased by Farmview Meats. These lambs were progeny of the L.A.M.B.S initiative which is run at the college and were out of high index pedigree Suffolk rams. Trevor Corrigan representing the college received £20 cash and one litre Ovitelmin. Third prize which was £20 and one litre Ovitelmin went to W Johnston with a pen of 20.80kgs which received £70.4<sup>th</sup> prize £20 and one litre Ovitelmin went to P Savage with his pen which weighed 23.30kgs and sold for £74, and C Watson gained 5<sup>th</sup> prize £20 and one litre Ovitelmin with his pen of 22.50kgs which realised £70. Other prices were:- 4 lambs @ 21.5kg £68.50, 7 @ 20.5kg £64, 5 @ 22 kg £67, 6 @ 21kg £66, 11 @ 22 £68.50, 3 @ 20kg £65, 3 @ 21.50kg £68, 3 @ 26kg 64.50, 3 @ 23kg £71.50, 3 @ 20.5kg £67, 5 @ 21kg £64.50, 3 @ 21.50kg £65, 3 @ 24kg £68, 3 @ 20.5kg £66.50, 5 @ 23kg £69, 6 @ 22.50kg £70, 3 @ 23kg £72.50, 6 @ 21kg £64, 5 @ 21.5kg £70, 4 @ 19kg £60, 3 @ 22kg £70, 6 @ 22.5kg £66, 3 @ 18kg £50, 3 @ 23kg £73, 3 @ 21.50kg £65.50, 3 @ 25kg £70, 3 @ 23kg £73.50, 6 @ 20kg £64.50, 6 @ 20kg £65.50.

Many thanks to Roy Gibson auctioneer and mart staff at Allams Crumlin, Derek McMillan the judge, who had a very difficult task, as all the lambs presented were of a very high standard, and our sponsors Janssen Animal Health and H Stewart for providing the prizes. A carcass competition for Suffolk cross lambs will be held in Dungannon Meats on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2003.



Supreme Champion Pen

Back row -Derek McMillan judge, Harry Stewart sponsor  
Front row - Wilson McMullan and Ivan Porter holding the lambs with the owner  
Brian Cromie, and Bill Ferris Janssen Animal Health sponsor.



Reserve Champion Pen

Bill Ferris Janssen Animal Health sponsor, Hubert Bowles Branch Chairman,  
Harry Stewart sponsor, Trevor Corrigan Enniskillen Agricultural College and  
Derek McMillan judge.