



Flock winner 2009, William Tait with his stock ram Castleisle Impact and Mark Priestley, runner-up and representative of sponsors Greenvale.

Burnview is selected top flock

FOR a record fifth time Omagh breeders William and Stephanie Tait have emerged victorious in the Northern Ireland Branch flock competition sponsored by Greenvale.

The Burnview flock owners captured the top honour ahead of Co Down breeder Mark Priestley.

En route to clinching outright victory, the Tait camp had triumphed in the large flock section ahead of William Montgomery, Comber and Anthony Patton, Newtownards while Burnview's highly-rated Castleisle Impact topped the stock ram category with Mark Priestley, Downpatrick, second and William Montgomery third.

In the ewe lamb class Priestley was number one followed by Tait and Montgomery, while Keith Telford, Fintona, for the second successive year, claimed the small flock crown. Runner-up was the Priestley flock, followed by Coleraine breeder Philip Gurney.

Winners Stephanie and William Tait run a flock of 120 ewes and it is hoped that later in the season a view day will be held at their Lislap farm, which is approximately four miles outside Omagh.

#### Results

Large flock –1, William Tait, Omagh; 2, William Montgomery, Comber; 3, Anthony Patton, Newtownards.

Small flock: 1, Keith Telford, Fintona; 2, Mark Priestley, Downpatrick; 3, Philip Gurney, Coleraine.

Ewe lamb: 1, M Priestley; 2, W Tait; 3, W Montgomery.

Stock Ram; 1, W Tait; 2, M Priestley; 3, W Montgomery.

Overall: champion, W Tait; reserve, Mark Priestley.

