

Suffolks fly off the shelf at Newtown

COOKSTOWN breeder Robin McAdoo claimed the top honour in both the show and sale ring at the latest Northern Ireland Branch sale of Suffolk rams at Newtownstewart Livestock Mart.

The Threeways flock owner secured the top accolade in both the ram lamb and pairs classes before his Baileys Hilton bred ram lamb captured the overall championship.

In fact, all three of McAdoo's first prizewinners were bred by Baileys Hilton and later changed hands for 610, 610 and 590 guineas respectively.

Descendants of the Baileys prefix featured prominently among the prizes with S & W Tait's second prizewinning 'Headstart' ram lamb and reserve champion, catching the eye of Carndonagh judge Tommy Canavan.

Third prize in the ram lamb class went Hunter Stewart, Castlederg, with Gary McAdoo, Cookstown and Gary Beacom, Kesh, fourth and fifth respectively.

Fresh from his success at Dungannon, William Moore, Ardstraw presented the best of the shearlings, his Strathisla Shadragh bred rams annexing first and second places with Lakeview flock owner, Beacom claiming third and fourth ahead of Martin Harkin, Omagh.

Another successful sale was marked by an exceptionally high clearance rate with consistent prizes right across the board. Commercial producers were prepared to dig deep for top quality and a number of breeders achieved prices in excess of 500 guineas.

The aforementioned Robin McAdoo's prices apart, William Moore received 600 and 500 guineas respectively for a pair of outstanding shearlings, with Martin Harkin's Cairness Cold Play bred shearling attracting much interest before being knocked by auctioneer Terry Millar for 500 guineas.

The prizes were generously sponsored by Norbrook and presented by representative Noel Gill.

Show results

Shearlings, 1 & 2, W Moore Strathisla Shadragh; 3 & 4, G Beacom; 5, M Harkin.

Ram lambs: 1, R McAdoo Baileys Hilton; 2, S & W Tait Baileys Headstart; 3, SH Stewart Strathisla Style; 4, G McAdoo; 5, G Beacom.

Pairs: 1, R McAdoo Bailey's Hilton; 2, S & W Tait; 3, L & M Liggett; 4, G McAdoo; 5, SH Stewart.

Champion: R McAdoo; reserve, S & W Tait.

Prices

R McAdoo 610, 610, 590, 380; W Moore 600, 500; G Beacom 400, 400, 350, 300; M Harkin 500, 310, 300; G McAdoo 440, 350, 350, 300; SH Stewart 410, 335, 310; S Burrows 340; L & M Liggett 370, 310, 300; S & W Tait 395, 325, 300.



Josh Buchanan with Robin McAdoo's champion ram lamb. Also in the photo is T Canavan, the judge and Noel Gill representing the sponsor, Norbrook.



William Tait with his 2nd prize ram lamb and reserve champion



Lauren Moore with her 1st prize shearling



Robin McAdoo with his 1st prize pair of lambs.