

## Carlisle & Lockerbie 2025 Sales Reports

### **RFBS Northern sale report: Carlisle 30/8/25**

Like last year, the sale was held in conjunction with the pedigree sheep sale at Carlisle rather than the Native breed sale as in previous years. Trade was impacted by BTV restrictions with a sale being held the previous day at Lockerbie to accommodate the Scottish vendors & purchasers. Clearance rates at both sales were poor, but nevertheless some good prices were achieved for quality stock and there were plenty of bargains to be had for those who attended or watched and bid on line.

The coloureds were first through the ring, and the joint top price of 650 gns was achieved for a shearling ewe from the Snelson flock of Michele Varmen, Macclesfield. Snelson Erica sired by Snelson Vineapola out of a Snelson ewe was knocked down to GT & CA Blezard, Lancaster. A supplementary ram lamb from the Street Head flock of Caitlin Brownrigg, Carlisle also made 650 gns and was purchased by Philip Tyler, Thirsk, to join his Black Rock flock. Street Head Fearless had been placed 2nd in the show classes that morning which were judged by RFBS President Stephen Ramsden, and was sired by Grassknop Captain out of a Street Head ewe.

The 2nd place shearling ewe from the show and reserve female champion, Night Star Elsa from T&G Glover, Thirsk, made 600gns and was also purchased by Thomas Irving, Ulverston. The female champion was Snelson Echo, a triplet by Snelson Best Mate, but she failed to make her reserve. The male champion was Night Star Fireball from the flock of T&G Glover. Sired by Gracewood Xplorer out of a Sproxton ewe he sold to Thomas Irving, Ulverston for 500gns.

Coloured ewe lambs had a good clearance rate. Top price of 400gns was achieved 4 times, with all these lambs coming from the Snelson flock of Michele Varmen, Macclesfield.

The 2 highest prices of the day were achieved in the Ryeland section. Appletree Edward a shearling ram bred by Bob & Sue Chapman from Derbyshire sired by Chase Austin out of an Appletree ewe & consigned by Alison Robinson, Wigton, sold for 1000gns to Caitlin Brownrigg, also from Wigton. He had been judged by Philippa Gray to be the male champion that morning. A ram lamb consigned by Caitlin Brownrigg sold for 900gns to Duncan Hunter Blair, Castle Douglas. This lamb - Street Head Fantastic - was sired by Grassnop Captain out of a Newburn ewe. The reserve male champion was Teejay Bond, an aged tup consigned by Simon Archer, Hexham, who sold for 300gns to BW & AM Duffin, Grange Over Sands.

Top price Ryeland female was the female champion from the show classes. This shearling ewe from the Hawthorns flock of Alison Robinson, Wigton, sired by Ebor Walter out of a Hawthorns ewe sold for 500gns. She was purchased by C Goulsbra, Louth. The top priced ewe lamb was also from the Hawthorns flock and sold to S. J. Parker & sons, Bromyard for 420gns. She was sired by Hawthorns Dino Lamb out of a Hawthorns ewe.

Sale averages in guineas, (showing number sold & top price for each group)

Coloured Ryelands: breeding ewe 160 (3, 180) shearling ewe 360 (18, 650)  
ewe lamb 288 (10, 400) aged ram 200 (1) shearling ram 324 (7, 420) ram lamb 338 (5, 650)  
Ryelands: breeding ewe 100 (1) shearling ewe 238 (6, 500) ewe lamb 337.50 (4, 420)  
Aged ram 300 (1) shearling ram 432.50 (4, 1000) ram lamb 386 (5, 900)  
Total clearance rate 54%

### **RFBS Scottish Sale, Lockerbie 29/8/25**

There were 74 lots entered - the short time scale in arranging the sale probably contributed to the low numbers forward and there was no pre sale show as a result. The number of purchasers was disappointing but as at Carlisle there were some good sheep on offer.

Coloured Ryelands sold first, and the top lot was a shearling ram from Phillipa Barnes, Dumfries, sold for 500gns to Andrew Boswell, Darwel, Ayrshire. Glen Cairn Einstein was sired by Night Star Comet out of a Glen Cairn ewe. The same vendor also provided the top priced shearling ewe, sired by Black Rock Bulgaria out of a Glen Cairn ewe, who sold for 250 gns to Anna Roberts, Auchterarder. Top priced ewe lamb also made 250gns, a supplementary from the Landriggs flock of Eddie & Janice Henderson, which was purchased by Mel Griffiths, Carlisle. Another supplementary from the same flock sold for 350 gns to A & S Owen, Newtown, Powys. This ram lamb, Landriggs Findlay, was sired by Dolwen Buccaneer out of a homebred ewe.

In the Ryeland section the top price was 500gns for shearling ram Broomwell Enzo Ferrari from Susan Bryden, Lockerbie. Sired by Red Sewell Superman out of an Orchard House ewe he was purchased by James Arthur, Carnwath. The next highest price was for ram lamb Spallander Farrari who was knocked down to Paul Dyke, Llandridnod Wells for 350gns. He was from the flock of Katie, Robert & Tom Burns, Maybole, and was sired by Ruslin Captain 11 out of a Spallander ewe. Top priced Ryeland female was a ewe lamb from the Wellhill flock of David Mitchell, New Cumnock who sold to S & Z Unwin, Shrewsbury, for 300 gns .

Sale averages in Guineas (showing number sold & top price for each group)

Coloured Ryelands: Breeding ewe 107 (9, 120) Shearling ewe 158 (5, 250) Ewe lamb 200 (3, 250) Aged ram 120 (1) Shearling ram 400 (3, 500) Ram lamb 277 (3, 350)

Ryelands: Shearling ewe 166 (7, 200) ewe lamb 257 (4, 300) shearling ram 400 (2, 500) ram lamb 350 (1)

Total clearance rate 40%