

First Season Sire of the Year 2014

1st Oberstown Usain Bolt 2nd Strathbogie Upping the Ante 3rd Springwell Ulsterboy

An overseas sire has claimed the British Texel Sheep Society's Sire of the Year award for the first time. This year's winner of the award which is presented to the breeder of the first season sire who's best selling three sons record the highest average at the Society's National Sales, was Eire bred [Oberstown Usain Bolt](#).

Usain Bolt was bred by Pat and Barry Farrell of the Oberstown flock and was bought at the Irish Texel Sheep Society's National Sale in August 2013 by Paul O'Connor for his Drumgooland flock, Seaforde, Co Down.

His three sons with the highest average were bred in two different flocks and sold at the Scottish Premier Sale, Lanark, and the Northern Irish Premier Sale, Ballymena.

The highest selling son of the trio was Mullan Vivaldi, bred by Brian Hanthorn and sold for 52,000gns at Lanark. This lamb sold to Neil and Stuart Barclay, Harestone, Jim Innes, Strathbogie, and Graham Morrison, Deveronvale.

His second best selling son was another lamb bred by Brian Hanthorn, Mullan Van Gogh. This lamb was also sold at Lanark, this time making 3500gns to the Douganhill Farms and Caroline Hastings. And the final lamb in the top selling trio was Springwell Viera from Henry Gamble. This lamb sold for 3000gns at the Northern Irish National Sale, Ballymena, and was bought by Owen Donohoe for the Derryvore flock, Enniskille. . The three lambs recorded an average price of 19,500gns (£20,475)



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Dam	Venue	Progeny	Gns
HBN1100316	Lanark	Mullan Vivaldi - HBN1400934	52,000
HBN1100316	Lanark	Mullan Van Gogh - HBN1400937	3,500
GRS1100432	Ballymena	Springwell Viera - GRS1401411	3,000

Sire of the Year trophy being presented to Pat & Barry Farrell (Oberstown Texels) by Henry Gamble (BTSS Chairman) with Sinead Brophy (Southern Ireland Texel Secretary)

