

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 8th) sold 537 Aberdeen Angus store cattle in a special show and sale.

Bullocks (339) averaged 180.8p and sold to 225.7p for a pen of 237kg Aberdeen Angus crosses from North Calder, Halkirk, Thurso, and £1,080 gross for a 705kg Aberdeen Angus cross from Gordonhall, Kingussie. **Heifers (198)** averaged 171.4p and sold to 231.9p for a pure Aberdeen Angus from Gordonhall, and £1,000 gross for another pure Aberdeen Angus also from Gordonhall.

In the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society sponsored show and sale of store cattle judged by Mr Jim Fowlie, North Essie, St. Fergus, the overall champion was awarded to a 610kg bullock from E L M Laing, Wester Fearn, Ardgay, realising £1,080 gross to the judge. Reserve champion was a 675kg heifer from W A Cowan, Gordonhall, realising £1,000 to Messrs Smallburn Farms Ltd, Elgin.

Prize list

Bullock: 1st Wester Fearn, 610kg, £1,080; 2nd Wester Fearn, 585kg, £1,020.

Heifer: 1st Gordonhall, 675kg, £1,000; 2nd Wester Fearn, 475kg, £900.

Pair of bullocks or heifers: 1st Messrs W J & P D Mackenzie, Hilton Farm, Tain, 567kg, £950; 2nd Wester Fearn, 528kg, £980.

Pen of four bullocks or heifers: 1st Wester Fearn, 576kg, £1,020; 2nd Messrs L & A Taylor, Ardjachie, 596kg, £980.

⚠️ All classes met a very strong enquiry.+

Leading prices per head and per kg:

Bullocks up to 250kg – North Calder, £535, Ardross Castle, Ardross, 206.5p; **251-300kg** – North Calder, £550, 202.2p; **301-350kg** – Corrimony, Glen Urquhart, £675, Lochletter Farm, Drumnadrochit, 193.9p; **351-400kg** – Cambusmore Estate, Dornoch, £770, North Calder, 201.1p; **401-450kg** – Lochdhu, Nairn, £830, Easter Duthil, Carrbridge, 189.5p; **451-500kg** – Wester Fearn, £910, 186.5p; **501-550kg** – Wester Fearn, £980, 185.6p; **551-600kg** – Wester Fearn, £1,020, 177.1p; **601-650kg** – Wester Fearn, £1,080, 177.1p.

Heifers up to 250kg – North Calder, £445, 207p; **251-300kg** – Sibster Burn, Halkirk, £530, Calrossie Mains, Nigg, 199.6p; **301-350kg** – Gordonhall, £800, Whitebog, Fortrose, 211.9p; **351-400kg** – Gordonhall, £820, 227.8p; **401-450kg** – Wester Fearn, £800, 195.6p; **451-500kg** – Wester Fearn, £900, 189.5p; **501-550kg** – Culrain Mains, Ardgay, £805, 156.3p.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 8th) sold 274 Continental store cattle in a special show and sale.

Bullocks (274) averaged 185.5p and sold to 245.2p for a 310kg Limousin from Cranford, Gollanfield, and £1,100 gross for a pair of 532kg Charolais crosses from Rose Cottage, Spinningdale.

Heifers (134) averaged 175.8p and sold to 221.7p for a Limousin from Cranford, and £940 gross for a Charolais cross from Rose Cottage.

In the Neil Ross Tractors, and Scottish Fuels sponsored show and sale of store cattle judged by Mr Jim Fowlie, North Essie, St. Fergus, the overall champion was awarded to a 505kg Limousin cross bullock from Messrs D & B Mackenzie, Lochbuie, Newtonmore, realising £915 gross to Messrs G & S McConachie, Berrybrae, Warehouse. Reserve champion was a 415kg Limousin heifer also from Lochbuie, realising £715 to Auchtydore Farms, Mintlaw.

Prize list

Bullock: 1st Lochbuie, 505kg, £915; 2nd Lochbuie, 465kg, £820.

Heifer: 1st Lochbuie, 415kg, £715; 2nd Lochbuie, 380kg, £800.

⚠️ more mixed show continued to sell at recent high rates.+

Leading prices per head and per kg:

Bullocks 251-300kg – Culbin Farm, Dingwall, £600, Cranford, 220.4p; **301-350kg** – Cranford, £760, Raitcastle Farm, Nairn, 220.1p; **351-400kg** – Comar, Cannich, £855, 216.5p; **401-450kg** – Achavraat, Nairn, £890, 211.9p; **451-500kg** – Raitcastle Farm, £860, 187p; **501-550kg** – Lochdhu, £940, 186.1p.

Heifers up to 250kg – Cranford, £530, 219.9p; **251-300kg** – Cranford, £540, 209.3p; **301-350kg** – Abersky, Does, £640, Calrossie Mains, 198.4p; **351-400kg** – Laggan of Clachaig, Nethybridge, £810, 213.3p; **401-450kg** – Raitcastle Farm, £800, Achavraat, 185.9p.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 8th) sold 34 OTM cattle.

Cows (29) averaged 122.1p and sold to 142.8p per kg for a 1035kg Limousin cross from Drummond Farm, Evanton and £1,035 gross for a 725kg Limousin cross from Drummond Farm.

Clean heifers and bullocks (5) averaged 134.4p and sold to 152.1p per kg for a 595kg Aberdeen Angus cross heifer from Glenurquhart Farm, Cromarty, and £905 gross for the same animal.

Leading prices per kg

Cows: Drummond Farm, (Lim) 141.0p; Cambusmore Estate, Dornoch, (LimX) 130.4p; 19 Blarmafoldach, Fort William, (SimX) 123.5p.

Heifers and bullocks: Glenurquhart Farm, (AAX hfr) 135.8p; Glenurquhart Farm, (AAX blk) 132.9p, 130.3p.

Leading prices per head

Cows: Drummond Farm, (Lim) £1035, £945, £935.

Heifers and bullocks: Knockandhu, Tomatin, (BBX hfr) £885; Glenurquhart Farm, (AAX hfr) £645; Glenurquhart Farm, (AAX blk) £565.

DINGWALL, Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd, (April 8th) sold 25 Young Farmers over-wintered cattle at their annual show and sale for InverRoss Young Farmers Club, sponsored by Messrs Home Farms, Inverness.

The judge, Stephen Sutherland, Sibmister, Thurso, choose as his champion the first prize bullock, a 14 month old 510kg Limousin cross bullock brought out by Scott Fraser, Tore Mains, Muir of Ord. Bred by Mr D. Fraser, Newton of Ferintosh, Conon Bridge, and purchased at Dingwall in October. The champion was sold for £1,100 to the judge. Scott was also awarded ~~Best~~ Best animal exhibited by a junior member

Reserve champion went to Alistair Mackay, of Leanach Farm, Culloden, Inverness, with his first prize heifer, a 575kg Charolais cross heifer bred by Mr W Nicolson, Glenconon, Isle of Skye. This 14 month old was purchased at Portree, Isle of Skye in September. The prize for ~~Best~~ Best presented and haltered also went to Alistair. Buyer at £1,020 was Mr A J Ingram, East Comalegy, Drumblade, Huntly.

Home-bred champion was a Simmental cross from Calum Young, Bunchrew, Inverness. This yearling bullock weighed in at 490kg and sold at £910 to Messrs W W Martin & Son, Garguston, Muir of Ord. He was by Innerwick Troy and out of a BB cross cow.

Results

Bullock: 1st Scott Fraser, Tore Mains; 2nd Kenny MacIver, Flowerburn Mains, Fortrose; 3rd Jamie Fraser, Tore Mains.

Heifer: 1st Alistair Mackay, Leanach Farm; 2nd Andrew Grant, Druid Temple Farm, Inverness; 3rd Alistair Mackay, Leanach Farm.

Best home-bred: Calum Young, Bunchrew.

Highest daily live-weight gain: Andrew Grant, Druid Temple Farm.

Highest gross margin: Scott Fraser, Tore Mains.

Best animal exhibited by a junior: Scott Fraser, Tore Mains.

Best presented and haltered: Alistair Mackay, Leanach Farm.