

PORTREE, Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd., (September, 21st) sold 1077 weaned calves at their annual district ballot show and sale, sponsored by the Limousin and Charolais Cattle Societies.

The judge, Mr Cameron MacIver, Easter Strath of Auchterflow, Killen, awarded the champion and the D.J. Macdonald (Orbost) Memorial Trophy to a 470kg Charolais cross bullock from Mr W. Nicolson, 15 Glenconon, Uig, realising £880. The reserve, from Mr A. Macpherson, Torvaig, was a 290kg Limousin cross heifer realising £980. Special prizes for top price per kilo pair or more in the Limousin and Charolais sections were awarded to Brae Eynort, Carbost, for a pair of Limousin cross heifers realising 290p per kilo and to Torvaig, Portree, (Macpherson), for a pen of five Charolais cross heifers, realising 289.5p per kilo.

Bullocks (606) averaged 208.7p (182.4p last year) and sold to 287.2p per kg for a pair of 195kg Charolais crosses from Corriebheinn Farms, Portree, and £880 gross for the champion beast from 15 Glenconon.

Heifers (468) averaged 202.1p (162p last year) and sold to 337.9p per kg and £980 gross for the reserve champion beast from Torvaig.

Young bulls (3) averaged 198.6p and sold to 233.3p per kg for a 180kg Limousin cross from Corriebheinn Farms, and £490 gross for a 300kg Limousin cross also from Corriebheinn Farms.

⚠️All classes met an excellent demand with quality spring born Continental crosses selling at premium rates resulting in an increase of £112 per head on last years sale.+

Leading prices per head and per kg

Bullocks up to 200kg – Corriebheinn Farms, £560, Brae Eynort, Carbost, 280p; **201-250kg** - 10 Achachork, Portree, £640, 266.7p; **251-300kg** – 10 Achachork, £700, Brae Eynort, 251.9p; **301-350kg** – Kilmaluag, Duntulm, £775, Brae Eynort, 230.7p; **351-400kg** – 4 & 5 Totescore, Portree, £800, Kilmaluag, 210.8p; **401-450kg** – Gesto Farm, Struan, £790, 183.7p; **451-500kg** – Leabost, Glenhinisdale, £870, 15 Glenconon, 187.2p; **501-550kg** – Glenbrittle, Carbost, £850, 161.9p. **Heifers up to 200kg** – Torvaig, (Macpherson), £550, Brae Eynort, 290p; **201-250kg** – Monkstadt, Portree, £615, 8 Torvaig, 273.2p; **251-300kg** – Gesto Farm, £670, 248.2p; **301-350kg** – 9 Clachan, Staffin, £820, 252.3p; **351-400kg** – 1 Feorlig, Dunvegan, £710, Kilmaluag, 194.4p; **401-450kg** – Glenbrittle, £760, 181p; **451-500kg** – 4 Torvaig, Portree, £810, 162p. **Young bulls up to 250kg** – 11 Kendram, Duntulm, £480, 218.2p.