

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 7th) sold 529 Aberdeen Angus store cattle in a special show and sale.

Bullocks (321) averaged 181.4p and sold to 258.1p and £1,200 gross for the champion, a 465kg Aberdeen Angus cross from Gaskbeg, Laggan, Newtonmore.
Heifers (208) averaged 170.5p and sold to 199.7p for a pen of Aberdeen Angus crosses from Whitebog, Fortrose, and £865 gross for an Aberdeen Angus cross from Culrain Mains, Ardgay. In the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society sponsored show and sale of store cattle judged by Mr Graeme MacIver, Flowerburn Mains, Fortrose, the overall champion was awarded to a 465kg bullock from Messrs J G Grant & Son, Gaskbeg, Laggan, realising £1,200 gross to the judge. Reserve champion was a 480kg bullock also from Gaskbeg, realising £940 to Auchtydore Farms, Easterton of Lednabo, Mintlaw.

Prize list

Bullock: 1st Gaskbeg, 465kg, £1,200; 2nd Gaskbeg, 480kg, £940.

Heifer: 1st E L M Laing, Wester Fearn, 515kg, £735; 2nd W A Cowan, Gordonhall, 410kg, £600.

Pair of bullocks or heifers: 1st J P Clark Ltd., Kinnahaird, 570kg, £980; 2nd Wester Fearn, 605kg, £1,010.

Pen of four bullocks or heifers: 1st Wester Fearn, 506kg, £790; 2nd Wester Fearn, 561kg, £990.

Highly satisfactory trade with quality kinds specially sought after.+

Leading prices per head and per kg:

Bullocks up to 250kg – 5 Strathnaver, Kinbrace, £440, 206.6p; **251-300kg** – Cambusmore Estate, Dornoch, £560, 199.3p; **301-350kg** – Whitebog, £725, 222.4p; **351-400kg** – Nottingham Mains, Latheron, £820, 205.5p; **401-450kg** – Ardross Castle, Ardross, £825, Springfield Croft, Balblair, 195.1p; **451-500kg** – Gaskbeg, £940, 195.8p; **501-550kg** – Springfield Croft, £950, Wester Rarichie, Nigg, 180.5p; **551-600kg** – Wester Fearn, £990, 176.5p; **601-650kg** – Wester Fearn, £1010, 166.9p; **over 651kg** – Lynegar, Watten, £1070, 163.4p.

Heifers up to 250kg – Kinloch, Wick, £395, 5 Strathnaver, 178.2p; **251-300kg** – Cambusmore Estate, £500, 181.2p; **301-350kg** – Nottingham Mains, £615, 188.1p; **351-400kg** – Nottingham Mains, £700, Laggan of Clachaig, Nethybridge, 178.5p; **401-450kg** – Cambusmore Estate, £780, Ardross Castle, 184.3p; **451-500kg** – Easter Duthil, Carrbridge, £825, 173.7p; **501-550kg** – Ordmuir, Muir of Ord, £820, Wester Fearn, 157.2p; **551-600kg** – Glenurquhart Farm, Cromarty, £855, 149.1p.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 7th) sold 284 Continental store cattle in a special show and sale.

Bullocks (157) averaged 184.7p and sold to 326.4p and £1,420 gross for a 435kg Limousin cross from Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge.

Heifers (127) averaged 180.8p and sold to 209.1p and £920 gross for a pair of Limousin crosses from Invertrie, Kingussie.

Champion continental cross was awarded to a 410kg Charolais cross bullock from Abersky, Torness.

More mixed show continued to sell at recent high rates.+

Leading prices per head and per kg:

Bullocks up to 250kg - Glen Gloy Farms, Letterfinlay, £510, 242.9p; **251-300kg** – Upper Bogrow, Edderton, £660, 231.6p; **301-350kg** – Upper Bogrow, £720, 214.9p; **351-400kg** – Ardgayhill, Ardgay, £785, Cranford, Gollanfield, 209.8p; **401-450kg** – Alvie Estate, Kincaig, £880, Abersky, Torness, 202.4p; **451-500kg** – Lower Milton Farm, Drumnadrochit, £880, 190.9p; **501-550kg** – Clury Farm, £1000, Lower Milton Farm, 195.3p.

Heifers up to 250kg – Ardross Castle, Ardross, £490, Upper Bogrow, 204.4p; **251-300kg** – Attadale, Balmacara, £520, Belladrum Mill, Kiltarlity, 193.9p; **301-350kg** – Abersky, £670, Cranford, 196.7p; **351-400kg** – Attadale, £730, 202.8p; **401-450kg** – Alvie Estate, £810, Pitmain Farm, Kingussie, 196.6p; **451-500kg** – Corrimony, Glenurquhart, £850, 182.8p; **501-550kg** – Lower Milton Farm, £865, 168p; **551-600kg** – Glenurquhart Farm, Cromarty, £825, 140.8p.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 7th) sold 20 OTM cattle.

Cows (12) averaged 110.5p and sold to 126.8p per kg for a 745kg Limousin cross from Alvie Estate, Kincaig, and £1,105 gross for a 885kg British Blue cross from Little Kildrummie Nairn.

Clean heifers and bullocks (7) averaged 137.2p and sold to 140.4p per kg for a 495kg Aberdeen Angus cross heifer from Glenurquhart Farm, Cromarty, and £1,065 gross for a 760kg Simmental cross heifer from Little Kildrummie.

OTM bulls (1) sold to 100p per kg and £1175 gross for a 1175kg Aberdeen Angus from Glenurquhart Farm.

Other leading prices per kg

Cows: Little Kildrummie, (BBX) 124.9p; Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck, (LimX) 116.8p; 5 Borreraig, Dunvegan, (Hgh) 106.5p.

Heifers and bullocks: Little Kildrummie, (SimX hfr) 140.1p; Torachility Farm, Contin, (AAX blk) 138.4p; Sean Bhruthach, Duirinish, (Hgh), 134.4p.

Other leading prices per head

Cows: Little Kildrummie, (SimX) £1025; Alvie Estate, (LimX), £945, Gorthleck Mains, (CharX), £745.

Heifers and bullocks: Little Kildrummie, (LimX hfr) £1045; Ordmuir, Muir of Ord, (SimX blk) £705; Glenurquhart Farm, (AAX blk) £695.

DINGWALL, Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd, (April 7th) sold 15 Young Farmers over-wintered cattle at their annual show and sale, sponsored by Messrs Home Farms, Inverness.

The judge, Jocky McCallum, Mountrich Farm, Dingwall, choose as his champion the first prize heifer, an 11 month old 470kg Charolais cross, brought out by Sarah Wilson, Wester Cairnglass, Nairn. Bred by Hugh and Neil Mackay, Wester Tomloan, Ardclach, and purchased at Dingwall in November. The champion was sold for £1,000 to Bridgend Farm, Dingwall. Sarah was also awarded Best animal exhibited by a junior member

Reserve champion went to Jamie Fraser, of Tore Mains, Tore, with his first prize bullock, a 615kg Charolais cross also bred at Wester Tomloan. This 13 month old was purchased at Dingwall, in October. The prizes for Best presented and paraded highest daily live weight gain and best from InverRoss Young Farmers Club also went to Jamie. Buyer at £1,070 was Messrs G & S McConachie, Berrybrae, Wardhouse, Insh.

Home-bred champion and second prize heifer was a Limousin cross from Sarah Wilson. This yearling weighed in at 395kg and sold at £1,020 to Mr Donald Morrison, 141 Burnside, Kinlochbervie. She was sired by Middledale Toronto and out of a British Blue cross cow.

The prize for Best from Ross Sutherland went to Duncan Scott, Cadbollmount, for a homebred 500kg Simmental cross bullock, which realised £800.

Results

Bullock: 1st Jamie Fraser, Tore Mains, Tore, 615kg, £1,070; 2nd Stuart Grant, Druid Temple, Inverness, 500kg, £990; 3rd Kenny MacIver, Flowerburn Mains, Fortrose, 425kg, £840.

Heifer: 1st Sarah Wilson, Wester Cairnglass, Nairn, 470kg, £1,000; 2nd Sarah Wilson, Wester Cairnglass, 395kg, £1,020; 3rd Stuart Grant, Druid Temple, 570kg, £1,080.

Best home-bred: Sarah Wilson, Wester Cairnglass.

Highest daily live-weight gain: Jamie Fraser, Tore Mains.

Highest gross margin: Andrew Grant, Druid Temple, Inverness, (£320).

Best animal exhibited by a junior: Sarah Wilson, Wester Cairnglass.

Best presented and paraded: Jamie Fraser, Tore Mains.