

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (October, 8th) sold 676 store cattle and 32 OTM cattle at their show and sale of weaned calves and yearlings with Aberdeen Angus section.

The judge, Mr Tom Henderson, Udale, Poyntzfield, awarded the champion to a 400kg Limousin bullock from Messrs W. F. Cruickshank & Son, Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge, realising £790 to the judge. The reserve champion, from The Firm of J. Munro & Son, Invercharron, Ardgay, was a 445kg Limousin heifers realising £810, also to the judge.

Other prizes awarded:

Best AA bullock

1st prize . Messrs J. G. Grant & Son, Gaskbeg, Laggan, 495kg, £900

2nd prize . Messrs D. & M. Tait, Inkstack House, Barrock, 502kg, £750

Best AA heifer

1st prize . Mr D. Rennie, 8 Acres, Daviot West, 530kg, £675

2nd prize . 8 Acres, 530kg, £675

Best Continental bullock

1st prize . Messrs W. F. Cruickshank & Son, Clury Farm, 400kg, £790

2nd prize . The Firm of J. Munro & Son, Invercharron, Ardgay, 390kg, £730

Best Continental heifer

1st prize . Invercharron, 445kg, £810

2nd prize . Mr A. J. MacNab, Kildun, Dingwall, 415kg, £715

Aberdeen Angus and Aberdeen Angus cross bullocks (128) averaged 154.9p and sold to 181.8p per kg and £900 gross for a 495kg beast from Gaskbeg, Laggan.

Aberdeen Angus and Aberdeen Angus cross heifers (84) averaged 138.5p and sold to 152.5p per kg for a 295kg cross from Auchnafearn, Grantown on Spey and £710 gross for a 497kg pure from Inkstack House, Barrock, Thurso.

Continental bullocks (242) averaged 161.5p and sold to 197.5p per kg for the champion, a 400kg Limousin from Clury Farm, and £900 gross for a 495kg Aberdeen Angus cross from Gaskbeg, Laggan.

Continental heifers (189) averaged 150.9p and sold to 215.4p per kg for a 390kg Limousin from Kirksheaf, Tain, and £875 gross for a 590kg Limousin from Sunnylea, Balblair.

Young bulls (3) averaged 146.7p and sold to 165.9p per kg for a 205kg Limousin from Fairmuir, Muir of Ord, and £470 gross for a 365kg Shorthorn cross from Redbank, Heights of Fodderty.

OTM beef cows (26) averaged 100.8p and sold to 122.1p per kg and £1105 gross for a 905kg Limousin from Kinnahaird Farm Contin.

OTM clean bullocks and heifers (5) averaged 130.3p and sold to 138.7p per kg and £985 gross for a 710kg Simmental cross heifer from Kinnahaird Farm.

OTM bulls (1) sold to 84.3p per kg and £835 gross for a 990kg Limousin from Corrimony, Glenurquhart.

%Quality cattle maintained recent high rates whilst trade for plainer stock reflected in their price.+

Leading prices per head and per kg:

Aberdeen Angus and native bred bullocks up to 250kg - No. 1 Kilmore, Isle of Skye, £390, Scallasaig, Glenelg, 162p; **251-300kg** . Buntait Farm, Glenurquhart, £520, 177.5p; **301-350kg** . Dalmore Farm, Alness, £555, 174.5p; **351-400kg** . Dalmore Farm, £595, 167.6p; **401-450kg** . Gruids, Lairg, £710, Wester Fearn, Ardgay, 159.3p; **451-500kg** – Inkstack House, £770, 158.8p; **501-550kg** – Gaskbeg, Laggan, £850, 157.4p; **551-600kg** – Inkstack House, £885, 158.0p.

Aberdeen Angus and native bred heifers up to 250kg – Scallasaig, £315, 147.4p; **251-300kg** . Auchnafearn, Grantown on Spey, £450, 152.5p; **301-350kg** . No. 1 Raddery, Fortrose, £500, Auchnafearn, 150p; **351-400kg** . Inchindown, Invergordon, £525, Nottingham Mains, Latheron, 145.1p; **401-450kg** – Nottingham Mains, £600, 139p; **451-500kg** – Inkstack House, £710, 150.6p; **501-550kg** – 8 Acres, Daviot West, £675, 127.4p.

Continental bullocks up to 250kg – Lochbuie, Newtonmore, £450, 191.5p; **251-300kg** . Clury Farm, £500, Fairmuir Road, Muir of Ord, 173.1p; **301-350kg** . The Cloy, Fortrose, £620, 177.1p; **351-400kg** . Clury Farm, £790, Kildun, Dingwall, 192.3p; **401-450kg** . Fiddlefield, Muir of Ord, £760, Clury Farm, 183.7p; **451-500kg** – Gruids, Lairg, £810, 168.8p; **501-550kg** – No. 7 Balranald, Lochmaddy, £805, No. 3 Glaick, Ardrross, 157.4p; **Over 601kg** . No. 7 Balranald, £835, 136.9p.

Continental heifers up to 250kg – Flichity Mains, Farr, £385, 171.1p; **251-300kg** . Upperton, Balnain, £435, Invercharron, 150.8p; **301-350kg** . Lochbuie, £555, Moy Mains, Tomatin, 170.8p; **351-400kg** . Kirksheaf, £840, Invercharron, 183.6p; **401-450kg** . Invercharron, £810, 182p; **451-500kg** – Sunnylea, £740, 151p; **501-550kg** – Sunnylea, £800, Feabait Farm, Muir of Ord, 151p; **551-600kg** – Sunnylea, £875, 148.3p.

Leading prices per kg

OTM beef cows: Gesto Farm, Isle of Skye, (SimX), 119.1p; Garthbeg Farms, (SimX) 111.7p; Teawig, Beauly, (ShoX) 111.6p.

OTM clean bullocks and heifers: Garthbeg Farms, (SimX blk) 133.7p; Garthbeg Farms, (Lim blk) 132.1p; Invercharron, (SimX hfr) 119.5p.

Leading prices per head

OTM beef cows: Gesto Farm, (SimX) £875; Teawig, (ShoX), £865; Woodlands, Dingwall, (BB), £745.

OTM clean bullocks and heifers: Garthbeg Farms, (SimX blk) £925; Garthbeg Farms, (Lim blk) £885; Invercharron, (SimX hfr) £765.