

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (October, 4th) sold 496 weaned calves at their first annual district ballot show and sale.

The show champion sponsored by Barclays Transport, Portsoy and Zoetis with Surecalf was awarded to an eight month old Limousin cross bullock from A MacLean, 4 Bualnaluib, Aultbea scaling in at 305kg and realising £800 gross. The reserve champion was a 315kg, eight month old Limousin cross bullock from Mr I Grant, Slattadale, Lochmaree, which realised £900.

Bullocks (267) averaged 246.8p and sold to 320.9p per kg for a pen of eight 134kg Charolais crosses from Messrs A & D Renwick, Keppoch Farm, Dundonnell and £1,000 gross for a 475kg Aberdeen Angus cross from D M MacDonald, Aird, 5 North Duntulm, Portree.

Heifers (226) averaged 232.2p and sold to 309.9p per kg for a pen of nine 142kg Charolais crosses from Messrs A & D Renwick, Keppoch Farm and £810 gross for a pen of 370kg Charolais crosses also from Messrs A & D Renwick.

Young Bulls (3) averaged 233.6p and sold to 236.0p for a pair of 250kg Short Horn crosses from A C Smith, Dunlichity Farm, Farr and sold to £590 gross.

Full prize list

North West Sutherland

1st – Messrs Croick Estate, Ardgay, 275kg, £750.

2nd – Messrs Croick Estate, 288kg, £730.

North West Ross

1st – Mr A MacLean, 4 Bualnaluib, Aultbea, 305kg, £800.

2nd – Mr I Grant, Slattadale, Lochmaree, 315kg, £900.

Overall Champion

Mr A MacLean, 4 Bualnaluib, Aultbea, 305kg, £800.

Reserve Champion

Mr I Grant, Slattadale, Lochmaree, 315kg, £900.

“The entire entry of spring and early summer born calves met highly satisfactory rates.”

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

North West Sutherland & Caithness: Bullocks – 201-250kg – Keoldale SSC, £570, 228.0p; **251-300kg** – Croick Estate, £730, 248.2p; **301-350kg** – Keoldale SSC £790, 250.8p.

Heifers up to 200kg – Croick Estate, £360, 248.3p; **201-250kg** – 129 West Langwell, £510, Keoldale, 220.7p; **251-300kg** – Croick Estate, £750, 272.7p.

North West Ross: Bullocks up to 200kg - Keppoch Farm, £480, 271.2p; **201-250kg** – Keppoch Farm, £660, 312.8p; **251-300kg** – Keppoch Farm £810, Slattadale, 280.7p; **301-350kg** – Slattadale, £900, 285.7p; **351-400kg** – Slattadale £870, 229.0p.

Heifers up to 200kg – Tournai Estate, £500, Keppoch Farm, 309.9p; **201-250kg** – 4 Bualnaluib, £690, 289.9p; **251-300kg** – 12 Bualnaluib £590, 212.2p; **301-350kg** – 12 Bualnaluib £730, 221.2p; **351-400kg** – Keppoch Farm, £810, 171.4p.

Islands: Bullocks up to 200kg – Tote House, £630, 318.2p twice; **201-250kg** – 4 Glasnakille, £580, 253.3p; **251-300kg** – Tote House, £780, 309.5p; **301-350kg** – Ose Farm and Sandamhor Farming, £740, Ose Farm, 230.5p; **451-500kg** – 5 North Duntulm, £900.

Heifers up to 200kg – Tote House, £510, 268.4p; **201-250kg** – 4 Glasnakille, £570, 253.3p; **251-300kg** – Ose Farm, £740, Sandamhor, 267.2p; **301-350kg** – Strathaird Farms, Broadford, £730, 221.2p.

South West Ross & any other district: Bullocks up to 200kg – Dunlichity Farm, Farr twice, £540, 289.2p; **201-250kg** – Tullochard, £645, Dunlichity Farm, 265.8p; **251-300kg** – Tullochard, £690, 9 Balmacara, 241.8p; **301-350kg** – 9 Balmacara £730, 231.2p;

Heifers up to 200kg – Dunlichity Farm, £510, 306.3p; **201-250kg** – Dunlichity Farm, £600, 267.9p; **251-300kg** – Tullochard, £510, Arinackaig 220.0p; **301-350kg** – Croft 101, £615, twice 189.8p.

Young Bulls: Tote House, £350, 225.8p.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (4th October) sold 15 OTM cattle.

OTM prime and feeding cows, (14) averaged 112.6p and sold to 138.0p per kg and £1,070 gross for an 780kg Aberdeen Angus cross from 199 Lednabirichen, Dornoch.

OTM Bull, (1) sold to 101.9p per kilo and £1090 gross for a 1070kg Simmental cross.

Other leading prices per head:

OTM cows: Dunlichity Farm, (LimX) £890, Sandamhor Farming Partnership, (AAX), £770, Tournai Estate, (SimX), £550, Trien Croft, Loch Rannoch, (WSX), £490.

Other leading prices per kg:

OTM cows: Dunlichity Farm, (LimX), 133.8p, Sandamhor Farming Partnership, (AAX), 123.2p.