

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (October, 11th) sold 1515 weaned calves at their second annual district ballot show and sale.

The judge, Mr Tom Henderson, Udale Farm, Poyntzfield, awarded the overall champion of the NFU Mutual (Dingwall Branch), Harbro and Surecalf with Zoetis sponsored show to a 455kg, eight month old Limousin heifer from Mr J Smith, The Rowans, Brora realising £1,500. The reserve champion was a 320kg, six month old Limousin cross bullock from Messrs Dunmaglass Estate, Dores realising £1,450.

Bullocks (806) averaged 236.9p and sold to 453.1p per kg and £1,450 gross for a 320kg Limousin cross from Messrs Dunmaglass Estate, Dores.

Heifers (635) averaged 226.4p and sold to 473.7p per kg a 285kg British Blue cross from Invercharron, Ardgay and £1,500 for the champion a 455kg Limousin cross from The Rowans.

Young Bulls (4) averaged 237.1p per kg and sold to 259.1p per kg for a Limousin cross from Flowerburn and £780 gross for a Limousin cross from Carrol Farm, Brora.

Full prize list

Nairn & Speyside

1st - Messrs H Mackay, Wester Tomloan, Glenferness, 420kg, £1,050.

2nd - Messrs H Mackay, Wester Tomloan, Glenferness, 355kg, £980.

Mid Ross

1st - John P Clark Ltd, Kinnahaird Farm, Contin, 355kg, £840.

South East Sutherland and Caithness

1st - Mr J Smith, The Rowans, Brora, 455kg, £1,500.

2nd - Mr J Smith, The Rowans, Brora, 370kg, £950.

Black Isle

1st - Messrs W MacIver & company, Flowerburn mains, Fortrose, 310kg, £840

2nd - Messrs W MacIver & company, Flowerburn mains, Fortrose, 295kg, £790

Inverness

1st - Messrs Dunmaglass Estate, Dores, 320kg, £1,450

2nd - Messrs Dunmaglass Estate, Dores, 320kg, £980

Overall Champion

Mr J Smith, The Rowans, Brora.

Reserve Champion

Messrs Dunmaglass Estate, Dores.

“Overall trade reflected current challenges in the sector.”

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Nairn and Speyside:

Bullocks 251-300kg – Castle Grant, Grantown on Spey, £940, 324.1p **301-350kg** – Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge, £920, 295.1p; **351-400kg** – Wester Tomloan, £1050, 276.3p; **401-450kg** – Wester Tomloan, £1050, 250.0p.

Heifers 251-300kg – Castle Grant, £740, 248.3p; **301-350kg** – Castle Grant, £780, 247.6p; **351-400kg** – Wester Tomloan, £980, 276.1p; **401-450kg** – Wester Lochend Farm, Loch Flemington, £780, 178.9p.

Mid Ross:

Bullocks 251-300kg – 9 Loch Ussie, Dingwall, £820, 268.8p; **301-350kg** – 9 Loch Ussie, £830, 244.8p; **351-400kg** – Kinnahaird Farm, £980, 246.2p; **401-450kg** – Kinnahaird Farm, £1100, 265.1p; **451-500kg** - Muirton Mains, £1120, 235.8p **501kg up** – Leidichruich, Heights of Docharty, £1260, 244.1p.

Heifers 251-300kg – 9 Loch Ussie, £690, 248.1p; **301-350kg** – 9 Loch Ussie, £720, 238.4p; **351-400kg** – Muirton Mains, Muir of Ord, £830, 218.4p; **401-450kg** – Muirton Mains, £1200, 267.9p.

South East Sutherland and Caithness:

Bullocks 251-300kg – 5A Ormlie Hill, Thurso, £820, 292.9p; **301-350kg** – 189 Fleucharry, Dornoch, £1000, 303.0p; **351-400kg** - Mayfield, Scrabster, £990, 256.8p; **401-450kg** – 250 Rearquhar, Fleucharry, £960, Tofts of Tain, Castletown, 229.3p; **451-500kg** – The Rowans, £1280, 261.2p.

Heifers 251-300kg – Invercharron, £1350, 473.7p; **301-350kg** - 189 Fleucharry, £1450, 453.1p; **351-400kg** – 5A Ormlie Hill, £880, 234.7p; **401-450kg** – Smerral Farm, Wick, £1000, 222.2p; **451kg up** – The Rowans, £1500, 329.7p.

Black Isle:

Bullocks 251-300kg Conon Mains, Conon Bridge, £770, Boggiewell, Fortrose, £273.4p; **301-350kg** – Conon Mains, £980, 280.0p; **351-400kg** – Corslet Farm, Rosemarkie, £900, Boggiewell, 234.8p.

Heifers 251-300kg – Flowerburn mains, Fortrose, £790, 267.8p; **301-350** – Conon Mains, £830, 255.7p.

Inverness:

Bullocks 251-300kg – Dunmaglass Estate, £800, 285.7p; **301-350kg** – Dunmaglass Estate, £1450, 453.1p; **351-400kg** – Craigview, Arisaig, £1120, 280.0p; **401-450kg** – Balchraggan, £940, 231.9p **451-500kg** – Milton Farms, £1110, 244.5p.

Heifers 251-300kg – Upper Balnain, Glenurquhart, £880, 308.8p; **301-350kg** - Dunmaglass Estate, £1120, 344.6p; **351-400kg** – Little Croy, Croy, £920, 239.0p; **401-450kg** – Milton Farm, £960, 229.7p; **451kg up** – Milton Farms, £945, 204.6p.