

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 1st) sold 1,174 store cattle and 22 OTM cattle.

Bullocks (724) averaged 232.4p and sold to 293.3p per kg for a pair of 225kg a Limousin crosses from Westburn, Thurso, and £1,420 gross for the reserve champion, a 610kg Limousin cross from Easter Clune, Lethen.

Heifers (448) averaged 212.2p and sold to 261.2p per kg for a 425kg Charolais cross from Lyne of Urchany Farm, Nairn, and £1,300 gross for a 540kg British Blue cross from Meikle Geddes Farm, Nairn.

Young bulls (2) averaged 201.5p and sold to 250p per kg and £750 gross for a 300kg Limousin cross from Tullieglens, Dunphail.

OTM cows (22) averaged 126.1p per kg and sold to 176.6p per kg and £1,210 gross for a 685kg Simmental cross from Dunain Mains, Inverness.

The Robertson's of Tain, Harbro & Surecalf sponsored show and sale of store cattle judged by Dean Anderson, Smallburn Farms, Elgin, awarded his overall champion to a 500kg Limousin cross bullock from Mr J. A. Pirie, Chapelpark Farm, Kingussie, realising £1,300 gross to Messrs D. & V. Buchan, Savoch, Peterhead. Reserve champion was a 610kg Limousin cross bullock from Messrs J. M. Fraser & Son, Easter Clune, Lethen, realising £1,420 gross to Mr W. Gracey, Tehillah Farm, Fyvie.

Prize list

Single bullock:

1st Chapelpark Farm, (LimX) 500kg, £1,300;

2nd Easter Clune, (LimX) 610kg, £1,420.

Single heifer:

1st Messrs J. & J. Henderson, Udale, (LimX) 610kg, £1,220;

2nd Messrs J. H. & S. M. Anderson, The Cloy, (Cha) 520kg, £1,200.

Best pair of bullocks:

1st Messrs W. J. & G. A. Fraser, Little Croy, (LimX) 506kg, £1,230;

2nd Chapelpark Farm, (LimX) 383kg, £1,000.

Best pair of heifers:

1st Mr A. J. Beattie, Raitcastle Farm, (LimX) 425kg, £1,010;

2nd Mr I. J. Stewart, Lower Whitebog, (LimX) 378kg, £785.

Best pen of four (bullocks or heifers):

1st The Cloy, (CharX bullocks) 506kg, £1,230;

2nd Messrs John P. Clark Ltd, Kinnahaird, (SimX bullocks) 459kg, £1,040.

“For the first time this season trade reflected the current situation within the prime sector.”

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Bullocks 201-250kg – Westburn, £660, 9 Bualnaluib, Aultbea, 251.2p; **251-300kg** – Corslet, Fortrose, £790, 268.7p; **301-350kg** – Chapelpark Farm, Kingussie, £900, 268.7p; **351-400kg** – Forsie, Thurso, £1070, 267.5p; **401-450kg** – Torgorm, £1145, 262.6p; **451-500kg** – Chapelpark Farm, £1300, 260p; **501-550kg** – The Cloy, Fortrose, £1230, 243.1p; **551-600kg** – Torgorm, Conon Bridge, £1270, 213.5p; **601-650kg** – Easter Clune, £1390, 232.8p; **Over 651kg** – Burnside Croft, Jamestown, £1370, 191.6p.

Heifers 201-250kg – 30 Big Sand, Gairloch, £480, 228.6p; **251-300kg** – Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge, £720, Westburn, 249.1p; **301-350kg** – Meikle Geddes, £800, Raitcastle Farm, Nairn, 236.5p; **351-400kg** – Kinchyle Farm, Scaniport, £920, Bunchrew Farm, Inverness, 237.8p; **401-450kg** – Lyne of Urchany, £1110, Bunchrew Farm, 241.6p; **451-500kg** – Blackford Farm, Croy, £1140, 4 Glaick, Ardross, 239.3p; **501-550kg** – Blackford Farm, £1230, 243.6p; **551-600kg** – Rose Cottage, Spinningdale, £1230, Westfield, Thurso, 207.9p; **601-650kg** – Westfield, £1240, Rose Cottage, 203.3p.

Other leading prices per head:

OTM cows: Ardindrain, Kiltarlity, (LimX), £1,070; 6 Balnabeen, Conon Bridge, (Sim), £1,050; Castlecraig Farms, Nigg, (BRB), £990.

Other leading prices per kg

OTM cows: 6 Balnabeen, (Sim), 173.6p; Ardindrain, (LimX), 145.6p; Castlecraig, (BRB), 140.4p.