

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (September, 30th) sold 454 store cattle at their annual show and sale of native and continental store cattle (including an Aberdeen Angus section).

The judge, Mr E. Fettes, Braes of Enzie, Buckie, awarded the continental champion to a 465kg Limousin cross bullock from Messrs J Munro & Son, Invercharron, Ardgay, realising £1,220. The continental reserve was a 460kg Limousin cross heifer from Messrs Dunmaglass Estate, Dore, realising £1,030. In the Aberdeen Angus section, the champion prize went to a 465kg bullock from Messrs E. L. M. Laing, Wester Fearn, Ardgay, realising £1,050, and the reserve to a 425kg bullock also from Wester Fearn, realising £1,010.

Other prizes awarded:

Aberdeen Angus heifer

1st prize – Messrs E. L. M. Laing, Wester Fearn, Ardgay

Continental cross bullock

2nd prize – Messrs J Munro & Son, Invercharron

Continental cross heifer

2nd prize – Messrs Dunmaglass Estate

Continental bullocks (208) averaged 231.1p and sold to 265.4p per kg for a pen of 358kg Limousin crosses from Bogburn Farm, Duncanston, and £1,420 gross for a 715kg Charolais cross from Milton Farm, Aberarder.

Continental heifers (187) averaged 214.3p and sold to 247.7p per kg for a 440kg Limousin cross from Dunmaglass Estate, and £1,115 gross for 492kg Charolais crosses from Milton Farm.

Aberdeen Angus and native bred bullocks (37) averaged 219.5p and sold to 242.6p per kg for a 305kg Aberdeen Angus from 7 Reef, Isle of Lewis, and £1,090 gross for 502kg British Shorthorns from Druid Temple Farm, Inverness.

Aberdeen Angus and native bred heifers (18) averaged 192.3p and sold to 211.7p per kg for 392kg Aberdeen Angus' from Wester Fearn, Ardgay, and £1,030 gross for a 500kg Aberdeen Angus also from Wester Fearn.

Breeding cattle (7) sold to £1140 gross twice, for an Aberdeen Angus bull from Drumbeg Fold, Sutherland, and an in calf Aberdeen Angus cow from 43 Bernisdale, Portree.

“Strong well-bred yearlings, particularly bullocks, met a firm enquiry.”

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Continental bullocks 251-300kg – Dell Farm, £745, 252.5p; **301-350kg** – Clury Farm, £880, Shewglie, Glenurquhart, 257.4p; **351-400kg** – Dell Farm, Whitebridge, £1025, Guisachan Farm, Tomich, 262.7p; **401-450kg** – Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge, £1100, 258.2p; **451-500kg** – Invercharron, Ardgay, £1220, Invercharron, Ardgay, 262.4p; **501-550kg** – Bunchrew Farm, £1120, 222.2p; **551-600kg** – Bunchrew Farm, Inverness, £1210, 208.6p.

Continental heifers 251-300kg – Dell Farm, £645, 218.6p; **301-350kg** – Garthbeg Farms, £750, 226.6p; **351-400kg** – Invercharron, £940, 235p; **401-450kg** – Dunmaglass Estate, £1090, Invercharron, 247.6p; **451-500kg** – Dunmaglass Estate, £1050, Pitmain Farm, Kingussie, 224.2p.

Aberdeen Angus & Native bullocks 201-250kg – 43 Bernisdale, £535, 215.7p; **251-300kg** – 43 Bernisdale, £655, 218.3p; **301-350kg** – 7 Reef, £740, New Croft, Knockfarrell, 213.2p; **351-400kg** – Flowerburn Mains, £770, 211p; **401-450kg** – Wester Fearn, £1010, 237.7p; **451-500kg** – Wester Fearn, £1060, 226.5p; **501-550kg** – Druid Temple Farm, 217.1p.

Aberdeen Angus & Native heifers 251-300kg – 7 Reef, £540, 203.8p; **301-350kg** – 7 Reef, £565; **351-400kg** – Wester Fearn, £830, 205.3p; **401-450kg** – New Croft, £825; **451-500kg** – Wester Fearn, 206p; **501-550kg** – New Croft, £1010, 192.4p.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (September, 30th) sold 17 OTM feeding cattle.

OTM cows (16) averaged 123.7p and sold to 139.3p per kg for a 610kg Limousin cross from 30 Big Sand, Gairloch, and £1,230 gross for a 945kg Simmental cross from Pitmain Farm, Kingussie.

OTM bulls (one) sold to 86.7p per kg and £850 gross for a 980kg Aberdeen Angus from Culrain Mains, Ardgay.

Other leading prices per head

OTM cows: Wester Fearn, Ardgay, (AA), £1,010; Dunlichity Farm, Farr, (SalX), £910; 30 Big Sand, (LimX), £850.

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OTM cows: Dunlichity Farm, (SalX), 137.2p; Culmill, Kiltarlity, (SimX), 136.1p; Wester Fearn, (AA), 134.9p.