

DINGWALL, Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd, (April 6th) sold 21 Young Farmers over-wintered cattle at their annual show and sale, kindly sponsored by A M Phillip Agritech, Messrs Craiglands Quarry, Fortrose, and ABP, Perth.

Bullocks (20) averaged 230.9p and sold to 259.3p per kilo for a 405kg Limousin cross from Alexander MacLean, Bualnaluib, Aultbea and £1,380 gross for the supreme champion, haltered champion, 1st haltered bullock, a 545kg Limousin cross from Anne MacArthur, Newton of Budgate, Cawdor.

Heifers (6) averaged 226.6p and sold to 261.4p per kilo for the un-haltered reserve heifer and first un-haltered heifer, a 440kg Limousin cross from Katrina MacArthur, Newton of Budgate, Cawdor and £1,180 gross for the 1st haltered heifer, a 490kg Charolais cross from Jamie Fraser, Tore Mains, Tore.

The judge, Blair Duffton, 2 Bogie Street, Huntly, chose as his A M Phillips Agritech Overall Supreme Champion, the haltered champion and first prize haltered bullock, a 13 month old 545kg Limousin cross, brought out by Anne MacArthur, Newton of Budgate, Cawdor, bred by Messrs Achentoul Farms Ltd, Kinbrace, Sutherland, and purchased at Dingwall in October. The champion was sold for £1,380 gross. Anne also won the award for "haltered champion, 1st haltered bullock, best new exhibitor and best junior".

The A M Phillips Agritech Reserve Supreme Champion went to Kyle Cruickshank, Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge, with his reserve haltered bullock, 2nd haltered bullock, a 585kg Charolais cross, realising £1,220. Kyle also won "Highest Daily Live Weight Gain with the same animal, gaining 1.43kg per day.

The Craiglands Quarry homebred champion went to Kenny Maclver, Flowerburn Mains, Fortrose, with his 430kg Limousin cross bullock, realising £1,000 gross. Kenny also won Best from Inver Ross and 1st homebred bullock.

'Highest Gross Margin' was awarded to Katrina MacArthur, with her 440kg Limousin cross, purchased for £710 and selling at £1,150, a gross margin of £440.

Other results

Unhaltered Bullock:

1st Lynne MacArthur, 440kg, £1,080;

2nd Scott MacRae, Shawpark, 465kg, £1,120;

3rd Aimie Bisset, Springfield Croft, Balblair, 450kg, £1,100.

Unhaltered Heifer:

1st Katrina MacArthur, 440kg, £1,150;

2nd Anne MacArthur, 365kg, £880;

3rd Aimie Bisset, 445kg, £920.

Unhaltered Champion: Lynne MacArthur

Unhaltered Reserve: Katrina MacArthur

Homebred Bullock:

1st Kenny Maclver, 430kg £1,000;

Craiglands Quarry Homebred Champion: Kenny Maclver

Haltered Bullock:

1st Anne MacArthur, 545kg, £1,380;

2nd Kyle Cruickshank, 585kg, £1,220;

3rd Jamie Fraser, Tore Mains, 525kg, £1,350.

Haltered Heifer:

1st Jamie Fraser, 490kg, £1,180;

2nd Kyle Cruickshank, 465kg, £1,000;

Haltered Champion: Anne MacArthur

Haltered Reserve: Kyle Cruickshank

Craiglands Quarry Best Stockperson: Jamie Fraser

Best New Exhibitor: Anne MacArthur

Highest daily live-weight gain: Kyle Cruickshank, 1.43kg per day

Highest gross margin: Katrina MacArthur, gross margin of £440.

Best Junior: Anne MacArthur

Best from InverRoss: Kenny Maclver