

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 20th) sold 26 pedigree bulls at their annual show and sale sponsored by Messrs Mackenzie, Whitebog, Fortrose, Aardvark Contracting Limited, Fortrose & Bank of Scotland.

The judge, Mr H. Murray, Meadowbank, Forglen, Turriff, awarded the Champion to Dellfield Freddy, an 18 month old Simmental by Hiltonstown Dominic, from Messrs Druid Temple Farms, Inverness, to Messrs J H & S M Anderson, The Cloy, Fortrose, for 3600gns. The reserve champion went to an 18 month old Limousin from Messrs W F Cruikshank & Sons, Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge, and sold for 3400gns to Messrs T E & M Walker, Newton of Mountblairy, Alvah, Banff.

Pedigree bulls (26) sold to a top of 4800gns for a 25 month old Aberdeen Angus from Messrs G & W Henderson, Culrain Mains, Ardgay, and averaged 2404gns (£2524.85).

Other leading prices:

Lim – Coldhome Farm, Fortrose, 4000gns, Glenrinnes Farms, Dufftown, 3500gns, Kildun, Dingwall, 3000gns.

Sim – Druid Temple Farm, 3000gns; Corskie, Garmouth, 2900gns, 2200gns.

AA – Ballindalloch Home Farms, Ballindalloch, 3400gns, Swordale Farm, Bonar Bridge, 2300gns, Orbliston, Fochabers, 2000gns.

Sal – Whitebog, Rosemarkie, 3600gns.

BSH – 1 Skaill, Dounreay, 2500gns, Smallburn Farms, Elgin, 2000gns, Alvie Farm, Kingussie, 1800gns.

Breed averages: 9 Limousin 2683gns; 5 Simmental 2500gns; 4 Aberdeen Angus 3125gns; 2 Saler 2250gns; 3 British Shorthorn 2100gns.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 20th) sold 72 adult head of breeding cattle.

Bulling heifers (17) sold to £1,220 gross for a British Shorthorn cross from Todholes, Weydale.

Cow with male calf (16) sold to £1,800 gross for a Limousin cross from the Newton of Darnaway, Forres.

Cow with female calf (18) sold to £1,850 gross for a Simmental cross from Newton of Darnaway.

In calf cows (12) sold to £1,350 gross for a Limousin cross from Newton of Darnaway.

In calf heifers (4) sold to £1,150 gross (thrice) for Aberdeen Angus' from North Skelmonae, Fraserburgh.

“Well bred bulls with locomotion met a keen demand, while commercial breeding cattle sold at satisfactory rates.”

Other leading prices

Bulling heifers: BshX – Todholes, £1,200; **BRB** – Blackpark, Nairn, £1,150.

Cow with male calf: LimX – Newton of Darnaway, £1,650; **SimX** – Newton of Darnaway, £1,550; **BRB** – Newton of Darnaway, £1,100.

Cow with female calf: SimX – Newton of Darnaway, £1,700; **LimX** – Newton of Darnaway, £1,600; **BRB** – Newton of Darnaway, £1,420.

In calf cows: SimX – Newton of Darnaway, £1,000; **LuiX** - 5 Strathnaver, Kinbrace, £920; **ShoX** – Lower Farley, Beauly, £800.