

PORTREE, Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd., (September, 19th) sold 1,128 weaned calves and store cattle at their annual district ballot show and sale.

The judge, Mr M. McBeath, Folly, Thurso, awarded the champion and the D. J. Macdonald (Orbost) Memorial Trophy to a twelve month old 430kg Limousin cross bullock from Mr N. Morrison, 12 Portnalong, Carbost, realising £1,100. The reserve, also from 12 Portnalong, was a seven month old 340kg Limousin cross bullock realising £920.

Bullocks (643) averaged 272.6p (+17.5p on the year), and sold to 406.8p per kg for a pen of 177kg Charolais cross from Uiginish Farm, Dunvegan, and £1,100 gross for a 430kg Limousin cross from 12 Portnalong, Carbost. **Heifers (485)** averaged 263.2p (+23.0p on the year) and sold to 351.2p per kg for a pen of 168kg Limousin cross from 4 Kingsburgh, Snizort, and £910 gross for a 460kg Simmental cross from 3 Kilmuir, Dunvegan.

“An excellent show of calves sold at extreme rates with the averages well up on the year helped by most of the entry now being scotch assured.”

Leading prices per head and per kg:

Bullocks up to 200kg – Torvaig, Portree, £760, 383.8p; **201-250kg** – 1 & 8 Drynoch, Carbost, £820, Uiginish Farm, 352.2p; **251-300kg** – Uiginish Farm, £860, 29/30 Borve, Skeabost Bridge, 323.1p; **301-350kg** – 12 Portnalong, £920, Sasaig, Sleat 288.5p; **351-400kg** – 1 Eyre, Snizort, £930, 15 Glenconon, Uig, 255.6p; **401-450kg** – 4 & 5 Totescore, Portree, £1070; 12 Portnalong, 255.8p.

Heifers up to 200kg – Uiginish Farm, £680, Torvaig, 342.3p; **201-250kg** – 12 Torrin, Broadford, £760, 2 Mill Park, Raasay, 328.6p; **251-300kg** – Uiginish Farm, £830, 15 Glenconon, Uig, 293.0p; **301-350kg** – 4 & 5 Totescore, £810, 261.3p; **351-400kg** – 1 Eyre, £890, 228.2p; **401-450kg** – 28 Stenscholl, Staffin, £860, 204.8p.