

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 5th) sold 669 Aberdeen Angus, native bred and continental store cattle in a special show and sale and 27 OTM cattle.

Aberdeen Angus bullocks (261) averaged 242.0p and sold to 290.3p per kilo for a 310kg Aberdeen Angus cross from Gordonhall, Kingussie and £1,400 gross for a 580kg Aberdeen Angus cross from 189 Fleucharry, Dornoch.

Aberdeen Angus heifers (206) averaged 222.8p and sold to 253.2p per kilo for a pen of 308kg Aberdeen Angus crosses from North Calder, Halkirk and £1,280 gross for a 650kg Aberdeen Angus from Wester Fearn, Ardgay.

Other native bullocks (59) averaged 222.2p and sold to 254.2p per kilo for a pen of 295kg Hereford crosses from Glebe of Deisher, Boat of Garten, and £1,330 gross for a 725kg Shorthorn cross from Balliefurth Farm, Grantown on Spey.

Other native heifers (39) averaged 219.9p and sold to 252.3p per kilo twice for 218kg Shorthorn crosses from Ashcroft, Erbusaig and Creag Salann, Erbusaig and £1,020 gross for a pair of 455kg Shorthorn crosses from Braelangwell, Balblair and also for a pair of 472kg British Shorthorn crosses from Greenvale, Dunnet.

Continental bullocks (60) averaged 234.0p and sold to 276.6p per kilo for a 235kg Limousin cross from Ardross Castle, Ardross, and £1,140 gross for a 530kg Simmental cross from Braelangwell and also for a 515kg Simmental cross from Laggan of Clachaig, Nethybridge.

Continental heifers (44) averaged 238.8p and sold to 259.9p per kilo for a pen of 304kg Limousin crosses from The Dell of Killiehuntly, Kingussie, and £1,060 gross for a pair of 492kg Charolais cross from Blackpark, Nairn.

OTM cattle (27) averaged 1.36.3p and sold to 178.4p per kilo for a 510kg Aberdeen Angus cross from Hilton Farm, Tain, and £1,130 gross for an 840kg Limousin cross from 4 Bualnaluib, Aultbea.

In the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society sponsored show and sale of store cattle judged by Mr A. Cruickshank, Southview, Keith, the overall champion was awarded to a 580kg bullock from 189 Fleucharry, Dornoch, realising £1,400 gross to Messrs G. E. Booth & Son, Savock, Ellon. Reserve champion was the 525kg second prize bullock from Firm of T. J. & G. MacLean, 1 Raddery, Fortrose realising £1,200 to the judge.

Whilst in the Shorthorn section, sponsored by Brogan Fuels, the champion was awarded to Messrs Patrick & Abigail Harrison, Balliefurth Farm, Grantown on Spey, with a 725kg bullock realising £1,330, and the reserve also went to Messrs Patrick & Abigail Harrison with a 730kg bullock, realising £1,310.

Prize list

AA Bullock: 1st 189 Fleucharry, 580kg, £1,400; 2nd 1 Raddery, 525kg, £1,200.

AA Heifer: 1st Auchmore Farm, Muir of Ord, 555kg, £1,170; 2nd 7 Scaristavore, Isle of Harris, 520kg, £1,080.

Pair of AA bullocks or heifers: 1st New House (Broynach), Thurso, 445kg, £1,100; 2nd New House (Broynach), 440kg, £1,100.

Pen of four AA bullocks or heifers: 1st Ardjachie, Tain, 578kg, £1,300; 2nd Midfean Farms, Ardgay, 615kg, £1,280.

Shorthorn Bullock: 1st Balliefurth Farm, 725kg, £1,330; 2nd Balliefurth Farm, 730kg, £1,310.

Pair of Shorthorn bullocks or heifers: 1st Balliefurth Farm, 685kg, £1,310.

“All classes sold at keen rates with Aberdeen Angus crosses meeting an exceptionally strong demand.”

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Aberdeen Angus bullocks 251-300kg – Strathglass Farms, Cannich, £720, Croft Martin, Insh, 262.8p; **301-350kg** – Strathglass Farm, £915, 267.5p; **351-400kg** – Greenvale, Dunnet, £1,090, 272.5p; **401-450kg** – Midfean Farms, £1,110, Inkstack House, Barrock, 262.4p; **451-500kg** – New House (Broynach), £1,240, 248.0p; **501-550kg** – 7 Scaristavore, £1,200, Braelangwell, 234.4p; **551-600kg** – Ardjachie, £1,320, 189 Fleucharry, 241.4p; **Over 600kg** – Wester Fearn, £1,320, Midfean Farms, 208.1p.

Aberdeen Angus heifers 251-300kg – Torachilty Farm, Contin, £630, 228.3p; **301-350kg** – Inkstack House, £860, 247.1p; **351-400kg** – Midfean Farms, £920, 243.2p; **401-450kg** – Torachilty Farm, £1,080, 246.6p; **451-500kg** – Greenvale, £1,080, Ardjachie, 234.7p; **501-550kg** – Ardjachie, £1,200, 224.7p; **551-600kg** – Culrain Mains, Ardgay, £1,240, Auchmore Farm, 210.8p.

Other native bullocks 251- 300kg – Glebe of Deisher, £750, Dunlichity Farm, Farr, 242.7p; **301-350kg** – The Dell of Killiehuntly, £820, 253.9p; **351-400kg** – Braelangwell, £920, Greenvale, 252.1p; **401-450kg** – Glenurquhart Farm, Cromarty, £880, Inkstack Farm, 247.7p; **451-500kg** – Laggan of Clachaig, £880, 193.4p; **Over 500kg** – Balliefurth Farm, £1,310, 191.2p.

Other native heifers 251- 300kg – 19 Portnalong, Carbost, £660, 235.7p; **301-350kg** – Torachilty Farm, £820, 234.3p; **351-400kg** – Laggan of Clachaig, £860, Braelangwell, 226.1p; **401-450kg** – Blackpark, £950, Braelangwell, 231.5p; **451-500kg** – Laggan of Clachaig, £1,010, Braelangwell, 224.2p.

Continental bullocks 301-350kg – The Dell of Killiehuntly, £850, 256.0p; **351-400kg** – The Dell of Killiehuntly, £980, 255.9p; **401-450kg** – Midfean Farms, £910, 205.9p; **451-500kg** – New House (Broynach), £1,110, 236.2p.

Continental heifers 251-300kg – Ardross Castle, £740, Balnabruich, Ardgay, 251.9p; **301-350kg** – The Dell of Killiehuntly, £790, Heathmount, Tain, 245.0p; **351-400kg** – Blackpark, £880, 233.4p; **401-450kg** – Ardross Castle, £940, 230.4p; **451-500kg** – Rhidorrach, Ullapool, £1,020, 222.7p.

OTM other leading prices per kg:

OTM cows: Hilton Farm, (LimX), 176.7p; Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge, (LimX), 161.8p; 4 Bualnaluib, Aultbea, (LimX), 146.3p.

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OTM cows: Flowerburn Mains, Fortrose, (AA), £1,110, Clury Farm, (LimX), £1,110, 4 Bualnaluib, (LimX), £1,090.