

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (September, 20th) sold 1164 store cattle at their annual show and sale of Aberdeen Angus, native and continental store cattle sponsored by Johnston Carmichael Chartered Accountants, Inverness & Zoetis with Surecalc.

The judge, Mr D. Anderson, Smallburn Farms, Duffus, awarded the Aberdeen Angus champion to a 580kg bullock from Messrs G. & D. Coghill, Stempster Mains, Halkirk, realising £1,300. The Aberdeen Angus reserve was a 460kg heifer also from Messrs G. & D. Coghill, realising £1,080. In the Shorthorn section, the champion prize went to a 500kg bullock from Messrs R. R. MacKay & Co Ltd, Rattar Mains, Thurso realising £1,100, and the reserve to a 525kg bullock from Messrs C. MacAdie & Sons, 1 Skaill, Thurso realising £1,100. Continental champion was a 575kg Limousin cross bullock from Messrs D. & E. Forbes, Sunnylea, Balblair realising £1,200, and the reserve was a 455kg Limousin cross heifer from Mr I. J. Stewart, Lower Whitebog, Fortrose, realising £1,100.

Other prizes awarded:

Aberdeen Angus bullock: 1st – Stempster Mains; 2nd – Stempster Mains

Aberdeen Angus Heifer: 1st – Stempster Mains.

Shorthorn bullock: 1st – Rattar Mains; 2nd – 1 Skaill

Continental x bullock: 1st – Sunnylea; 2nd – Sunnylea

Continental x heifer: 1st – Lower Whitebog; 2nd - Sunnylea

Aberdeen Angus bullocks (279) averaged 217.3p and sold to 246.2p per kg for a 390kg cross from Strathvaich, and £1,360 gross for a pen of 601kg cross from Stempster Mains, Halkirk.

Aberdeen Angus heifers (188) averaged 210.9p and sold to 238.0p per kg for a pen of 332kg crosses from Charleston Farm, Thurso, and £1,120 gross for a pair of 512kg crosses from 3 Dounie, Edderton.

Other native bred bullocks (137) averaged 203.2p and sold to 239.5p per kg for a pen of 451kg British Shorthorn crosses from Tullochgorum Farm, Boat of Garten, and £1,170 gross for a pair of 454kg Wagu crosses from Stempster Mains.

Other native bred heifers (53) averaged 187.2p and sold to 220.7p per kg for a pair of 435kg British Shorthorn crosses from Rattar Mains, and £1,060 gross for a 535kg Shorthorn cross from 3 Dounie.

Continental bullocks (275) averaged 213.4p and sold to 266.3p per kg for a pair of 368kg Limousin crosses from 217 the Doll, Brora and £1,450 gross for an 810kg Charolais cross from Old Bank House, Lochmaddy.

Continental heifers (232) averaged 203.5p and sold to 259.3p per kg for a pair of 482kg Limousin crosses from Hilton Farm, Tain and £1,410 gross for a 675kg Limousin cross from Balmaglaster Farm, South Laggan.

“Top lots of Aberdeen Angus, Shorthorn, and Continental cattle sold well, plainer and weathered kinds were more hesitant.”

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Aberdeen Angus bullocks –301-350kg – North Calder, Halkirk, £725, 219.1p; **351-400kg** – Strathvaich, Easter Kinkell, £960.

Midfearn Farms, Ardgay, 244.6p; **401-450kg** – Clatequoy, Thurso, £1050, Midfearn Farms, 241.6p; **451-500kg** – Greenvale, Dunnet, £1120, Clatequoy, 235.9p; **501-550kg** – Clatequoy £1210, Stempster Mains, Halkirk, 227.5p; **551-600kg** – Stempster Mains, £1300, 224.1p **601-650kg** - Stempster Mains, £1280, 226.3p.

Aberdeen Angus heifers – 251-300kg – North Calder, £610, 203.3p; **301-350kg** - Charleston Farm, £790, New Cottage Farm, 236.6p; **351-400kg** Tullochgorum Farm, £900, 227.3p; **401-450kg** – Rattar Mains, £980, Wester Rarichie, Tain, 229.5p; **451-500kg** – Stempster Mains, £1,100, 234.8p; **501-550kg** – 3 Dounie, £1,100, 218.8p.

Other Native bred bullocks – 301-350kg – Tullochgorum Farm, £720, 213.7p; **351-400kg** – Leys Estate, Inverness, £850, 218.0p;

401-450kg – Rattar Mains, £1000, Leys Estate 228.7p; **451- 500kg** – Stempster Mains £1,160,237.7p; **501-550kg** – Rattar Mains, £1,140, Stempster Mains, 225.2p.

Other Native bred heifers 251-300kg – Spittal Mains, £500, 174.2p; **301-350kg** – Tullochgorum Farm, £600, Spittal Mains, 197.4p; **351-400kg** – 2 Isle of Ewe, Aultbea, £780, Tullochgorum Farm, 205.6p; **401-450kg** – Rattar Mains, £960, 3 Dounie, 210.7p; **451-500kg** - 3 Dounie £1,030, 208.1p; **501-550kg** – 3 Dounie £1,000, 198.1p.

Continental cross bullocks 301-350kg – Glenside, Glenurquhart £800, 242.4p; **351-400kg** – 217 The Doll, Brora £980, 250.04p; **401-450kg** – Culmill, Kiltarlity, £1,110, 7 Kinerras, Kiltarlity 256.2p; **451-500kg** – Hilton Farm £1,150, 2 Lochend, 244.0p **501-550kg** – Hilton Farm, £1,200, 224.3p; **551-600kg** - 11 Newmore, Muir of Ord, £1300, Hilton Farm 224.2p; **601-650kg** – Newton of Ferintosh, Conon Bridge, £1,290, 206.5p.

Continental cross heifers 251-300kg – New Cottage Farm, £610, 208.9p; **301-350kg** – 2 Lochend, £710, 208.8p; **351-400kg** – Hilton Farm, £900, 236.8p; **401-450kg** – 2 Lochend, £1,100, 258.8p; **451-500kg** – Hilton Farm, £1250, Castle Craig Farm, Tain 248.9p; **501-550kg** – Hilton Farm, £1190, 225.4p **551-600kg** – Sunnylea, Balblair £1260, 213.6p.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (September, 20th) sold 23 OTM cattle.

OTM prime cows (21) averaged 131.0p and sold to 182.0p per kg for a 610kg Limousin cross from Balmaglaster Farm, South Laggan, and £1,270 gross for an 870kg Limousin cross also from Balmaglaster Farm.

OTM bulls (2) sold to 195.0p per kg and £1,291 gross for a 662kg Aberdeen Angus from Altnaharry, Kiltarlity.

Other leading prices per head:

OTM prime cows: Balmaglaster Farm, (LimX), £1,130, Balloan, (SalX), £1,130; Muirton Mains, Urray, (SimX), £1090; Balmaglaster Farm, (CharX), £1,050.

Other leading prices per kg:

OTM prime cows: 12 Bualnaluib, Aultbea, (SalX), 160.3p; 5 Skelpick, Bettyhill, (LimX), 159.7p; Muirton Mains, (SimX), 149.3p; Balmaglaster Farm, (CharX), 145.8p.