

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (September, 27th) sold 555 yearling weaned calves at their annual show and sale of native and continental store cattle (including an Aberdeen Angus section) sponsored by Shearwell Data & Beedie Bros. Ltd., Haulage Contractors.

The judge, Messrs G & D Cowie, Cairnton, Fordyce, awarded the continental champion to a 490kg Limousin cross bullock from Messrs W J & G A Fraser, Little Croy Farm, Croy, realising £1,190. The continental reserve was a 440kg Limousin cross bullock from Messrs J Munro & son, Invercharron, realising £1,140. In the Aberdeen Angus section, the champion prize went to a 370kg bullock from Firm of T J & G Maclean, 1 Raddery, Fortrose, realising £840, and the reserve to a 470kg bullock from Messrs E L M Laing, Wester Fearn, Ardgay, realising £970.

Other prizes awarded:

Aberdeen Angus bullock

1st prize – Firm of T.J & G Maclean, 1 Raddery, Fortrose

2nd prize - Messrs E. L. M. Laing, Wester Fearn, Ardgay

Aberdeen Angus heifer

1st prize – Messrs E. L. M. Laing, Wester Fearn, Ardgay

2nd prize - Messrs E. L. M. Laing, Wester Fearn, Ardgay

Continental cross bullock

1st prize – Messrs W J & G A Fraser, Little Croy, Croy

2nd prize – Messrs J Munro & Son, Invercharron

Continental cross heifer

1st prize – Messrs J Munro & Son, Invercharron

2nd prize – Messrs E Fraser & Co, Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck

Continental bullocks (204) averaged 225.5p and sold to 273.1p per kg for a pen of 443kg Limousin crosses from Messrs W F Cruickshank and £1,230 gross for a 530kg Limousin cross from Dunmaglass Estate.

Continental heifers (116) averaged 212.6p and sold to 253.5p per kg for a 355kg Simmental cross from J Cameron, Balmacaan, Drumnadrochit and £1,115 gross for a pair of 530kg Charolais crosses from Messrs E Fraser & Co, Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck.

Aberdeen Angus and native bred bullocks (88) averaged 208.8p and sold to 229.5p per kg for a 305kg Aberdeen Angus cross from D A Gordon, Inchindown, Invergordon and £1,140 gross for a pen of 572kg British Shorthorn cross from M R & S D Dunnett, Achvarasdal Farm, Thurso.

Aberdeen Angus and native bred heifers (47) averaged 196.1p and sold to 216.7p per kg for a 270kg British Shorthorn cross from J Cameron, Balmacaan, Drumnadrochit and £1,100 gross for a 525kg British Shorthorn cross From N R Laing, Milton Croft, Edderton.

Breeding cattle (4) sold to £1600 gross for a Limousin cross cow with heifer calf at foot from M Maclean, 50 North Tolsta, Isle of Lewis.

“Very best quality sold well others more hesitant.”

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Continental bullocks: 251-300kg - Balmacaan, Drumnadrochit, £580, 229.3p; **301-350kg** – 61 East Strathy, Caithness, £740, 238.7p; **351-400kg** - Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck, £990, Druid Temple, Inverness, 256.1p **401-450kg** – Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge, £1,210, 270.0p; **451-500kg** – Achvarasdale, Caithness, £1,220, Invercharron, Ardgay 255.4p; **501-550kg** – Dunmaglass Estate, £1,190, 232.1p.

Continental heifers: 251-300kg – Invercharron, Ardgay, £610, 217.9p; **301-350kg** – Culmill, Kiltarlity, £750, Invercharron, Ardgay, 216.6p; **351-400kg** – Dell Farm, Whitebridge, £940, 235.0p; **401-450kg** – Druid Temple, Inverness, £970, Gorthleck Mains, Gorthleck 234.2p; **451-500kg** – Leabost, Glenhinnisdale, £1,005, Wellhouse, Beauly, 217.4p.

Aberdeen Angus & Native bullocks; 251-300kg – 125 west Langwell £610, 206.8p; **301-350kg** – Balmacaan, Drumnadrochit £720, 221.5p; **351-400kg** – Druid Temple, Inverness, £840, 1 Raddery, Fortrose, 227.0p ; **401-450kg** – Western Fearn, Ardgay, £940, 220.1p; **451-500kg** – Wester Fearn, Ardgay, £1,045, 219.5p; **501-550kg** – Achvarasdale, Caithness, £950, 187.0p; **551-600kg** – Achvarasdale, Caithness, £1,090, 187.3p.

Aberdeen Angus & Native heifers up to 300kg – Balmacaan, Drumnadrochit, £585, 207.5; **301-350kg** – Balmacaan, Drumnadrochit £680, 203.0p; **351-400kg** – Wester Fearn, Ardgay, £775, 193.8p; **401-450kg** – Wester Fearn, Ardgay, £865, Rheguile, Edderton, 201.2p; **451-500kg** – Scarmclate, Halkirk, £900, 184.4p; **501-550kg** – Balintraid, Delny, £1,020, Milton Croft, Edderton, 209.5p.

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (September, 27th) sold 99 OTM feeding cattle.

OTM cows (96) averaged 141.0p and sold to 205.6p per kg and £1,550 gross for a 915kg Stabiliser cross from Wester Rarichie, Nigg.

OTM bulls (3) sold to 106.9p per kg and £1,090 gross for a 1020kg Saler from Westfield Farm, Thurso.

Other leading prices per head

OTM cows: Hilton Farm, (BRB), £1430, Wester Rarichie, (ST), £1290, Hilton Farm, (BBX), £1270.

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OTM cows: Wester Rarichie, (STX), 194.7p, Hilton Farm, (LIM) 185.7p, (BRB) 164.8p, Kirkton Farm, (SMX) 160.8p.