

**PORTREE, Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd., (September, 17<sup>th</sup>) sold 1,388 weaned calves and store cattle at their annual district ballot show and sale.**

The judge, Mr B. Duffton, Backmuir Livestock Ltd., Keith, awarded the champion to a nine month old, 360kg, Limousin cross bullock from Messrs C. & J. Sutherland, Trien Croft, Carbost, realising £1,110. The reserve from Mr C. Morrison, 5 Portnalong, Carbost, was a seven month old, 320kg, Limousin cross heifer realising £920.

**Bullocks (724)** averaged 249.7p (-16.7p on the year), and sold to 424.0p per kg for a 250kg Limousin cross from Trien Croft, and £1,110 gross for the champion, a 360kg Limousin cross also from Trien Croft.

**Heifers (660)** averaged 223.1p (-33.1p on the year) and sold to 369.9p per kg for a pen of 173kg Limousin crosses from 10 Stenscholl, Staffin, and £920 gross for the reserve champion, a 320kg, Limousin cross from 5 Portnalong.

**Young Bulls (4)** sold to 255.0p per kg for a 200kg Limousin cross from Brae Eynort, Carbost, and £900 gross for a Limousin cross from Meadle, Struan.

“A satisfactory trade throughout, ahead of expectations, with quality bullocks in particular demand.”

Leading prices per head and per kg:

**Bullocks up to 250kg** –Trien Croft, £1,060, 6 Kilvaxter, Portree, 340.0p; **251-300** – 4 Drumuie, Portree, £900, 310.3p; **301-350kg** – Brae Eynort, £945, 286.4p; **351-400kg** -15 Glenconon, Uig, £920, Trien Croft, 308.3p; **401-450kg** – 1 Feorlig, Dunvegan, £950, Brae Eynort, 219.1p.

**Heifers up to 250kg** – 5 & 6 Balmaqueen, Portree, £730, 1 Eyre, Portree, 342.9p; **251-300kg** – 15 Glenconon, Uig, £700, 261.5p; **301-350kg** – 4 & 5 Totescore, Portree, £760, 5 Portnalong, 287.5p; **351-400kg** – Trien Croft, £830, 218.4p; **401-450kg** – Corriebheinn Farms, Portree, £800, 4 Balnacnoc, Uig, 200.0p.