

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd., (April, 3rd) sold 692 store cattle, 2 adult head of breeding cattle and 46 OTM cattle.

Bullocks (383) averaged 227.8p and sold to 292.9p per kg for a 280kg British Blue cross from Shewglie, Glenurquhart and £1,270 gross for a pair of 637kg Simmental crosses from Greenvale, Dunnet.

Heifers (304) averaged 218.7p and sold to 275.3p per kg for a 405kg British Blue cross from Achnahannet, Dulnain Bridge and £1,120 gross for a pair of 485kg Charolais crosses from Torgorm, Conon Bridge.

Young Bulls (5) averaged 199.6p and sold to 224.2p per kg for a 330kg Shorthorn from Drynie Farm, Dingwall and £1,060 gross for a 620kg Simmental cross from Kinnahaird Farm, Contin.

Robertson's of Tain and Harbro sponsored the show and sale of store cattle judged by Bruce Walker, Newton of Lewesk, Old Rayne, Insh who awarded the overall champion to a 395kg Limousin cross bullock from Messrs W J & G A Fraser, Little Croy Farm, Croy realising £950. Reserve champion was a 405kg British Blue heifer from Messrs A & N Gordon, Achnahannet, Dulnain Bridge, realising £1,115.

Prize list

Single bullock:

1st Messrs W J & G A Fraser, Little Croy Farm, Croy, (LIM), 395kg, £950.

2nd Messrs W J & G A Fraser, Little Croy Farm, Croy, (LIM), 440kg, £1,075.

Single heifer:

1st Messrs A & N Gordon, Achnahannet, Dulnain Bridge, (BRB), 405kg, £1,115.

2nd Messrs A & N Gordon, Achnahannet, Dulnain Bridge, (BRB), 445kg, £1,025.

Best pair of bullocks or heifers:

1st Messrs W J & G A Fraser, Little Croy Farm, Croy, (LIM), 480kg, £1,070.

2nd Messrs K Gill & Company, Easter Templand, Fortrose, (BRB), 515kg, £1,140.

In-calf cows (2) sold to £1,140 gross for an Aberdeen Angus cross from 137 East Langwell, Rogart.

OTM prime & feeding cows (36) averaged 118.8p per kg and sold to 183.3p per kg and £1,210 gross for a 660kg British Blue from Achnahannet, Dulnain Bridge.

OTM prime & feeding bulls (10) averaged 107.8p per kg and sold to 129.0p per kg for a 845kg Limousin from Clune Farm. Aldourie and £1,350 gross for a 1,100kg Limousin from Knocknagael, Inverness.

"All classes met a highly satisfactory trade."

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Bullocks up to 250 kg – Smith Terrace, Wick, £500, 208.3p; **251 – 300kg** – Shewglie Farm, £820, 292.9p; **301 – 350kg** – Dell of Killiehuntly, Kingussie, £870, Shewglie Farm, 264.6p ; **351 - 400kg** – Rothiemurcus Estate, Aviemore, £1,000, 259.7p; **401 – 450kg** – Udale, Poyntzfield, £1,090, Kinchyle Farm, Scaniport, 248.8p; **451 – 500kg** – Greenvale, £1,160, 252.2p; **501 – 550kg** – Little Croy Farm, £1,190, 235.6p.

Heifers up to 250kg – 4 Drumloan, Drumnadrochit, £530, 230.4p; **251 – 300kg** – 14 Port Henderson, Gairloch, £740, 259.7p; **301 – 350kg** – Wester Tomloan, Glenferness, £825, 237.8p; **351 – 400kg** – Craigview, Arisaig, £990, 253.9p; **401 – 450kg** – Achnahannet, £1,115, Torgorm, 238.4p; **451 – 500kg** – Ardnagrask, Muir of Ord, £1,105, Torgorm, 230.9p; **501 – 550kg** – Greenvale, £1,050, Achnahannet, 200.0p.

Other leading prices per head:

OTM cows: Granish Farm, Aviemore (LimX), £990; Achmore Farm, Muir of Ord, (AAX), £970; Croft Grant, Dalchalm, (SimX), £930; Keppoch Farm, Dundonnel, (CharX), £930; Keppoch Farm, (BSH), £870.

OTM bulls: Knocknagael, (Lim), £1,310, (AA), £1,310, (Sim), £1,190; Moy Farm, Banavie, (Char), £1,050.

Other leading prices per kg

OTM cows: Hastain, Bayhead, (SimX), 138.3p; Keppoch Farm, (LimX), 137.0p, (CharX), 135.8p; Easter Sheeppark, Balblair, (SHOX), 129.7p; Achmore Farm, (AAX), 129.3p.

OTM bulls: Knocknagael, (Lim), 122.7p; (Sim), 119.0p, (AA), 106.9p;