

LUING CATTLE SOCIETY

SPRING BREEDING SALE

Dingwall and Highland Mart – 13th May 2025

The Luing Cattle Society, in conjunction with Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd. (13th May) sold 73 pedigree and commercial Luing cattle at their 17th Annual Spring Breeding Sale. Breeding cattle were in demand for a similar number forward. Purchasers were geographically widely spread, with cattle going to the south of Scotland and north to Orkney. The clearance rate was 100% for females and 50% for bulls, while averages for all classes were up on the year.



Best pair of bulling heifers – AC & AL McCall - £4200



Bulling Heifer Cup Winner – Ewan McCall with judge, Colin Little, East Bracklinn

Pedigree bulling heifers (58) averaged £3151, a lift of £1117 on the year, and sold to a top of £4200 for a pair consigned by AC & AL McCall. This pair of heifers were champion pair in the pre-sale show, judged by Colin Little of East Bracklinn, Callander, and were both polled Finlarg Ziggy daughters, purchased by EJ & AM Fox, St John's Kirk Biggar. The McCall family also had the next two highest prices, £4095 and £3990, all of which were Finlarg Ziggy daughters. The first pair at £3900 went home with J. Jardine, Dalbeattie and the second pair at £3800 were knocked down to S & L Dodd, Tundergarth Mains, Lockerbie. Local breeder Graeme MacRae had one pair on offer, which was snapped up by Messrs Brims of Caithness for £3885. Tom Lyth brought 6 heifers all the way from Heatherhouse Farm in Orkney to average £3225, with a top of £3700 for his pre-sale reserve pair. Scott and Farquhar Renwick, also with a consignment



Reserve best pair of bulling heifers consigned by T.E. Lyth, Heatherhouse, Orkney - £3885

of 6 averaged £3535, and sold to a top of £3885 for a pair that was purchased by Messrs Jardine, Dalbeattie. Rory Cameron, Monzie had a run of 6 heifers which averaged £3150, the best of which was a pair sold for £3465 to Messrs Brims of Caithness.

Similarly, a small consignment of Sim-Luing bulling heifers sold to a top of £1746, consigned by AC & AL McCall, a uplift of £621 on the year. Three In-Calf cows consigned by Gary Mackenzie of Fanblair, all in calf to Sutherland Brora and due in July, average £2345 and sold to a top of £2625.

Bulls (4) sold to a top of £4200 and averaged £3675, which was very similar to last year's trade. There were 4 forward, with two finding new homes. David McLaughlin, Lewis, sold his homozygous polled Nunnerie Young Gun son for £4200 to I & W Sutherland, Strathnaver. The last bull in the catalogue was Lochbroom Commando, a heterozygous polled Commonsides Scania son which sold for £3150 to Ardtornish Estate.



Ben Claitair Claitair – Top priced breeding bull, consigned by David McLaughlin - £4200 – purchaser I & W Sutherland.

Sale Statistics:

	Average Gns	Average £	Top Gns	Top £	Number
Female	2809	2950	4000	4200	71
Luving Bulling Heifers	3001	3151	4000	4200	58
Messrs A.S. & T.E. Lyth	3071	3225	3700	3885	7
Messrs P & A Bakker	2167	2275	2400	2520	3
Mr A C McCall	3633	3815	4000	4200	12
Mr David J McLaughlin	2867	3010	3000	3150	6
Mr F. Scott Renwick	3367	3535	3700	3885	6
Mr Fraser MacNeil	2550	2678	2600	2730	2
Mr Graeme MacRae	3700	3885	3700	3885	2
Mr Rory Cameron	3000	3150	3300	3465	6
Mr. S.A. Nairn	2778	2917	3900	4095	9
Mrs C. Lamont	2400	2520	2400	2520	2
Mrs. K.A. Tindall	1583	1663	1900	1995	3
Luving Cows	2233	2345	2500	2625	3
Mr G. MacKenzie	2233	2345	2500	2625	3
Luving In-Calf Heifers	2800	2940	2800	2940	1
Mr F. Scott Renwick	2800	2940	2800	2940	1
Sim-Luving Bulling Heifers	2600	2730	2600	2730	1
Mr A C McCall	2600	2730	2600	2730	1
Sim-Luving Yearling Heifers	1663	1746	1850	1943	8
Mr A C McCall	1663	1746	1850	1943	8
Male	3500	3675	4000	4200	2
Luving Bulls	3500	3675	4000	4200	2
Mr David J McLaughlin	4000	4200	4000	4200	1
Mr F. Scott Renwick	3000	3150	3000	3150	1
Grand Total	2828	2969	4000	4200	73