

Harehead Savivatu star of the sale

On the 5th February the Luig Cattle Society held its 51st Premier Sale at Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas.

A strong entry of stock seen an increase in in-calf heifers section. With a packed ringside cautious, but ready to do business.

Pedigree Luig In-calf heifers started the sale with top price reaching 2,800gn for the reserve champion of the in-calf section, a home bred pair from Messrs CJ & JM Symons, Attonburn, Kelso selling to N Campbell, Currburn, Kelso. This gave an average of £2,058 for 20.

Overall champions were a homebred pair from Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar, Armadale selling to 2,300gns to the judge Iwan Davies, Hafod y Maidd, Corwen. Benhar herd averaged £2,023 for 11 sold.

Overall this seen 53 in-calf heifers average £1,918. Twenty one more in-calf heifers than last year.

Pedigree bulling heifers followed through with 111 selling to average £1,241.

1st prize bulling heifers from D & A Stanners, Tyndale, Prescot sold to P Simmers, Backmuir, Keith for 1,600gns. Selling to average £1,488 for 12.

2nd prize went to D & A Barr, Milkieston, Peebles for 1,400gns again same buyer. Milkieston averaged £1,319 for 9.

Other seller were Prof W.A.Penny CBE, per Mr. N. Anderson, Harehead, Duns sold 18 to average £1,680, W Graham & Son, Craigdarroch, Sanquhar sold 5 to average £1,649, Cadzow Bros, Luig, Isle of Luig sold 17 to average £1,198, P Crerar, Lammermuir, Stenton sold 9 to average £1,178 and Floors Farming, per Mr. B. Gilchrist, Floors, Longformacus sold 4 to average £1,103.

27 bulls were forward with 23 selling to average £4,914.

The top price reached 17,000gns, the second highest prize reached for a Luig bull for Harehead Savivatu from Prof W.A.Penny CBE, per Mr. N. Anderson, Harehead, Duns.

Weighing in at 884kg, measuring 56" at the shoulders with a scrotal circumference of 42cm, this April 2014 born son of Finlarg Nero and out of a five year old cow, homebred Harehead Lola. He was a joint purchase from P. Simmers, Backmuir and D Sawrij, Kedzlie Farms. Harehead continued to have a successful day with Harehead Sumo selling for 7,000gns to Cadzow Bros, Luig and Harehead Seve selling for 4,000gns to R.B. Sutherland, Outchester Farm, Belford.

R & H McNee, Finlarg, Tealing sold Finlarg Sentator for 11,000gns to Mr D. Helm, Haltree, Heriot and Finlarg Scorpio for 7,500gns to P Simmers, Backmuir.

Other top prices included Luig Sherman from the Cadzow Bros, Luig for 7,000gns to Prof W.A.Penny CBE, per Mr. N. Anderson, Harehead, Benhar Sheriff from Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar for 6,200gns to Lord Johnstone, Raehill Farms Ltd, Lockerbie, Commonsides Scannia from Kirsty Dunlop,

Commonside, Hawick for 4,200gns to joint purchasers Mr. G. MacRae, Kintail, Muir of Ord and Mr. R. Lockett, Old Knockbain, Dingwall and Culmally Sheamus from A.C McCall, Culmally, Golspie for 4,000gns to Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar.

Following on from storm Henry, ferry cancellations nearly stopped Silwick Spencer making possibly the trickiest trip down from Orkney to Castle Douglas. First time consigner Messrs B & K Ridland, Silwick, Orkney sold him for 3,000gns to PD & J Johnston, Herdship, Barnard Castle.

The End

Notes to Editors:

- At the annual AGM Mike Halligan, Stewarton herd, Peebles, Neil McGowan, Dirnanean herd, Alyth and Chris Young, Balintore herd, Galashiels were elected to Council to replace Bruce Gilchrist, Jeff Norrie and Mark Thomson.
- At the Annual Luing Dinner John Elliot, Roxburgh Mains, Kelso gave a most inspiring talk.
- £1,150 was raised in the raffle to go to the Ronald MacDonald House Charity (Glasgow)
- Mr. Bruce Young was presented with Honorary Life Membership for his dedication to the breed.

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