

Flying trade at Luing Sale at Castle Douglas

The Luing Cattle Society held their 53rd annual Premier Sale at Wallets Mart, Castle Douglas on the 9th February, 2018.

A packed ring set the scene for great trade with pedigree and commercial breeders all looking to purchase.

Trade was strong in all classes, starting with the in-calf heifers with 31 sold to average £2,356, up £327 on the year.

At the pre-sale show Judge Mr. D McFadzean, Balado, Kinross chose a pair from Steven and Elaine Murray, Rockcliffe herd to take Champion pair selling to 2,300gns to Sophie McCarlie, Hassockrigg Farm, Shotts. Rockcliffe herd averaged £2,271 for 19.

While reserve Champion pair from Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar, sold for 2,500gns to CM Reid, Boreland, Peebles. Top price was 2,700gns, again from the Benhar herd M G Halligan & A C Burke, Newton Stewarton Farm, Eddleston. This gave Benhar an average of £2,489 for 12 sold.

Bulling heifers also witness strong trade with 98 sold to average £1,584. Up £229 on the year.

Champion pair from the morning judging went to Prof W A Penny CBE, Per Mr. N Anderson, Harehead, Duns. They sold for 1,900gns to M G Halligan & A C Burke, Newton Stewarton Farm, Eddleston who also purchase the reserve pair from D & A Barr, Milkieston, Peebles for top price of 2,300gns. This gave Milkieston herd an average of £1,808 for 18; Harehead sold 14 to average £1,770, Messrs. W Graham & Son. Craigdarroch sold 5 to average £1,985, Cadzow Bros, Luing sold 8 to average £1,877 with W.W. Dunlop & Son, Commonsides, Hawick, C C MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie, Biggar and M Thomson (Tillyrie), Milnathort all averaging £1,470.

A large entry of bulls this year displayed a quality show at the parade with 36 bulls on show.

28 bull where sold to averaging £4,999. The top price was 8,500gns for Luing Viking from Cadzow Bros, Luing sold to Floors Farming, Rawburn Farms, Longformacus.

This March born bull out of a homebred Luing Achafolla M21* and homebred sire Luing Nero weighed in at 880kg, measuring 56.5" at the shoulders with a scrotal circumference of 40cm.

Robert and Hazel McNee, Over Finlarg, Tealing sold Finlarg Viscount for 7,500gns to Prof W A Penny CBE, Per Mr. N Anderson, Harehead, Duns and Finlarg Vulcan to 6,500gn to Mr. R Sutherland, Ouchester Farm, Belford.

Other top prices Harehead Viper sold to 7,200gns, W & G Tweedie, Brownsbank Farm, Biggar, Harehead Vegas sold to 7,000gns, Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar and Harehead Vulcan 6,800gns to D Hyslop, Clydeside Farm, Biggar. Benhar Volvo 7,000 to Philiphaugh Estate, Selkirk and Benhar Velvet 6,500 to S Murray, Rockcliffe, Kirkbean.

Professor Penny CBE, Harehead kindly donated a pedigree heifer in aid of My Name's Doddie Foundation which sold for 1,900gns to Mr. Andrew Ewing, Annan.