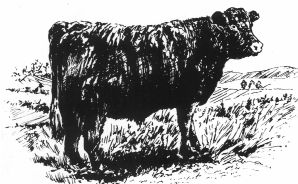


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SALE REPORT

Variable trade at Luing Autumn Sale

The Luing breed experienced a variable trade at the Society's 39th Autumn Sale held on Saturday 27th October at United Auctions' Stirling Agricultural Centre. In-calf Luing heifers sold to a top of £2,000 with an average of £1,557 for 14 (down £296 for one less sold); in-calf Sim-Luings were bid to £2,400 with an average of £1,846 for 24 (up £188 for two more sold); Luing bulling heifers sold to a top of £1,650 with an average of £940 for 93 sold (down £288 for 38 more sold); Sim-Luing bulling heifers also sold to a top of £1,650 with an average of £1,067 (up £26 for 3 fewer sold) and Sim-Luing heifers calves sold to £820 with an average of £748 (down £77 for one less sold).

In-calf heifers sold well with Sim-Luings in particular proving very popular - 24 selling to average £1,846. The impressive top price of £2,400 each was paid by Mark Linkleter from Newcastle for a pair of East Bracklinn heifers forward from Colin Little. These heifers, by the Simmental bull Sterling Preston and out of Luing-bred cows were in-calf to a Limousin bull. East Bracklinn had a good sale averaging £1,775 for 12 heifers. Hitting top average in the section was Robert McNee Ltd. who sold eight in-calf Sim-Luings to average £2,075, including a top of £2,200 being hit thrice. Preceding the Sim-Luings were in-calf Luings which sold to a top of £2,000 each paid by Libby Elles of Balgonar Farm, Dunfermline for a pair from Jim Caygill's Rylstone herd in North Yorkshire. This pair of Etrick Demon sired daughters were out of Luing and Milkieston-bred dams and due in-calf to Drinkstone Kentucky Kid. Rylstone topped the average charts in this section with three selling to average £1,867.

Bulling heifers followed on with a near record entry of 93 Luings selling to average £940. The top price of £1,650 was paid by David Nicol of Lochty Farms, Anstruther for a pair from Angus Kennedy's Mitchellhill herd. These heifers were by Benhar Kruger and out of homebred and Harehead-bred dams and contributed to a great average of £1,100 for the ten heifers from the Mitchellhill pen. The top average in the Luing bulling heifer section was once again claimed by W.Graham & Son of Craighdarroch, Sanquhar who sold 14 to average £1,261. Other notable averages included £1,229 for seven from debut consignors Robert & Hazel McNee of Over Finlarg near Dundee; £1,133 for six from Robert McNee Ltd.'s Benhar herd at Armadale and £969 for seven from Alistair & Sue Thornley's Cassafuir herd at Port of Menteith.

Sim-Luings continued to steal the show with the bulling heifer section increasing on the year to an average of £1,067 for 72 sold. The top price of £1,650 was paid for a pair of Wroxhall Vice-President sired daughters out of Luing and Milkieston-bred dams forward from M.G. Halligan & A.C. Burke's Stewarton herd at Eddleston, Peebles. Paying this impressive sum was the judge for the best pair of heifers competition, Willie Pate of J.B. Pate, Mossielee, Galashiels. This pair

of heifers had not only won the prize for best pair of Sim-Luing bulling heifers at the sale, but also went on to beat the winners from the in-calf and Luing buller sections to take overall best pair on the day. That top price was part of an impressive average for eight heifers from the Stewarton herd of £1,241. Top average in the Sim-Luing bulling heifer section however went to the Upper Chatto herd brought out by Stephen Little when nine sold to average £1,356. Other notable averages included £1,210 for six from Mark Thompson of John Lawrie (Tillyrie) Ltd., Milnathort; £1,114 for seven from Bruce Gilchrist of Floors Farming, Duns; £1,110 for ten from D&A Barr at Milkieron, Peebles and £1,025 for four from Messrs G.D. Proudley at Kildale, Whitby.

The sale concluded with the Sim-Luing heifer calf section with five forward from Macrae Bros, Coulshill, Auchterarder selling well to average £748, including a top of £820.

Commenting on the sale, Society Chairman Steven Murray said, "In-calf heifers sold well today, as did Sim-Luing bulling heifers, and it was very obvious that buyers were being more selective. Heifers with some power and stretch about them were very much sought after. With so many more cattle entered for this year's sale – a nine year high – it is no surprise to anyone that average prices are back in two of the sections. However, despite the large entry and the very poor summer we have had, our breed have clearly coped well and the consignors have once again brought out a good show of breeding heifers."

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