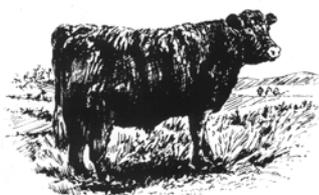


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SALE REPORT

Big demand for Luings and Sim-Luings

A packed ringside witnessed a big demand for Luing and Sim-Luing heifers with averages up in every section at the Society's 40th Autumn sale which took place at U.A. Stirling on Saturday 26th October. The sale kicked off with 19 in-calf Luing heifers selling to average £1,974 (with a top of £2,500); 21 in-calf Sim-Luings averaged £2,081 (£2,300); 81 Luing bulling heifers sold to average £1,170 (£1,700) and 53 Sim-Luing bulling heifers sold to average £1,155 (£1,800).

The sale got off to a very strong start with the in-calf section. Nineteen Luings sold to a top of £2,500 for a pair from R.W. Moffat's Wooplaw herd. This pair of roan heifers, in-calf to *Wooplaw Muldonich*, had caught the eye of judge Matthew Webster (from Whixley, Yorkshire) in the pre-sale show and took the second prize leading to a strong average of £2,240 for Wooplaw. The first prize winners from Steven Murray's Rockcliffe herd sold to £2,300 and also yielded a strong average of £2,067. With an overall average of £1,974, in-calf Luings were up by £417 on the year for five more sold. Sim-Luings followed and saw a very strong trade with 21 changing hands to average £2,081 (up £235 for three fewer sold). This section was topped not once, not twice, but six times as two consignors hit £2,300 (four times for Colin Little's East Bracklinn herd and twice for Robert McNee's Benhar herd). Both herds had very good averages with East Bracklinn selling 12 to average £2,083 and Benhar selling nine to level at £2,078. The Benhar consignment included a pair, in-calf to a Limousin bull, which took the overall prize for best pair of heifers in the pre-sale show and were purchased by judge Matthew Webster for £2,000 each.

Bulling heifers came next and Luings led strongly with 81 selling to average £1,170, up £230 for 12 fewer sold. The top price of £1,700 went to a pair of red *Harehead Jake*-sired heifers from W.Graham & Sons Craigdarroch herd which had taken the prize for best pair in that section; this price contributed to a very good average of £1,280 for 10 sold. Other notable averages included the top of £1,400 to R&H McNee for six sold from their Finlarg herd; £1,390 for five sold from A. Kennedy & Sons Mitchellhill herd; £1,350 to R.J. Wotherspoon's Glen Lyon herd for 20 sold; £1,320 to Mr & Mrs A. Thornley's Cassafuir herd for five sold and £1,175 to B. Renwick's Blackhouse for eight sold. 53 Sim-Luings completed the bulling heifer section selling extremely well to a top of £1,800 and an average of £1,155 (up £88 for 19 fewer sold). The top price went to a

single heifer from M.G. Halligan & A.C. Burke's Stewarton herd who also topped the average charts with a very impressive £1,545 for 11 sold. All five herds with cattle in this section averaged over four figures including the Hon. R.B. Loder Childrens Settlement's Upper Chatto herd whose offering included the prize winning pair of Sim-Luing bulling heifers and levelled at £1,083 for nine. An average matched by the Merkland herd of J. Fawcett & Co.

The sale concluded with Sim-Luing heifer calves from D. Macrae's Coulshill herd selling to £800 and the dispersal of the Cassafuir herd which saw 14 cows selling to average £1,071 with a top of £1,300.

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