

## Solid trade marks the 50th Premier Luing Sale

On 6<sup>th</sup> February the Luing Cattle Society held its 50<sup>th</sup> Premier Sale at Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas.

This was celebrated with a good show of cattle, and averages well up on the year.

Confidence showed from the start with a strong trade for Luing in calf heifers. The McNee family from Armadale achieved 2,700gns for their first prize pair of in-calf heifers, as judged by Finlay McGowan, Dirnanean herd, Alyth, to I & E Davies, Hafod-y-Maidd, Glasfryn, Wales. The McNee family averaged £2,441 for seven sold.

Reserve in the in-calf heifers went to Mr. S Murray from West Preston realising 2,600gn to G O & M L Jones, Penlan Farm, Llangollen, North Wales. Mr. S Murray averaged £2,363 for twenty four sold.

32 in-calf heifers were sold to average £2,382, up by £597 on the year with five more being sold.

Pedigree Luing bulling heifers followed, with the top price of 2,100gns with 104 sold averaging £1,634, also up £373 with three fewer sold.

The top price pair of heifers from The Hon R.B.Loder Children's Settlement, managed by Mr. S. Little, Upper Chatto, Kelso was for two homebred heifers. They go home to A.C Burke & M Halligan, Stewarton, Peebles. This gave an average of £1,973 for 8.

First prize bulling heifers from Cadzow Brothers Ltd, Luing sold to new buyer N. Gill, Stonethwaite Farm, Keswick for £1,995. Selling 29 to average £1,687. While reserve in the bulling heifers from Prof W.A. Penny CBE, per Mr. N. Anderson went to Mr. I. McKie, Lanton Estates, Wooler for £1,943. Giving an average on £1,607 for 15.

Winning the elite female was a homebred heifer sired by Dirnanean Justice from A.L. & A.C. McCall, Culmally, Golspie sold to Mr. G. Herdman, Demesne, Alnwick for £1,838. This gave an average of £1,792 for 7.

Others selling were W Graham & Son, Craigdarroch, Sanquhar with 5 to average £1,795; R.M. & M.J. McCall, Inverbrora 4 to average £1,680; A & D Stewart, High Ardwell with 2 to average £1,470; J.H. Wilson, Eastview, Galashiels, 8 to average £1,418. First time selling at Castle Douglas was D & A Stanners, Tyndale herd from Knowsley Park, Prescott with 8 forward to average £1,326.

Bull trade was strong with 27 bulls forward and 25 sold to average £4,827. This gave a rise of £1,024.

The top price of 11,500gns was by paid by Mr. P & S Simmers from Keith, Aberdeenshire, for Dirnanean Riley bred by the McGowan family at Alyth. Weighing in at 940kg measuring 58.5 " at the shoulder with a scrotal circumference of 45cm, this March 2013 born son of Berryfell Landmark and out of a home bred Dirnanean L4 Sue\*. The Dirnanean herd continued to have success with their second bull Dirnanean Ragusa selling for 7,500gns to C. C. McArthur & Co, Nunnerie.

Messrs R & H McNee, Finlarg, Tealing also had a successful day with Finlarg Robroy sell to 8,500gns to D & A Stanners, Tyndale herd, Knowsley Park, Prescott. Finlarg Roytheboy going for 7,500gns to Mr. A.P.A. Waugh, Thompson's Walls, Mindrum and then Finlarg Ribeye sold for 5,800gn to Luss estates, Glen Fruin, Argyll.

Other top prices included 7,000gns paid by John Lawrie Ltd, per M Thomson, Tillyrie Farm, Milnathort purchased Upperchatto Ranger from The Hon R.B. Loder Children's Settlement, per Mr. S. Little, Upperchatto; Harehead farms selling Harehead Rodger to 6,800gns heading to P & S Simmers, Keith; 5,200gns paid by Mr. E R Jolly, Rescobie, Forfar for Attonburn Rambo; Mr. D.G. Henry, Selkirk purchasing Harehead Rokocoko at 4,800gns; Benhar herd selling Benhar Rocky and Benhar Ranger for 4,500gns to Glenapp Estate, Ballantrae, Girvan and Mr. E R Jolly, Rescobie, Forfar.

## The End

### Notes to Editors:

- Chairman Andrew McNee finished his two year term and vice-chairman Ted Fox, St John's Kirk, Biggar was elected as new chairman. Dave Stanners, Knowsley Park, Prescott was elected as vice chairman.
- Jimmy Cosgrave, Castle herd, Co Meath, Ireland, Bob Hindmarsh of Carter Luings, Otterburn and Ewan McCall, Culmally, Golspie Sutherland were elected to Council to replace Kirsty Dunlop, Stephen Little and Neil McCorkindale. Steven Murray also stands down after his six year role.
- At the Annual Luing Dinner Don Ledingham, Langshaw, Galashiels gave a most entertaining speak.
- £1,200 was raised in the raffle to go to the SCAA (Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.)
- Mr. Roy McNee was presented with Honorary Life Membership for his dedication to the breed. Mr. R. McNee has attended every Premier Sale.

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