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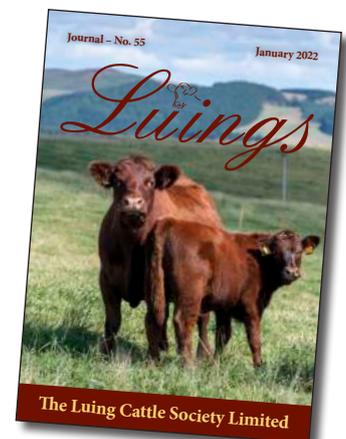
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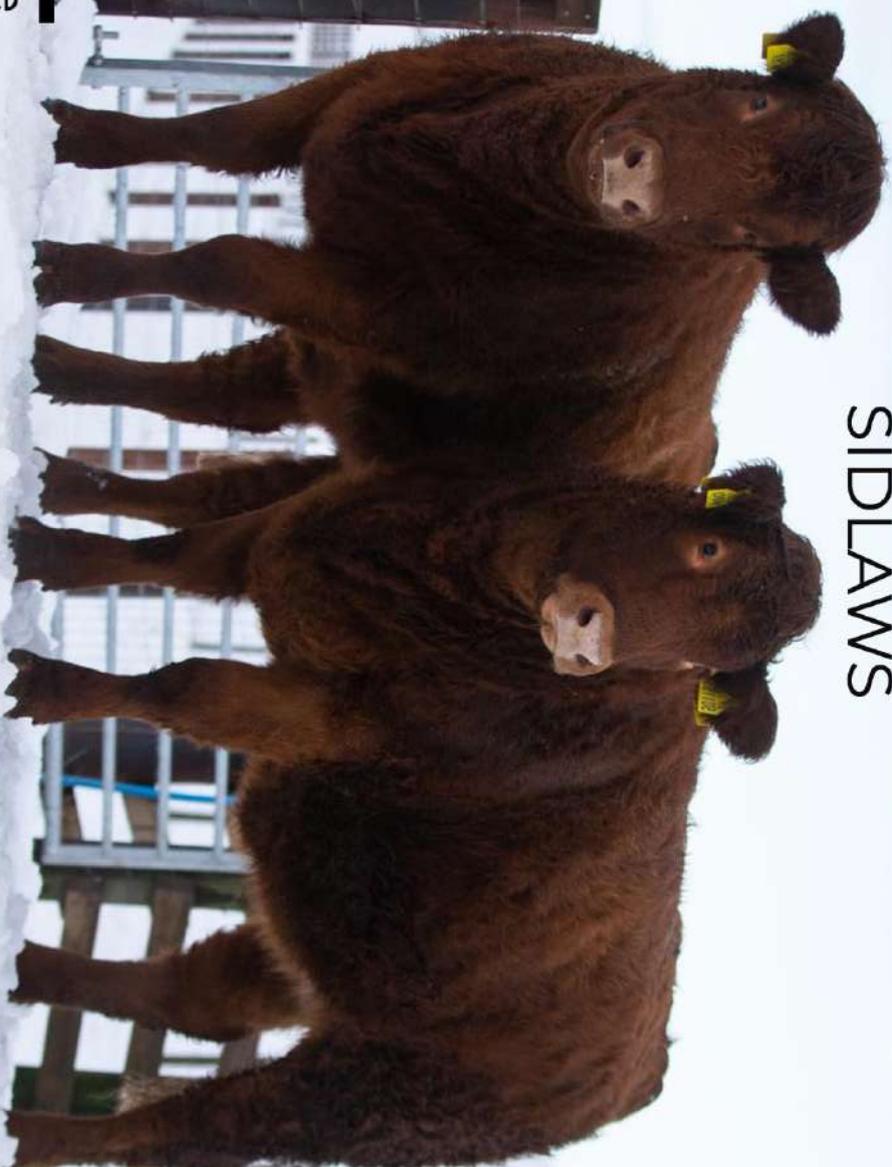
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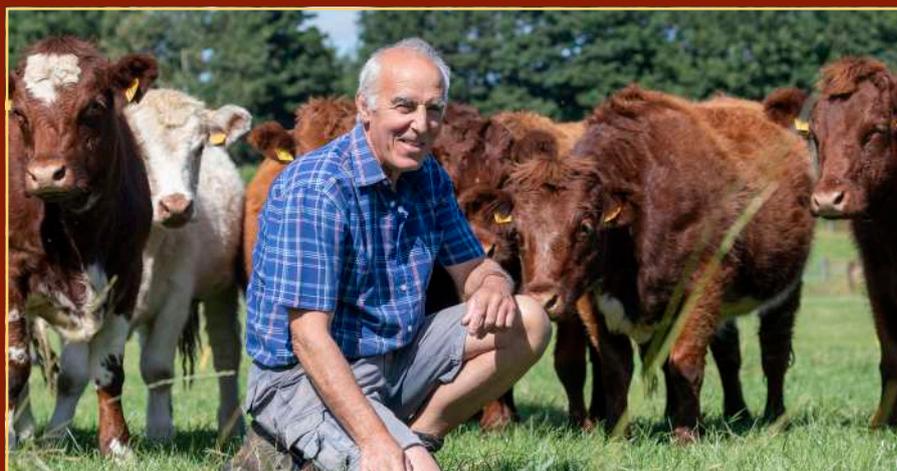


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Diary Dates 2022

31st December 2021

Census update (Grassroots) deadline

Thursday 10th February

56th Luing Cattle Society Annual General Meeting

Canteen, Wallet Marts, Castle Douglas

Annual Dinner

6.30pm for 7.00

Ernest, Castle Douglas

CANCELLED

Friday 11th February

Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

PREMIER LUIING SOCIETY PEDIGREE SALE

of in-calf and bulling heifers followed by breeding bulls

Monday 28th February

Deadline for 2021 born calf registrations (Letter A)

Wednesday 19th May

Spring Breeding Sale at Dingwall and Highland Mart

(entries close 15th April)

Wednesday 31st August

Deadline(s):

Bull inspection application form

DNA hair sample submission (bulls intended for breeding)

Saturday 29th October

Autumn Breeding Sale at United Auctions, Stirling

(entries close 16th September)

Saturday 12th November

(Provisional Date)

Production sale - Cadzow Bros at Oban Livestock Centre

30th November

Closing date for photographic competition

The Photographic competition is now online

9th December

Closing date for Premier Sale entries

Entry forms at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/sales

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From the Chair



2021 will be another year ‘written off’ by many to Covid, but there has been plenty going on in the Luing world. There has been a big increase in the number of cattle traded both through the Society Sales and privately, facilitated by the Fieldsman. We have got to grips with DNA testing bulls, to add to the copper-bottom pledge that a Society Approved Luing bull will make a positive impact on your cow-herd. Although shows and open-days have had to be cancelled, we have ventured into the world of videos and podcasts to tell the Luing story. A big thanks to Natalie and Charles for overcoming many obstacles this year and pulling off some good successes.

Despite having to run the Premier Sale on-line, breeders displayed huge confidence in the breed taking the bull average to £7889 – only £28 behind the record sale in 2007 when bulls including General and Geldof traded at a sale like we thought we’d never see again. The big difference 14 years ago was there were 10 bulls sold compared to 30 this time!

My Chairman’s journey started with a rocky launch at the virtual AGM held by ‘zoom’ in February. We welcomed Jim Walker to facilitate the on-line meeting and he took time to share his recent experience chairing the farmer-led Suckler Beef Climate Group and his thoughts on the future of the Scottish suckler herd. His message was of big

change, but that in the Luing, we have a breed that is ticking all the right boxes at the right time.

Mark Thomson’s stoic stint in the chair came to an end with the opening of a charity auction, just a few days before the Premier Sale was to be held on the same internet platform. Plenty folk took time to practice bidding on bottles, holidays and quad-bike trailers that traded at extortionate levels helping to raise a terrific £4000 for the My Name’s Doddie charity. Thanks to all bidders, those who donated items and the Wallets Mart team who ran the sale.

The newly elected council left the AGM with a clear message that there were bridges to build with some of the membership, communication to improve, and procedures and governance to get in order. I am pleased to report that with 3 very positive Council meetings behind us (2 in-person), we have made advances in all these areas, perhaps most significantly in producing a ‘Directors Handbook’ on the back of a governance review.

There have been many other meetings by zoom looking at specific issues with the people who have a particular interest. These sub-groups have then taken well thought out, planned and budgeted proposals to the Council meeting for further consideration. This has opened up time at Council to cover some of the bigger

topics like governance, strategy and breed direction.

Having the words ‘podcast’ and ‘twitter’ on the agenda didn’t deter the promotions and events group who have had to think outside the box and came up with what turned into a 2-series chat about Luings on the ON_FARM Podcast. Thanks to Dave Moorhead at Teby Farm Shop and our own Giles Henry for sharing their Luing stories. It’s well worth a listen if you haven’t found it already, and we hope that it taps a new audience for us.

While researching for the podcast, Monty was fascinated by the Massey Ferguson Papers, written by Denis Cadzow in 1974 - an account of the formation of the Luing breed. At a time when the guidance of the Society has been at the front of my mind, I have found this document a good touchstone. You can find it on the Luing Cattle Society website, just scroll to the bottom of the ‘News’ page.

The biggest scarcity in beef production lies not in the terminal bulls, but in finding suitable mates to give these bulls. We can do it, whether with a pure cow or a cross-bred Luing. This is the place our breed has booked on the assembly line, and they will be there ready to do their job efficiently.

This youngest of British beef breeds has had a wonderful start, and, as long as those breeders destined to direct the affairs of the breed, are also feeders of steers, then so long will the principles of the Society be in safe hands: “To promote, maintain and advance the Luing breed of cattle, so that it may always serve a useful purpose as a breed.” Denis Cadzow, the Massey-Ferguson Papers.

Government support, the market and public opinion are all pushing for more climate-friendly beef and I can think of no way to do that better than with a quiet, fertile, efficient Luing cow producing forage-finished cattle. ‘A first class steer from third class land’, is how Denis Cadzow described it.

Luing Cattle Society Chairman – Neil McGowan

View from the Office

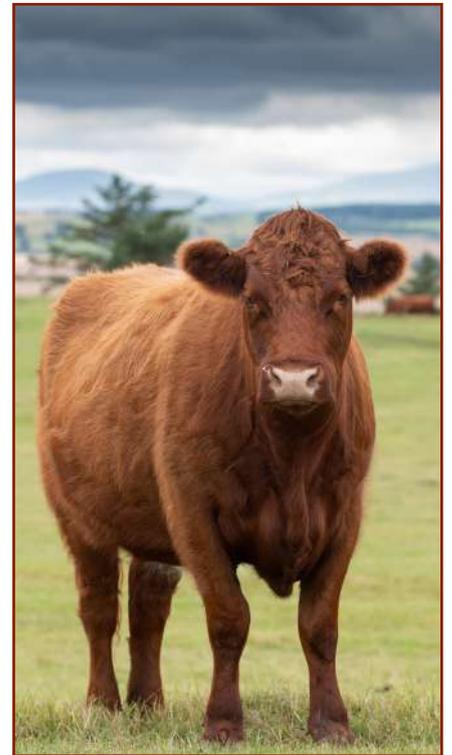
2021 has been very similar to 2020 in relation to events, but we have become more adept at adapting to the new normal. As we begin to unfold into some tentative steps towards normality, the Council has met in person once over the summer, albeit in a socially distanced format. We are indebted to Robert and Hazel McNee for facilitating this meeting, and it was great to get back onto farm and meet in person. The committee meetings have continued in virtual format however, and this is likely to continue as it has been found to be a time efficient format to exchange views, create plans and keep everyone up to date.

A Governance review has implemented a couple of new committees and brought all Council members up to speed with their responsibilities as Directors. There are one or two further steps in this process that will be facilitated over the winter and with the newly elected Council members each term. Thank you to the whole Council for pulling together and pitching in to work as a respectful team since the AGM.



DNA analysis has continued throughout 2021, and using the results thus far, Council has decided to make this a permanent process going forward. We are working towards all males used for pedigree breeding needing to be DNA profiled and sire verified before their calves can be registered. The timelines are long, but please remember to pull hair on any bull you are putting with females to breed registered Luings, if he hasn't already been profiled. If anyone is unsure if a potential sire has been profiled, please do contact the office to find out, and I will endeavour to add a list to the website in order that you can check remotely. Those which have been profiled will have their record updated on Grassroots to reflect their DNA status, which can be checked by anyone. The Society is subsidising the cost of this work such that 4 young bulls and all older sires (born pre 2019) will be analysed free of charge to the breeder, for this year. Brexit has made the passing of materials, including hair samples, across the EU border very troublesome. Please observe the recommended deadlines for submission of samples because it is taking even longer to obtain results given the customs hassles and staff shortages that prevail everywhere.

Members are reminded that there are a couple of rule changes, agreed at the last AGM which will come into effect this autumn and early spring. The most important of these is the addition of calved 2 year old heifers to the herdbook fee schedule from 2021 calving season forward. In practice this will mean that invoices issued in March 2022 which relate to herdbook fees for animals held during 2021 will include calved 2 year old heifers for the first time. It is useful to take the opportunity to explain the registration fees as they are different to other breeds, and the source of a good deal of questions coming into the office. Registration fees (aka Herdbook Fees) are charged on a breeding female basis, rather than on a per calf registered basis. The full rules and associated charges are available on the website at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/society-rules.



Our online herdbook has been updated this past summer, which has been implemented fairly smoothly. Many of you will be using it for the first time this autumn to complete your herd census and register calves. There is a help-guide available on our website at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/publications. This contains step by step instructions for every type of transaction, and I'd encourage you to have a look through it if you are uncertain. Members are reminded that transfers can only be done by the vendor or the office, and that these are best done at the time of sale.

A big thank you to the vendors at the three Society sales over the past year, who have stepped up and embraced the digital format with a great supply of images and videos of their sale stock. This has not only been an excellent way to advertise their own stock, especially when the sale is held virtually, but is a great advertisement for the Society. We have been able to drip feed these excellent images onto our digital platforms prior to sale. While I hope that we can return to a more normal sale format going forward, I hope that we can maintain this type of presence.

Committee Reports

Promotion and Events Committee

2021 has continued where 2020 left off in terms of the challenges around finding effective ways to maintain breed awareness to suckler producers, and membership alike. Although this year has seen a recovery of some later events, there is still a reluctance to engage fully as well as restrictions in place. The Promotions and Events committee have used the opportunity to leap into the digital pool with a virtual tour of Nunnerie, released in the backend of 2020 and a pair of podcasts released in autumn 2021. The digital success of the virtual tour was measured by hits on Facebook, and has achieved in excess of 9500. The podcasts feature Giles Henry, Neil McGowan and Tebay services over the two episodes, which highlight Luing not only as an upland champion but as a productive finishing steer. The committee is very pleased with the coverage that both types of media have received.

Newsletters and communication with members has been stepped up this year, with an extra Newsletter in the summer. Council has been very active since February and there has been an increased volume of detail to communicate. Newsletters continue to be available both electronically and in paper format, however postage costs continue to increase and it is likely that at least a proportion of Newsletter will only be available in digital format going forward.

The promotion and events committee has met several times over the last 8 months and continues to deal with a lengthy agenda. It is considering the thorny subject of advertising private sales on the website, which includes discussion on timing and length of private sale advertising and possible charges. While the committee accepts that not all members will want to support Society sales and there is healthy demand for private transactions, there is a balance to be struck.

The committee is also discussing methods for introducing branded Luing

beef. This is a complex subject and will require lengthy discussions with external bodies to bring this to fruition.

The promotion committee is made up of Shona Marshall, John Scott, Paddy Crerar, Ben Moffat and Hazel McNee. Please don't hesitate to contact any of these members if you have queries or can make constructive contributions.

Breed Development

The Breed Development committee has secured agreement from Council to extend the programme of DNA profiling for older sires, and this remains fully funded by the Society. In addition, all young males which are intended for breeding, both for sale and private use, are required to be DNA profiled and sire verified (if possible) for the next breeding season. Council have agreed that it is their intention to ensure that all male calves intended for breeding ("L" registrations), born from 1st January 2022 onwards, are sire verified by the time of registration, or by end 31st August of the year following birth at the latest.

Those samples analysed already have largely been tested for Myostatin variants with the aim of getting a measure of the frequency of myostatin variants in the Luing population. This work is ongoing, and the Breed Development committee continues to monitor results. DNA results have slowed up considerably following Brexit, due to the difficulties encountered with getting materials across an EU border. The Breed Development Committee held a very informative collaborative discussion with Carey Combes, of the Shorthorn Cattle Society, earlier in the year. It is intended that once a settled picture can be established, this information can be used to inform further discussion.

The Breed Development Committee members are Neil McGowan, Robert McNee, Steven Murray, Ben Moffat, Pip Simpson, Neil Anderson. Your Breed Development Officers are Neil McGowan and Robert McNee who would be more than happy

to discuss any points in relation to breed development, DNA profiling, inspections and dam classifications.

Finance Committee

A small finance committee has been established to monitor cash flow, budgeting and investments. The members of this committee are Neil McGowan, Shane Cadzow, Mark Thomson.

Remuneration Committee

Following guidance on governance matters, the Luing Cattle Society has also established a Remuneration Committee which has responsibility for managing employment and self-employed contractors on behalf of the Society. The committee consists of Neil McGowan, Hazel McNee, Stewart Wood and Shane Cadzow.

Governance Committee

On external advice the Council has established a committee which aims to oversee the implementation of some Governance measures. The first piece of new structure has been the creation of a Handbook for Council members. This document outlines the responsibilities, both legal and cultural, for members of the Council, while also outlining the expectations that Council members should have of the Luing Cattle Society. It has been good to get this document into print and it has been well received.

The Governance committee is also beginning to develop a long term strategy document, which will guide future policy and provide an outline for funding requirements over the longer term. As part of the process to develop the strategy it is intended that the membership should be consulted on aspects, which is likely to be through a members' survey. The members of the Governance Committee are John Scott (Chair), Pip Simpson, Andrew Lyth and Shane Cadzow.

Around the Sales



Lot 146 Harehead Yogi 15,200gns



Lot 144 Finlargo Yukon 11,200 gns

LUING CATTLE SOCIETY PREMIER SALE 2021

5th February, 2021 Online
Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

The Luing Cattle Society held an annual Premier Sale over 4th and 5th February using Wallets Marts' online sale platform. What should have been a live sale was not possible given the Covid restrictions in place at the time. Delaying was a less attractive option given the proximity of calving for the good number of in-calf heifers offered for sale. The online system worked well with plenty of time before the bidding opened for viewing. Every vendor supplied excellent image and video footage to support their entries.

The 31 in calf heifers sold to a top of £3360 for a pair of heifers consigned by Robert McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale. The pair were July 2018 born and sold in calf to Milkieston Xavi. Purchaser for this pair was Allanton Farming, Darvel. The in-calf heifers averaged £2212 which was £84 down on the year previous.

Bulling heifers were a strong trade and the 83 forward changed hands to average £2007, an increase of £732 on the year. The top priced pair came from Messrs W. Graham and Son, Craigdarroch, who consigned 3 pairs of heifers and topped the section at £2835 for one pair. These were purchased by Professor Penny, Harehead. Close behind were Robert and Hazel McNee from Over Finlargo, Tealing with their

first pair of heifers both sired by Lammermuir Tremendous. This pair realised £2783 apiece and will be moving to Allanton Farming, Darvel. Messrs Barr, Milkieston sold 16 bulling heifers to average £2205 with a top of £2573 for a pair that were purchased by Messrs Telfer, Glendouran, Biggar. Professor Penny, Harehead sold 15 bulling heifers to average £2139 and a top of £2520 for a pair purchased by D Clarkson & Sons, Woodlands Farm, Biggar.

While earlier bulls were more difficult to sell, the first bull into the virtual sale bucked the trend and sold to £5250 for Lammermuir Yoda, a son of Harehead Mourie. The Scottish Government Bull Stud took this one home to work. The 30 bulls sold from a catalogue of 37 forward,



Lot 93 & 94 W. Graham & Son, Craigdarroch 2700gns



Lot 115 & 116 R & H McNee, Finlargo 2650 gns



Lot 160 Nunnerie Young Gun 8,200 gns



Lot 158 Milkieston York 14,000 gns

topped £15960 twice. First to make this money was Craigdarroch Yale, consigned by Messers W. Graham and Son, Sanquhar, who sold 4 bulls to average an impressive £13020. Yale is an April 2019 born Culmailly Turbo son whose Finlarg Nimrod sired dam classified very highly. Yale will move to join the Harehead herd, in the Lammermuirs. The other bull to reach £15960 was Harehead Yogi, a Commonsides Valiant son, who's dam has had her 8th calf with a calving interval of 362 days. Yogi will make sure that the haulage does not return

empty to Craigdarroch, which is his new home. Craigdarroch also sold Yoker at £14910 to R.H. Bell & Co, Roxburgh Mill, Kelso for their Plenderleith herd. David and Andrew Barr of Milkieston sold one of two entries to £14700 for Milkieston York. York is by Benhar Tweed and out of a Harehead Kirk sired dam. A younger entry in the sale, this May 2019 born bull was purchased by Messrs Hamilton, of Allanton Farming, Darvel. Next in line was Craigdarroch Yankee, a Finlarg Nimrod son, purchased for £11970 by Tom Lyth

of Heatherhouse Farm, Tankerness, Orkney. Robert and Hazel McNee sold 3 bulls to average £9940 and a top of £11760 for Finlarg Yukon. Yukon is a Lammermuir Tremendous sired calf, the same way bred as their top priced bulling heifers, and was sold to T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse, Selkirk.

Other leading prices: T. Renwick Sons, Blackhouse Yarrow £9660; John Lawrie (Tillyrie) Ltd, £8820 Tillyrie Yetholm; CC MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie Young Gun £8610; Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar Yarrow £7770; P. Simpson, Troutbeck Yuan £7140.



Lot 51 & 52 Prof W.A. Penny, Harehead 2400 gns



Lot 141 Craigdarroch Yale 15,200 gns

	Count	Average (£)	Top (£)	Change on the year (averages)
In Calf Heifers	31	2212	3360	-£84
Bulling Heifers	85	2007	2835	+£732
Bulls	30	7889	15960	+£1895
Grand Total	144	3269	15960	



Lot 159 Blackhouse Yarrow 9,200 gns



Lot 151 Tillyrie Yetholm 8,400 gns

	Average (£)	Top (£)	Count
Bulls	7889	15960	30
Messrs D & A Barr, Milkieston	14700	14700	1
Messrs W Graham & Son, Craigdarroch	13020	15960	4
Professor W.A. Penny, Harehead	10500	15960	2
Messrs R & H McNee, Finlarg	9940	11760	3
T Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse	9660	9660	1
Mr P. Simpson, Troutbeck	6930	7140	2
John Lawrie (Tillyrie) Ltd, Tillyrie	6825	8820	2
CC Macarthur & Co, Nunnerie	6636	8610	5
Backmuir Trading Ltd, Backmuir	6300	6300	1
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	5985	7770	2
Mr P. Crerar, Lammermuir	5460	5460	1
F.S. Renwick, Lcchbroom	4830	4830	1
Kedzlie Farms Ltd, Swalesmoor	4410	4410	1
A.C. & A.L. McCall, Culmaily	4305	5250	2
Steven Murray, Rockcliffe	3570	4410	2
In Calf Heifers	2212	3360	31
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	2901	3360	8
Steven Murray, Rockcliffe	2015	2625	16
Upper Chatto	1978	2048	3
A & D Stewart, Ardwell	1798	1838	4
Bulling Heifers	1994	2835	83
Messrs R & H McNee, Finlarg	2651	2783	4
Messrs W Graham & Son, Craigdarroch	2485	2835	6
Messrs A & D Barr, Milkieston	2205	2573	16
Professor W.A. Penny, Harehead	2139	2520	15
CC Macarthur & Co, Nunnerie	2063	2205	10
Ms L Porrit, Lampert	1820	2153	12
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	1759	1890	6
J Loder, Upper Chatto	1575	1785	11
A & M Whiteford, Ulzieside	1470	1470	1
McCraig Farms, Glenelrig	1470	1470	2
R & M Whiteford, Burnfoot	1470	1470	2



Lot 18 & 19 Steven Murray, Rockcliffe 2500 gns



Lot 24 & 25 Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar 3200 gns



Lot 27 Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar 2400 gns



Lot 28 & 29 Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar 2800 gns



Lot 30 & 31 Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar 2800 gns



Lot 91 & 92 W. Graham & Sons, Craigdarroch 2450gns



Lot 97 & 98 D & A Barr, Milkieston 2400 gns



Lot 99 & 100 D & A Barr, Milkieston 2450 gns



Lot 101 & 102 D & A Barr, Milkieston 2350 gns



Lot 117 & 118 R & H McNee, Finlarg 2400gns



Lot 155 Finlarg Yorkie, R & H McNee 9400 gns



Lot 161 Benhar Yarrow, Robert McNee Ltd 7400 gns



Lot 142 Finlarg Yardsman, R & H McNee 7800 gns



Lot 138 Craigdarroch Yahtzee, W. Graham & Sons 8800 gns



Lot 152 Craigdarroch Yankee, W. Graham & Son 11400 gns



Lot 150 Craigdarroch Yoker, W. Graham & Son, 14200 gns

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SPRING BREEDING SALE
Dingwall and Highland Mart – 19th
May 2021



Lot 84 & 85 Messrs A.C. McCall,
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The Luing Cattle Society, in conjunction with Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd. (May, 19th) sold 89 pedigree and commercial Luing cattle at their thirteenth Annual Spring Breeding Sale. Trade was steady for a smaller number forward, perhaps reflecting the difficult spring weather experienced. Both vendors and purchasers were allowed ringside, which helped the atmosphere considerably in comparison with sale conditions prevalent over the last 4-5



Scott and Farquhar Renwick with trophy for
 Best Pair of Bulling Heifers

months. Buyers were geographically spread from Shetland to Exmoor, with brisk bidding between those present in-person and those bidding online. Pedigree bulling heifers (74) averaged £1586 and sold to a top of £3570, for a pair of 25 month old heifers consigned by F. Scott Renwick, Lochbroom. This pair also won the Best pair of Bulling heifers, judged by Mr J. Innes, Dunscroft, Huntly, and sold to James McCaig Farms, Falkirk. Lochbroom averaged £2650 for 5 bulling heifers sold, while Messrs AC McCall, Culmaily sold 12 bulling heifers to a top of £2247 and an average of £1789.

Sim-Luing heifers (6) were in demand and averaged £1869 for

bulling heifers and £1250 for yearlings (4). Culmaily topped the Sim-Luing heifer trade with the winning pair of Sim-Luing bulling heifers which were purchased by George Gunn, Middleton of Glasclune. Yearling Sim-Luing heifers were a stickier trade, but Culmaily topped this age group with a pair sold at £1554 to J.C. Innes, Dunscroft. Unregistered and crossbred bulling heifers (7) sold to a top of £2415 for a single heifer consigned by F. Scott Renwick, Lochbroom.

Bulls (2) sold to a top of £5250 and averaged £4515 for both, consigned by Messrs C. C. MacArthur & Co. Nunnerie Farm, Biggar. Both bulls will be on the same lorry to Orkney, one selling to Messrs Ridland, Evie and the other to Messrs Thomson of Hoy.



Lot 64 & 65 F. Scott Renwick,
 Lochbroom £3570 /hd

Sale Statistics:

	Average Price (£)	Top Price (£)	Number Sold	2020 Average (£)
BULL	4515	5250	2	
CC MacArthur, Nunnerie	4515	5250	2	
LUING BULLING HEIFERS	1586	3570	74	£1,650
F. Scott Renwick, Lochbroom	2650	3570	5	
AC McCall, Culmaily	1789	2247	12	
Messrs A & J Nairn, Glenlivet	1655	1995	19	
Richard Lockett, Knockbain	1596	1848	4	
Graeme MacRae, Kintail	1583	2100	5	
Rory Cameron, Monzie	1499	1806	11	
Anson MacAuslan, Welbeck	1302	1407	2	
Shinness Luing, Jeff Norrie & F MacNeil	1253	1491	6	
M. Thomson, Tillyrie	1134	1134	2	
Mrs. K.A. Tindall, Bracadale	1050	1155	4	
J. Haley, Lochan	969	1050	4	
SIM LUING BULLING HEIFERS	1869	1869	2	£1,134
A.C. McCall, Culmaily	1869	1869	2	
SIM LUING YEARLING HEIFERS	1250	1554	4	
A.C. McCall, Culmaily	1554	1554	2	
M. Thomson, Tillyrie	945	945	2	
UNREGISTERED CROSSBRED BULLING HEIFERS	1509	2415	7	£933
F. Scott Renwick, Lochbroom	2415	2415	1	
A.C. McCall, Culmaily	1358	1470	6	

CADZOW BROS PRODUCTION SALE

**13th November 2021
United Auctions, Stirling**



Cadzwow Bros, Isle of Luing held their 3rd annual production sale at Oban, conducted by United Auctions on Saturday 13th November, where 93 head sold to an overall average of 1324 gns. Although averages for most types of females was back on last year's trade, brisk bidding saw the lots disperse widely across the UK and Wales. Rising 2 year old purebred heifers in calf to a variety of Luing genetics, due in spring 2021, were most keenly sought after averaging 1679gns for 29 sold. Two heifers reached the joint top price for in calf heifers at 2300 gns. The first of these was Luing Ardluing Z14, a march 2020 born polled daughter of Luing Tain, also having Luing Majesty as a maternal grandsire. She sold in calf to Luing Zenith, due April 2022, selling



to Messers Cameron, Drumardoch, Callandar. The second to reach 2300 gns was Luing Ballycastle Z23, a red April 2020 born Luing Wolf daughter. This one had Harehead Magners on her dam's side, selling in calf to Luing Yeoman, and was purchased by W.A. McFarlane, Drumgrange, Patna. Although the average for these heifers was down 211 gns on last year, the quality on offer was evident, with only 2 going unsold.



Bulling heifers were a selective trade, averaging 1174 gns for 38 sold. Although the average for this group was also down 148 gns on the year, there were more than double the number of bulling heifers sold. The top priced pair of bulling heifers at 1600 gns went to Jamie Gilchrist buying for Mullholland Contracts at Ettrickshaws, Selkirk. This pair were both sired by Luing Tain, who is a Harehead Magners son, and currently being used in the Wooplaw Herd.

Of the 6 bulls forward, only two changed hands. The dearest of these was Luing Zazu, a polled February 2020 born Luing Majesty son, who was purchased by Ian Mackie for his Lanton Herd at Wooler in Northumberland. The second bull, Luing Zane, a march born Lochbroom Talisker son, is away to RW Durham & Partners for their Scotsburn herd at Invergordon.



The best of the cows was an in-calf second calver, Luing Ballycastle X06. She sold back in calf and due in the spring to Luing Wolf, and is away to join a small herd on Islay with Iseabail MacTaggart. Fifteen cows in-calf sold to average 1090 gns, while 9 mixed age cows with autumn born calves at foot sold to average 861 gns with a top of 1200 gns.



Summary Stats

	Number	Average (gns)	Top (gns)	2020	+/-
Bulling Heifers	38	1174	1600	1322	-148
Bulls	2	2850	3200	4380	-1530
Cows in calf	15	1090	2500	1050	40
Cows with calves at foot	9	861	1200	1151	-290
In Calf Heifers	29	1679	2300	1890	-211
	93	1324			



Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar £3360 /hd

AUTUMN BREEDING SALE

30th October, 2021

United Auctions, Stirling

An increased offering, which included the full dispersal of the Glenlyon Herd, met with solid trade at this year's 48th Autumn Breeding Sale of Luing and Sim-Luing cattle, held at United Auctions' Stirling centre on 30th October. Winning the overall pair of heifers with their show pen of Sim-Luing bulling heifers was Mark Thomson and family from Tillyrie, Kinross. This pair of 18 month old heifers by Wolfstar Fortune topped the Sim-Luing bulling heifer section, selling to £2730 per head, and were purchased by Messers Foster, The Riddings, Bolton Abbey, Skipton.

Registered Luing in calf heifers opened the sale with an excellent pair from R & M Whiteford, Burnfoot, Sanqhuar which realised £2415, selling to McCaig Farms, Wester Jawcraig, Falkirk. The Sim-Luing in calf heifers were in big demand once again, selling

to a top of £3360 for a pair of autumn born heifers sired by Finlarg Hendry, from Robert McNee Ltd, Woodend. Their consignment of 10 heifers averaged £3108 and the top priced pair sold to Messers Thomson, Wester Tulloch, Midmar, Aberdeenshire. Colin Little, East Bracklinn, Callander, also fared well, selling to a top of £3045 and averaging £2604 for 5 sold. Sim-Luing in calf heifers averaged £2713 for 18 sold, up £349 on the year.

Luing Bulling heifers were forward in much increased numbers this year, with 156 changing hands, compared with 65 in 2020. The best sold well to a top of £2258, and an average of £1324, back £94 on the year. The best of this section was consigned by Messers T. Renwick & Son, Blackhouse with a pair of 18 month old heifers sired by Benhar Magnum. This pair topped the section at £2258, selling to Williamhope, Clovenfords. Messers Renwick's consignment of 18 heifers averaged £1943. Another excellent batch of bulling heifers, consigned by W.

Graham & Son, Craigdarroch, averaged £1607 for 10 sold to a top of £1785. D & A Barr from Milkieston had a level pen of 4 which averaged £1470. Sim-Luing Bulling heifers were in demand, and 52 sold to average £1583, to a top of £2730. Messers Halligan and Burke, Nether Stewarton, Peebles achieved the best average of this section, selling 5 to average £2405 and a top of £2625 for two pair, both purchased by Messers Foster, The Riddings, Bolton Abbey, Skipton. Mark Thomson, Tillyrie, sold 8 to average £1706, while R & H McNee, Finlarg also sold 8, averaging £1667, with their best pair at £1785, going to Webster, Gilsforth, Whixley, York.

Luing cows sold to a top of £3308 for Robert Galloway, Cardona, for a first calver by Silwkick Vaslav, with a her May born heifer calf at foot by Finlarg Xplosion, and back in calf to Benhar Zeppelin. This outfit is going home to Messers MacGregor, Allanfauld. Cardona consigned 5 cows with spring born heifer calves, all back in calf to the Luing bull, averaging £2919.

Glenlyon Dispersal

Glenlyon dispersed their herd of Luing cows, and auctioneer Raymond Kennedy fielded brisk bidding for this well bred group of mixed age cows, most with spring born calves. The best of these was Glenlyon W48, a 2017 born 2nd calver with a January born heifer calf at foot by Culmaily Winston, and back in calf to the same bull. McCaig Farms, Wester Jawcraig, Falkirk paid £4410 for this pair to add to their Glenelrig herd. McCaig Farms also purchased the first pair into the ring, Glenlyon W3, also a 2017 born 2nd calver with a similarly bred heifer calf at foot, for £4200. The 47 units averaged £2187 and together with the stock bull (£840), grossed just shy of £100,000.



John Lawrie (Tillyrie) Ltd, Tillyrie £2730 /hd



W. Graham & Son, Craigdarroch £1785 /hd

Summary and Averages

	Number	Average (£)	Top (£)	2020 Average	+/- on year
Luing ICH	2	2415	2415	2250	+165
Sim-Luing ICH	18	2713	3360	2364	+349
Luing Bulling Heifer	156	1324	2258	1418	-94
Luing Yearling Heifer	11	659	840	764	-105
Sim-Luing Bulling Heifer	52	1583	2730	1705	-122
Luing Cows	5	2919	3308	1131	+1788
Glenlyon Dispersal, Cows	47	2187	4410		
Glenlyon Dispersal, Stock Bull	1	840	840		

	Number	Average £	Top £
GLENLYON DISPERSAL, COWS	47	2187	4410
RJ Wotherspoon, Glenlyon	47	2187	4410
GLENLYON DISPERSAL, STOCK BULL	1	840	840
RJ Wotherspoon, Glenlyon	1	840	840
LUING BULLING HEIFER	156	1324	2258
Messers T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse	18	1943	2258
W. Graham & Son, Craigdarroch	10	1607	1785
D & A Barr, Milkieston	4	1470	1470
RJ Wotherspoon, Glenlyon	26	1450	1680
C.C. MacArthur & Co., Nunnerie	17	1408	1838
AJ Kennedy & Son, Mitchellhill	9	1388	1680
Mrs. U. Hodge, Kirkland	12	1387	1628
John Lawrie (Tillyrie), Ltd, Tillyrie	6	1383	1470
R & M Whiteford	2	1365	1365
Mr P. Crerar, Lammermuir	8	1358	1523
The Woodlands Trust Scotland, Finglass	10	1134	1260
Mr N.H. Horsfall, Rannoch	2	840	840
J & M Turner, Kildalloig	12	753	966
Firm of E. Crawford, Blarghour	4	746	756
Mr A. Knight, RSPB Oronsay	15	699	893
LUING COW	5	2919	3308
R. Galloway, Cardona	5	2919	3308
LUING ICH	2	2415	2415
R & M Whiteford	2	2415	2415
LUING YEARLING HEIFER	11	659	840
Mr N.H. Horsfall, Rannoch	11	659	840
SIM-LUING BULLING HEIFER	52	1583	2730
MG Halligan & AC Burke, Stewarton	5	2405	2625
John Lawrie (Tillyrie), Ltd, Tillyrie	8	1706	2730
R & H McNee, Finlarg	8	1667	1785
Marshall Farms, Concraig	4	1654	1733
Mrs C.M. Reid, Portmore	12	1488	1628
RH Bell & Co, Plenderleith	7	1485	1733
Finlay McGowan, Incheoch	8	1057	1365
SIM-LUING ICH	18	2713	3360
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	10	3108	3360
C. Little, East Bracklinn	5	2604	3045
Finlay McGowan, Incheoch	3	1575	1575

Young Member Focus

An Investigation into the benefits of breeding for cow efficiency in Suckler Herds in the South and West of Scotland

Extract from Dissertation – BA (Hons), Rural Business Management, Scottish Rural University College

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As feed costs rise, loss of direct government financial assistance, rise in dairy cross beef entering the supply chain, supermarket power, public pressure and climate change suckler herds are being pushed to become more efficient to survive.

Historically from 1975 until 2002 suckler farmers were paid on a headage payment basis. Consequently the farmers were not under pressure to make the cattle efficient as they would still break-even. Now this is not the case. More land is being taken over for cropping and dairy farms meaning that there are less acres available for expansion. Therefore farmers must become more efficient on the ground that they already have.

The investigation set out to explore the benefits of breeding for efficiency in suckler farms in the South and West of Scotland. This investigated the benefits such as calving ease, fertility, nutrition and overall health of the herd. Financial benefits to the business for example



weaning more calves per year for sale, breeding healthier cattle and more feed efficient cattle to reduce costs as well as producing a carcass suitable for the global market. Furthermore the benefits to the environment through climate mitigation measure, creating a greater biodiversity, less pressure on the existing land and having cattle that utilise poorer pastures. Other topics investigated looked more broadly at the industry as a whole rather than the herd individually; the measures the industry had already put into place to encourage efficiency, attitudes to change, efficient business decisions, attitudes towards work life balance, replacement criteria in Scottish Suckler herds and the future for the industry.

Literature was found in research and critically analysed. This was both from academic papers, books and publications such as The Scottish Farmer or The Beef Efficiency Scheme material. Further investigation was done through interviews with experts from the industry and an anonymous survey was also circulated on social media.

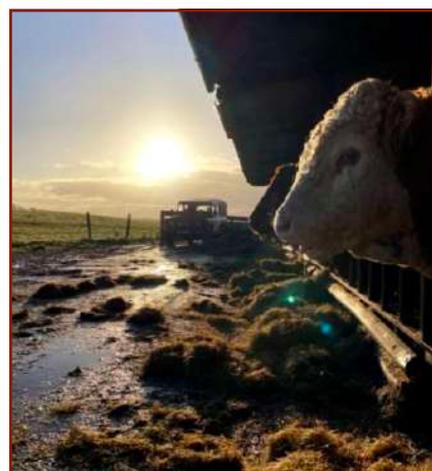
The basic key elements of producing a profitable suckler herd are:

- Low birth weights – this causes less calving problems, lower mortality and a faster return of reproduction
- High fertility of both male and female – this increases the % of calves weaned and gives a shorter block calving interval

- Moderate cow size – improves cost/output balance
- High growth rates – make target weights at younger ages so the cost of rearing is reduced
- Good Net feed efficiency – reduced feed and overhead costs
- Selecting breeds that are forage efficient – i.e native breeds to potentially reduce feed costs
- Meet target carcass spec – maximise market potential
- Health management – working closely with vets reduce mortality and disease. Reduce vet and med costs (Fuller,2018).

From further investigation and discussion the following conclusions and recommendations were gained.

Cow size should be an optimum of 600 kilos in the South of Scotland (Fuller, 2018). Feed costs can be 75% of what a cow consume. As discussed in the literature review a 700kg cow will need 23% more energy for maintenance than a 500kg cow increasing costs of £50 per head each year. In addition heavily muscled cows also require more additional energy. (Lively, 2021). Cow size is a good place to start, this reduces





maintenance cost and allows for higher stocking rate and higher output from more calves. Condition scoring has to be taken into consideration when the cow's weight is being recorded (A Guide To Improving Suckler Herd Fertility, 2021).

The recommendations are that farmers should be recording size of mature cows and picking replacements as close to 600 kilos as possible. Grant schemes such as the sustainable agricultural capital grant scheme (Sustainable Agriculture Capital Grant Scheme (SACGS), 2021) should be used to invest in technology for recording data of herds such as weigh bars and electronic tag readers. Cow size can be reduced through condition scoring and breed objectives and selection.

Breeding feed efficient cattle is the next important step in becoming a more efficient industry. Breeding replacements with the focus of feed efficient cattle can see an increase of efficiency in up to 12% in just three generation (Waring, 2021). As dairy and crops move towards the better producing ground that can be cropped. The future for suckler herds in the UK and globally is heading to less favoured ground. To be sustainable the animals will have to be good at converting poorer quality fodder and grassland to good quality protein. (Waring, 2021)

Recommendations for this measure would be for breeders to work closely with finisher to gain feedback of what animal's sire groups are the best at converting feed. For breeders to pick bulls which have a feed efficient EBV, through semen or stock bulls. For the industry experts, farmers and scientist to work together to get as many animals on feed test results to advance the accuracy by larger data capture. At farm level, to cull out cows that noticeably loose condition easier.

In Australia fertility is a massive focus for breeders as the cattle have very little nutrition and many stresses

(Collins, 2021). Stresses no South and West of Scotland cattle will every face and yet some herd will keep cattle that have fertility issues. The figure from Scotland weaning % is 82% (Sandison, 2021). This means many herds are still keeping cows not in calf as passengers instead of being culled. The majority (90%) of the herd should be calving within six weeks and 65% in the first three weeks (Benchmarking in suckler herds, 2021). There are many added advantages of short calving period in addition to fertility such as; marketing, larger pool of replacements heifers to choose from, labour reduced from less time supervising and fewer late cows with more risk of complications and disease transmission from older calves to younger more vulnerable ones. (A Guide To Improving Suckler Herd Fertility, 2021) In most systems cows can be mated at 15 months to calf on their second birthday (Age for beef heifers at



first mating, Agriculture Victoria, 2021). Cattle kept not in calf as passengers will cost the business money and may breed bad fertility into the herd.

Recommendations from this conclusion are that cows should be having a calf every year from its second birthday for 8 years. If they are not they should be culled. Financial incentives for farmers to have the means and confidence to make changes in the businesses.

Beef cross dairy calves are relied on for the beef industry. In the South of Scotland dairy is increasing. A lot of the land cannot be used for cropping. Dairy cross calves are good as they can produce a consistent standardised product for the consumer. More dairy cows will be put to beef bulls in the future as they are discouraged from putting down pure dairy bull calves and will be using more sexed semen to produce dairy heifers.

Recommendations of this are to take advantage of the genetics in the dairy herd for enterprising in finishing dairy crosses. Processors must tighten

weight and spec of carcasses to allow the suckler beef industry focus on creating a more uniform standardised product.

Reducing carbon will become a bigger focus in the future. Taking steps to reduce and have a more efficient system for feed efficiency will mean less feed required, less greenhouse gases produced, less labour feeding and bedding. Breeding (genetic selection) to reduce days on farm will have benefits for feed efficiency, carbon output and costs. (Carbon - Can beef production be sustainable and efficient, 2020).

Recommendations at farm level; minimise days on farm and maximise the weaning percentage. (Carbon - Can beef production be sustainable and efficient, 2020).

Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) are a great indication for the traits of cattle in the selection for breeding and the estimated efficiency of the animal. However not everyone uses them as a tool, believing that they are not that accurate. They can be used to breed for faster finishing weights of calves meaning less days on farm, reducing costs per head, and increasing annual throughput. Also selection using calving ease EBVs can increase welfare and reduce stress and damage to the cow at calving time as well as reducing labour requirement.

Recommendations for this conclusion are for more data capture across the industry, Including commercial stock. Breeders, rearers and finishers must work together to create central data capture to make EBVs more accurate and trustworthy for more farmers to use them as a tool.

A positive change in the industry in the generations noted by my interviewees was the priority of the work life balance. Most see this as a positive change and that greater efficiency in breeding herds contributes significantly toward their goal of greater work life balance in addition to creating beneficial financial and environmental choices.





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Out and About with Chatsworth Farms

The Chatsworth Estate nestled in the Peak District National Park is home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The estate in hand farming operation is farming 2000 hectares (5000 acres) ranging from the parkland surrounding Chatsworth house itself to moorland at 1000ft all which is part of an extensive environmental stewardship scheme, SSSI's and various management plans reflecting the local heritage on the estate. Livestock enterprises include 320 suckler cows and 3000 breeding ewes taking everything to through to finishing.



In 2017, after consultation with Natural England, we decided to create a new moorland herd of cattle to help manage the 2000 acres of moorland. The moorland was home to 600 swaledale sheep which had been much reduced over the years. As a result parts of the moor was not as diverse as they perhaps could be and we felt cattle would improve this.

The search began for Farm Manager David Howlett for a breed of cattle that would be hardy enough to withstand outwintering on the moorland but also to breed a carcass that was suitable for the Chatsworth estate farm shop and cafe. Ultimately, the farm exists to provide beef and lamb to the various outlets across the Devonshire group of businesses. The Derbyshire estate is home to pubs, restaurants and hotels.

Two pedigree herds of Limousin and Hereford cattle already existed on the farm but neither breed's attributes seemed to fit the bill for this particular project. We needed really tough cattle so started looking at Natural England's Native breeds list. We wanted a native breed with flexibility, and crossing them to Simmental meant we could produce a cow to do on the better ground. I liked the idea of our own closed stratified beef system.

After a lot of research I contacted the society and was introduced to Charles Symons. Charles came down to visit us in the January to look at what we were already doing on the farm and I took him up to our moor to gather his opinion. It is a tough spot but it did not phase Charles. In February we travelled up to the island of Luing to view a consignment of heifers. I recall the wet February day where I was shown tremendous hospitality by the Cadzow family, Euan Ferguson and Charles. After a quick stop on the way home to visit a bull from the Benhar herd of Andrew Mcnee and the Chatsworth herd of Luings had started.



Since this point the herd of luing cattle has grown with further additions from the Luing production sale and some older cows from Pip Simpson, Troutbeck. A large proportion of that consignment was ex island of Luing cows. The Luing cows have shown to be excellent mothers that are fertile, easily calved and the thing that has surprised me the most is the cows' adaptability. The herd started off as a herd primarily for the moorland but the herd has grown into other parts of the estate. They are at ease in whatever environment you put them in which is a major win when the objectives are a 50/50 split of environmental and production gains.





For us, we measure everything and this efficient fertile suckler cow is producing weaning weights and cow efficiency scores in excess of most industry benchmarks whilst maintaining a compact calving period. With limited staff numbers these attributes can only be fit for the future.



Currently, with the aim of reducing inputs, producing beef and lamb from forage and improving biodiversity across the estate, the Luing cow suits our plans for the future. We plan to keep increasing the herd which will calve 111 cows in 2022. The light footprint and ability to outwinter is a major advantage and the foraging ability throughout this period is

exceptional in maintaining condition through to calving. This enables us to expand cow numbers but without the added infrastructure costs of putting new sheds up. The aim is to increase the suckler cow numbers to 400 cows to satisfy beef demand and the Luing breed will form a large part of this in the future.

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BREED FEATURE

Lindisfarne Luings - Rob Sutherland

The name Lindisfarne, or Holy Island, evokes a near mystical appeal, the stories of Monks living on the Island, cut off from the mainland Northumberland by the tide just north of Bamburgh Castle and being chased away by marauding Vikings is legend in itself, and nowadays it is the hordes of tourists that are the only thing to fear, bring dread to the minds of local farmers at harvest time. Many visitors to the Island will probably never notice the herd's roan cattle grazing away on the sand dunes, amongst the grey seals just a few hundred yards over the water, but graze they do. This is the home to the Lindisfarne Luing herd, at home on one the most famous and historic stretches of British coastlines.

The Lindisfarne Luing herd was established in 2010 when Robbie Sutherland introduced the cattle to the farm to help maintain British native breeds and protect and nurture the landscape that the family have farmed for decades. It was Robbie's father John, who started farming at Ross, moving there in 1953, running a suckler herd on the farm, which used to be a military training area, in 1956. Robbie started farming alongside his father in 1997 and was quick to spot the potential of the Luing cattle, which were developed on the isle of Luing, on the west coast of Scotland, and



therefore used to hardy coastal grazing and inclement weather offered on Ross. The farm is part of the Lindisfarne Nature Reserve and a SSSI. Having cattle graze on the delicate sand dunes creates a more varied sward structure which in turn helps produce a better diversity and also help control invasive scrub such as Hawthorn and Gorse. Also on the stretch of water between Lindisfarne and Ross the family run another interesting business, the Lindisfarne Oyster Beds, which farms and sells Oysters all over the country. This business was founded in 1989, but monks from the Island were doing the very same thing way back in 1381 according to records, so

it is a continuation of what has gone on before! It is a case of nature and farming working hand in hand, both on the land and in the sea too.

Robbie now farms the 500-acre Ross alongside their other unit, Outchesters, which is the main holding, running to 700 acres of grade 2 arable land, just a few miles away from Ross. Working with Alan Smith, who is full time at Outchesters, they grow around 320 acres of Wheat, 165 acres of Barley and 165 acres of Oilseed Rape on the land and also grow some low input barley, which is part of a scheme. All the crop apart from the spring Barley, goes to Coastal Grains, a farmer owned and run Co-op, of which Robbie is a member, has over 100 members from across Northumberland and the Borders. The Spring Barley is sold direct to Simpsons Malt in Berwick-upon-Tweed. The family also have some high-class self-catering cottages to catch the booming tourist economy of the area, the centrepiece of the accommodation is the "The Duckett" a 65-foot tower built sometime in the 18th Century, used latterly as a dovecote, standing like a watchtower over Budle Bay and Holy Island, it has been fully restored and is an amazing holiday retreat! Robbies children, Isabelle, Ben and Charlie all help out when they are back at home from University and school holidays allow.

It is over a decade since Robbie introduced the Luings to the farm,





mainly to fit into the Higher-Level Scheme on the marginal land, but also because they are easy to handle and docile “The sheep went, and we opted to go for the Luing” he remembers. “I grew up with Gary Herdman and he knew about the breed, so we plotted together and went on a shopping trip” The initial batch of cattle for the newly established herd came from Dingwall, where they landed back with seven 15-month old heifers, then another seven were added from the Cadzow sale at Castle Douglas, then to Stirling in the autumn, where they purchased a further eighteen. They also bought in a stock bull for the new

herd from the College herd. The herd has gone from strength to strength, now calving 200 Luing cattle, where they graze on Outchesters and Ross, as well as other marginal grass keeps that he takes for the summer too. They are looking to expand to have more cattle in the future and incorporate grass into the arable rotation to increase grazing and silage.

The cows calve at 2 years old, running with the bull, at a ratio of 35 cattle to one bull. Calving is in spring at Outchesters where the cattle are housed from late January for convenience more than anything else, just a lot easier to

check and keep an eye on them in the sheds rather than way out on Ross, and it also allows the fields to freshen up for turnout. All the cows and calves’ summer around the Outchesters unit, grazing the marginal fields and the higher ground of the farm, until the beginning of October when they are moved down onto the sand dunes on Ross, vaccinating the cattle against BVD and PD’ing the cows as they are moved down. The calves are speaned at the beginning of November and then housed up at Outchesters, whilst the cows stay down on Ross until they are brought in, getting fed barley straw





when needed out on the dunes and receive a similar diet to the calves at housing, consisting of silage, grains, and straw beans. Each year they retain 35 or so of the best heifers to introduce into the herd, with the rest sold at a year old, the steers away to a finisher unit in the Rothbury area, and eventually they head to specialist food retailers as top-quality beef, with renowned flavour making it a hit. They also supply beef to at a couple of exclusive venues in the area, hanging it for 3 weeks, and they believe it to be some of the best beef available in Northumberland, with its unique taste derived from the habitat that it grazes on. The surplus heifers are sold locally as breeding cattle.

Although the herd is now fully self-contained, mainly for health reasons with the herd at Johnes level 1, bulls are

brought in, generally from the society sale at Castle Douglas in February. Robbie likes attending the sale, both to see the cattle, but enjoys meeting fellow breeders and the camaraderie that it brings. When looking for a bull he likes a good long back, and to be good on its legs. He places a good deal of emphasis on the breed scoring too and feels that this is a good and unique selling point of the breed, and he always looks for a bull with a good maternal score, as this suits his system well, with the emphasis on good, strong breeding cows, who can bring up a good calf with minimal interference.

As they move forward into a rather uncertain future, with less direct payments and more emphasis on environmental stewardship, Robbie feels that the Luing is the perfect cow to fill

this niche. Working closely with Natural England within the nature reserve on Ross the habitats that the cattle have grazed have greatly improved and this type of partnership will be looked at closer in the future too. Once again it is good to note that agriculture is part of the answer to a sustainable future and vital if habitats are to retain or even reclaim their biodiversity.



SHOUT ABOUT THE SIRE, 'if you know it – show it'

Currently only 30 per cent of sires are registered on the British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS/SCOTEID). While breeders and producers aren't obligated to record the sire on the database, by not recording known sires, they are potentially missing out information which can add value at all stages of the supply chain, helping better breeding decisions to be made and building consumer trust through greater traceability.

Farmers may not be aware, that as well as providing information on births, deaths and movements of all cattle in the UK, BCMS/SCOTEID is a valuable source of pedigree information. The call to all cattle producers is if you know the sire, get it recorded on the passport. Data accuracy is important, so we do not advocate guesswork, but if you know it – show it.

The beef sector currently leads the way in recording the sire on BCMS/SCOTEID, and a steady increase in the percentage of sires recorded has been seen since 2012. However, there are still improvements to be made.

Within the industry there is a vast amount of data which could be harnessed to increase productivity and profits, using genetic evaluations if pedigree information for commercial cattle were available.

One example of how this has worked positively is the development of EBVs for carcase traits based on abattoir data. By combining performance records – known as phenotypic data – with pedigree information sourced from BCMS/SCOTEID, AHDB has worked alongside EGENES to produce the National Beef Evaluations launched in November 2018, and the Dairy Carcase Index, launched in April 2018.

BCMS/SCOTEID itself provides further opportunities to harness routinely recorded data for genetic

evaluations. Information on dead or alive status for tagged calves is currently being used to produce Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) for calf survival in Limousin and dairy breeds, with other beef breeds in the pipeline. Other traits that we intend to explore via the BCMS/SCOTEID database include longevity and calving interval, and, alongside phenotype data from the APHA, EBVs for bovine TB resistance in beef cattle are also in development.

Based on data from the August 2021 National Beef Evaluations, the level of BCMS/SCOTEID sire recording within the Luing breed is currently 68% (relatively high). By working to increase the level of BCMS/SCOTEID sire recording even further, we can increase the accuracy and scope of EBVs available from these sources of commercial data. Using these alongside existing EBVs from Signet should provide you with the opportunity to breed and purchase stock that best suits your system and market requirements, driving the whole cattle industry forward.

If you don't know your sire, don't worry

Accurate sire recording is not always possible, for example when more than one bull runs with the herd, or mixed straws are used for insemination. Don't be tempted to guess the sire for the purposes of BCMS/SCOTEID recording, but if there are sire records on farm please input the data on BCMS/SCOTEID when registering calves.

If you need help to keep track of which bulls you are using on which cows, AHDB has developed a suckler breeding plan to help farmers record sires used on groups of animals. This plan can be viewed online and ordered in print at <https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/suckler-breeding-plan-for-better-returns>.

What else could change with improved recording?

The benefits of sire recording do not stop at an individual level. Even if you don't directly use EBVs when making breeding decisions, you can still make a difference by recording known sires. More data would mean greater reliability of EBVs across more sires and thus genetic gains made by those routinely using EBVs will improve performance across the industry. Encouraging bull buyers to record known sires will also help improve levels of recording.

Data from the National Beef Evaluations will provide an extra selling point for those selling bulls. Both your pedigree and commercial customers want this information. A 2015 survey by AbacusBio showed that a key reason for farmers not providing EBV information during the sale or purchase of animals was due to lack of interest from the customer. However, the key reason for farmers not requesting EBV information was because it wasn't provided by the seller.

AI companies will also react to market requirements. The availability of semen for a wide range of easy calving beef bulls has been improving since demand for beef genetics in the dairy herd. Successfully improving the breadth and accuracy of genetic evaluations such as the AHDB National Beef Evaluations and the Dairy Carcase Index will allow genetics companies to source bulls that best fulfil customer requirements.

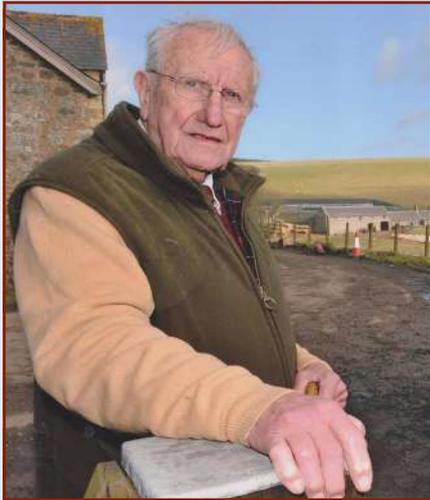
Greater communication between genetics providers, bull breeders and bull buyers is needed in order to create an environment where the display of genetic information is standard.

As part of AHDB's 'Shout About the Sire' campaign, which launched in January 2019, you can follow the conversation on social media using the hashtag #ShoutAboutTheSire.

By Alex Brown, Breeding Projects Manager, AHDB

Obituary: Professor William Penny CBE

Developer of the modern black box flight recorder, co-founder of Penny & Giles, and farmer



PROFESSOR William Penny CBE, who was instrumental in developing the black box flight recorder which improved the safety of air travel, died at Harehead Farm, Cranshaws in the Lammermuirs, at the age of 95.

One of the co-founders of the aerospace and industrial technology firm Penny & Giles, it was his work with James Giles in the 1950s which revolutionised air crash investigations.

The black box, which records flight data, had been invented in 1954 by an Australian scientist. Three years later Christchurch-based Penny & Giles produced the first black box with magnetic recording.

Professor Penny, who lived for many years at Beachern Wood, near Brockenhurst, with his wife Beryl, also developed transducers which could measure air speed and altitude acceleration, and control surface positions. The information they gathered was then recorded by the black box together with voices from the cockpit. These improvements vastly increased the amount of data available to air accident investigators following a crash, leading to advancements in air safety. It was just one in a series of innovations for which Penny & Giles became famous.

Born in Wiltshire, Professor Penny qualified as an engineer and spent his early years working at a government

establishment at Boscombe Down on the transition to transonic flight and the development of gas turbines. Professor Penny met James Giles during a spell working at Kelvin Hughes company in London, and the two formed Penny & Giles which quickly expanded into a diverse group of companies in the Christchurch area and in South Wales.

By 1992 the company employed 1,200 people. Known to employees as ‘The Prof’, Professor Penny had a “hands-on” approach to the engineering and development of new products. Apart from running the company, Professor Penny also lectured at City, University of London. In 2002, Penny & Giles was bought by US-based Curtiss Wright, but Professor Penny continued to work there as a consultant.

A spokesperson for the company said: “Professor Penny was a huge figure in the Penny & Giles and Curtiss-Wright story in the UK over many years, and his sad death marks the end of an era. Many of the UK team have fond memories of working with Bill Penny, and his legacy can be found in the success of our businesses today.”

According to Professor Penny’s family, his “guidance and mentoring” over the years have helped develop the careers of many engineers.

“Beyond Penny & Giles there have been many successful companies set up in the local area by former employees who were inspired and encouraged by Professor Penny, and through them all his legacy will live on.”

In 1989, Professor Penny was appointed CBE for services to industry, and in 2010 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Bournemouth University.

A keen yachtsman, golfer and musician, he was also an agriculturalist with an estate in the Lammermuir hills, located in the Scottish Borders. Harehead farm was purchased in 1987, followed by neighbouring Crichness in 1988, Craigswindshiel in 1996 and Bothwell in 2000. The estate is a collection of upland and hill farms which run Luing

and Sim-Luing cattle alongside flocks of Blackface, Cheviot, Scottish Mule, Bluefaced Leicester and Texel sheep. The Prof, as he was also known to his farm employees, took a great interest in breeding and management of this sizeable unit. He spent as much time as possible there, and latterly following the death of both his wife and daughter, his permanent residence was at Harehead Farm, Cranshaws. He enjoyed engineering and tinkering with farm equipment, especially with Prof’s own designed Propcorn machine, which still runs today.

When Harehead was acquired in 1987 from the late Peter Brotherstone there were 25 Luing type cows on the farm, and the Luing breed seemed ideally suited to the farm, and so the Luing herd at Harehead began.

The Harehead prefix is renowned among the Luing breed, having bred many bulls and heifers that have sold at the annual Luing Society Sale. The first bull sold was at the Oban sale in 1996, Harehead Vagabond. Under the careful management of Farm Manager Neil Anderson, and the care of the Harehead team, many bulls including Harehead Davy-Dee, Harehead Jake, Harehead Mourie and Harehead Sivivatu, are proving very influential in the Luing herdbook.

On the sheep side, the Prof’s farms sell many breeding females and tups as well as finished lambs. Pedigree Blackface, Bluefaced Leicester and Texel tups are sold successfully annually to many repeat buyers, along with ewe lambs.

The Prof has overseen extensive changes on all the farms, with the vision to understand the benefits of modern infrastructure, coupled with an understanding and appreciation of working within the environment. He has also been a keen supporter of the local shows, Ellemford in particular, over the last 3 decades, where he enjoyed a few refreshments with old friends and new.

By: Neil Anderson

Obituary: Wullie Scott

William Scott (Wullie) passed away after a short illness in the BGH on 2nd November 2021.

Wullie worked for many years as a stockman on Bothwell and Harehead farms. He moved to the Cranshaws valley in 1964 when his parents moved to Bothwell to work. Wullie then worked at the building of the Whiteadder reservoir, before moving to Crichness in 1966.

After the death of his father in 1969 he moved down to Bothwell working for Jack Elliot as the tractorman/ stockman. He worked for the Elliots until 2000 when Prof Penny bought Bothwell, who kept Wullie on in the same role. Wullie loved his cattle, and was a good “kenner” of his cows, no matter what breed Aberdeen Angus or Luig or Simmental.

He had never been away anywhere before until he got his first trip to Castle Douglas to help with the Harehead bulls. This became an annual event that Wullie looked forward to, enjoying the cattle, folk and refreshments.

One of the bulls Wullie led round the ring was Harehead Logan selling to Bruce Gilchrist at Rawburn, Wullie loved that bull who was named after his Grandson.

Wullie was a keen bowler, carpet in the winter and green in the summer, latterly he was green keeper at Duns. He was also a keen speedway fan, rarely missing a Saturday at Berwick Bandits.

Wullie was also a great family man and very proud of his family. He and his wife Margaret brought up their 3

children, John, Barbara and Karen at Bothwell. John followed his father’s footsteps in working on farms, and Wullie greatly enjoyed spending time with John’s 2 children as a very proud grandfather.

Sadly Wullie lost his wife Margaret to Motor Neuron Disease, after nursing her himself at home. He then tragically lost his son John suddenly, then his daughter Barbara, all passing away within a 12 year span.

During the summer of 2021 he was delighted to walk his youngest daughter Karen down the isle at Cranshaws Kirk. Wullie will be a big loss to the local and farming communities.

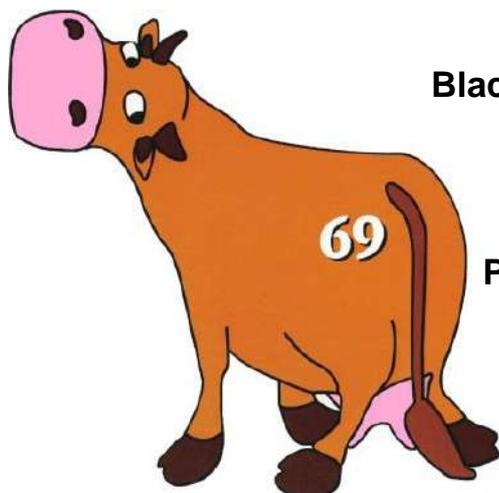
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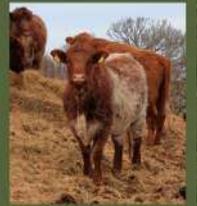


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Luing Bull and Heifer Registrations:

1. Each Herd Book Year will end on 31st December.
2. Breeders are required to update their herdbook list (herd census) as at 31st December either online by lodging deaths, sales and transfers or via a paper annual return (preferred) upon request to the office.
3. **On-line registration and herd census options are now available using the link on the website at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/login** . A username and password can be obtained by contacting the Breed Secretary on secretary@luingcattlesociety.co.uk or by using the password request facility in Grassroots. **Use of the online system for all herdbook based transactions is encouraged.** Alternatively, a birthing summary form can be used to register via a paper-based system and all calves born in that year should be entered. This must be **fully completed** for all calves to be registered: i.e. UK tag, date of birth, name and/or management tag, colour, horned/polled and sire. Breeders are encouraged to notify all other calves born (date of birth, UK tag and sire) so that full records can be kept for every breeding female on the database.
4. Registrations (both online and paper based) must be done / returned to the Breed Secretary by **28th February** of the year following the year of birth. Early registrations are encouraged. **Any registrations received after 28th February will be charged double fees.**
5. Any animals over 2 years of age can only be considered for Appendix B, and will attract double registration fees.
6. Pedigree certificates will be issued for all calves registered, and will be forwarded by email.

Sim-Luing Heifer Calf Registrations:

1. Entries will only be accepted from members of the Luing Cattle Society Ltd.
2. To be eligible for acceptance into the register for Sim-Luing females, heifer calves must be:
 - a. out of Pedigree or Appendix A Luing females registered in the Herd Book of the Luing Cattle Society and,
 - b. sired by a Simmental bull registered in the Herd Book of the British Simmental Cattle Society Ltd.
3. All calves should be registered by the 28th February following their year of birth.
4. Following verification of the registration of both the dam and the sire by the Luing Cattle Society, the Sim-Luing heifer will be accepted for entry into the register and a certificate issued.

Charges:

An Annual Subscription is due annually on 1st January and members will receive a renewal notice around early January. The Annual Subscription is £50.00 incl. VAT (£41.67 + £8.33 VAT). Any member not settling membership fees within two months of issue of invoice may, at the discretion of Council, lose his/her rights of membership.

Registration Fees:

1. Pedigree Luing

Registration fees (Pedigree, Appendix or Sim-Luing) are charged on a sliding scale based on the number of breeding cows (i.e. females over 2 years of age) held on Society records for each herd at 31st December of the year of birth, of the calves being registered. This includes full Pedigree and Appendix A and B cows and Sim-Luing females.

Breeding Females (>2 yrs)	Registrations completed online	Registrations completed on paper
1-25	£8.50	£9.00
26-50	£8.00	£8.50
51-100	£7.50	£8.00
101-250	£7.00	£7.50
251+	£6.50	£7.00

2. Sim-Luings

If only Sim-Luing heifer calves are to be registered, the registration fees will be as follows:

Number of calves registered	Registrations completed online (per head)	Registrations completed on paper (per head)
1-15	£9.50	£10.00
16 or over	£8.00	£8.50

3. Individuals who feel that they have a special case will have the opportunity to appeal and the merit of the case will be considered by the Board.

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4. Breeders will be invoiced when registrations are processed, at the end of each respective registration period.

Transfer Fees:

All animals purchased at Society Sales (males and females) will be transferred free of charge.

Transfer fees are incurred by the purchaser (unless previously agreed with the vendor) upon the transfer between herds of any full Pedigree or appendix female animal purchased outwith a Society Sale (purchased privately) at £10.00 + VAT per female.

Transfer fees are incurred by the purchaser (unless previously agreed with the vendor) upon the transfer into the purchaser's herd, for bulls purchased outwith Society Sales (privately) on a two tier basis, as follows:

- 1-30 breeding females (as listed on each herd's list on Grassroots) - £2 /cow, with a minimum fee payable of £25 +VAT
- 30+ females - £100 + VAT

Bull Inspection

1. No bull can be sold at a Pedigree Luing Sale until it has been inspected by an appointed representative of the Society and has been accepted as conforming to the standards as laid down by the Society, including a minimum height and scrotal circumference. Breeders must apply to the Society for this inspection by 30th August each year.
2. The bulls will be inspected as soon as is reasonably possible and the dam of each bull will be classification scored at the time of the bull inspection. Dams must be presented for inspection if they are still on the farm – regardless of whether they have been scored in previous years. The age of the dam at the time of assessment and the number of calves she has had will be taken into consideration to ensure potential buyers know the scores relate to a young cow yet to fully prove herself.
3. Bulls passed for entry into a Society sale will have their pedigree record updated on grassroots. Bulls not to be entered for a Society Sale but otherwise deemed suitable for pedigree breeding will also have their pedigree record updated on grassroots.
4. Breeders are encouraged to have bulls inspected for Society approval prior to private sale – to avoid the potential problem of a bull being turned down after being sold. Only bulls with Dam Classification Scheme scores for feet, locomotion, udder and teats of 5 or above (out of 10) will be approved for use.

Society Sales

- The Society hold 3 annual sales:
 - **The Premier Sale will take place in Walets Mart, Castle Douglas on 11th February 2022.**
 - **Spring Breeding Sale – Dingwall and Highland Mart, Dingwall – 18th May 2022**
 - **Autumn Breeding Sale – United Auctions, Stirling – 29th October 2022**
- Premier Sale - all bulls must be in the market by Wednesday night and heifers must be penned by 12 noon on Thursday 10th February.
- The minimum age for bulls sold at Society Sales is 18 months on the day of the sale and each bull must have been approved for pedigree use (by inspection) by the Society, in association with the rules on bull inspection set out in the Society's rule and byelaws. In addition, bulls will be weighed at the sale, and must meet the minimum height measurement of 52" at the shoulder and have a scrotal circumference of at least 38cm. Bulls will be sold in age order with oldest bulls sold first. Measurements will be taken in the market and displayed on the pen card.
- All cattle presented at Society Sales must come from herds which are members of a CHeCS accredited health scheme and must be vaccinated against BVD (both males and females). Any cattle coming from a herd which is not accredited free of BVD must be individually tested negative for the virus.
- A health declaration form must be submitted with an entry form, the information from which will be displayed in the sale catalogue.
- **NO minimum age** is required for pedigree Luing females presented for sale. Any animal with a black nose or displaying unruly temperament will be rejected by the inspection panel.
- Vendors are responsible for ensuring that all animals forward are correctly identified in relation to current identification regulation.
- All cattle will be sold under the terms and conditions of the National Beef Association Breeding warranty. A copy of the relevant breeding warranty can be found at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/sales. Both vendors and purchasers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the terms, especially timescales for notification, ahead of sale/purchase.
- The upset price for bulls is **2,000gns**.

Luing Website/Facebook (www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk)

The Society website and social media pages continues to prove a useful source of information on the breed from commercial beef producers wanting to find out more about Luing cattle and for breeders needing to download sales entry forms, application forms, or sale catalogues. Another very useful feature is the 'stock for sale' pages. The website also contains a page featuring the Society merchandise which can be ordered using a form from the site.

Cattle health policy

Since 2011, all official Society sales (Premier Sale in Castle Douglas, Spring Sale in Dingwall and Autumn Sale in U.A. Stirling) have had the same entry conditions in terms of cattle health; i.e. entry is only permitted from herds which are members of a CHeCS (Cattle Health Certification Standards) accredited health scheme such as Biobest Laboratories' HiHealth Herdcare or SAC's Premium Cattle Health Scheme. In addition to being a member of such a scheme, herds must be specifically managing BVD and John's disease and all animals forward for Society Sales should be vaccinated for BVD.



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Director Profiles

ANDERSON, Neil (Appointed 2021)

Started as farm manager at Harehead Farms in 1987, working for the late Prof Penny. We purchased our first Luing heifers at the Oban sale in February 1988. Harehead is an upland/hill suckler and sheep farm in the Lammermuir hills. We have Luing and Sim-Luing cows, along with Blackface, Cheviot, Mule, Texel and Bluefaced Leicester sheep. I enjoy selling heifers and bulls at the annual society sale at Castle Douglas, Sim x heifers with calves at UA, Stirling as well as private sales of breeding females and bulls.

CADZOW, Shane (Co-opted 1 year 2021, Vice Chairman)

2nd generation Cadzow that originally purchased land on the Isle of Luing and created the breed from selection of Shorthorn x Highland females. Luing carries 300 purebred cows, running in 5 bulling groups, with 18 stock sires. The vast majority of stock sires are home bred, with only a very few purchased. The whole herd is spring calving. Luing has an annual production sale, held in November in Oban.

We have two sons at home and a daughter in Perthshire. Other enterprises on the island include holiday accommodation, rented housing, wind turbines and a managed shoot.

CAMERON, Rory (Appointed 2021)

Tenant farmer at Monzie Farm, Blair Atholl, Perthshire.

I was born and brought up on the farm with my 3 brothers, but on leaving school I worked for approximately 7 years as a gamekeeper/stalker before returning home.

I farm pure bred traditional luing cattle and blackface ewes and am also very keen on the environmental considerations we have on the farm.

Our family have been breeding luings right from the early years with my father buying a bull (Luing Ferryman) at the very first sale in 1966.

I believe strongly that the council and breeders have a responsibility to protect the luing breed and its traits and strengths that it was created and bred for.

This along with wanting to create better communications and transparency between the board of directors and members were strong reason for my enthusiasm to be a director!

CRERAR, Paddy (Appointed 2019).

Paddy and Sheila Crerar have 3 children all now sort of grown up. Daughter Rowan (21) who is in her final year at Edinburgh College of Art. Rufus (20) who's at Oxford studying Real Estate and the world of beer and Fergal (18) who's desperately keen to leave home - which he will this summer, if not sooner. Rufus and Fergal are well kent faces at the Castle Douglas sales with a good few successful bull sales under their belts. Rather than pocket money the boys were allowed to pick out a bull calf each year to train and sell at Castle Douglas, with the double incentive that if they didn't sell, their Dad got them back and they would still owe him for feed costs! They sold every year with the last bulls Lammermuir Tremendous and Tip Top going to Finlurg and Tyncoed. Unfortunately, a combination of rugby injuries and exam focus have seen their bull days pass - but it's not stopped them taking a keen and critical interest in the Luings at home, with lots of authentic agricultural head shaking and tutting. Paddy, the youngest of 4 brothers, is Oban born and bred but moved east as a teenager, his first job at 17 was an insurance salesman before turning to the hospitality industry where he quickly found his fit but still claims if he had stuck in at the insurance things might have worked out better. After 20 years of more or less success in hospitality and tourism business Paddy was able, aged 40, to realise a lifetime dream of becoming a farmer. Of course with no farming experience beyond summer odd jobs as a boy what could possibly go wrong! Luckily his neighbours (the Broons at Stoneypath) in East Lothian were proper folk who had no hesitation in helping him learn, they made it clear they would teach him everything but only once so "pay attention". The first heifers were bought at the inaugural Dingwall sale roughly ten years ago and now he and Sheila run their Newmains

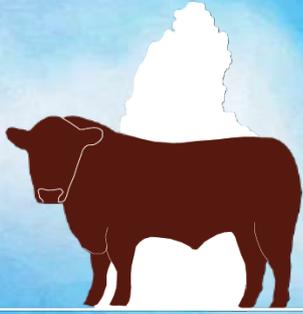
Farm, Lammermuir herd to circa 60 cows retaining all followers to finish (sold predominantly through Farmstock Scotland) or sold either as breeding heifers or retained as replacements. Store lambs are bought to fatten but really to help with grass management and a second smaller farm was bought which gives a 100 acres of arable to complement the 350 or so acres of grass. Paddy is still a hotelier and has a number of other business interests but to add to the fun the most recent adventure on the farm is a move into deer farming. In the last 2 years Paddy & Sheila have geared up and are now running circa 250 hinds and, again like the Luings, all followers are retained to finish. Having no experience of deer farming Paddy & Sheila's attitude followed the familiar route - what could possibly go wrong! At some stage they may take the plunge and look to employ some part time help if things go well, but it's the physical farm work and outside life that Paddy really enjoys and he'd be reluctant to let someone else take that from him. The choice of Luing Cattle was made on the basis that they are a breed that takes little to manage - Paddy is only able to farm cattle because the breed choice he made is so forgiving. Meanwhile, apart from farming, Sheila is a developmental psychologist which Paddy claims is a founding reason why she is tolerant enough to remain married to him.

LYTH, Andrew (Co-opted 1 year 2021)

Married to Joanne with grown up son Tom, with the purchase of Heatherhouse on Orkney in May 2017, Tom and his partner Lauren moved up to the farm in early June, over the following months we transported our Luing Cattle including 1 pure Luing Bull

Benhar Tokyo and 1 pure Simmental bull Blackpool Great One, with the intention of producing Simluing bulling heifers, with the pure Luing heifers kept for replacements.

Although a totally different farm to the one in Lancashire I'm confident that the Luing cattle will take us forward, they are excellent foragers with good temperaments and are easily handled, they are equally at home on the lush



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We are by no means the first to breed Luing cattle on Orkney as there are some excellent breeders on the Island, but our aim is to help promote the breed and the Simluing.

We are looking forward to our new challenge it has already started well with the birth of our first grandchild Molly, hopefully she will follow our interest in the Luing breed.

I've thoroughly enjoyed being a director with the Luing Society and learnt firsthand how much effort and dedication it takes to run the Society.

MARSHALL, Shona (Appointed 2020)

Shona is 23, and after leaving school in 2014, decided to study Rural Business Management at the nearby SRUC, Craibstone. She helped on the family farm during her studies and is now at home working full-time, alongside her parents, Kenny and Moira, and her older sisters, Christine and Julie.

Her grandfather started the farming enterprise alongside Kenny over 40 years ago so Shona is the 3rd generation within the family business, based up in the North-East on the outskirts of Aberdeen.

Shona has 450 cows in total, made up of simmental and sim-luing cows as well as 70 pedigree Luings. The main focus is on breeding quality heifers for longevity, efficiency and easy calving.

She also lambs 1200 ewes, again trying to focus more on breeding females for selling such as cheviot mules.

Alongside the farm, the family have their own farm shop which has a very exciting future expansion planned for 2021 as well as being kept busy with the machinery refurbishment side of the business.

Away from work, Shona is an active member, and current secretary of Inverurie YFC.

MCGOWAN, Neil (Chairman)

Neil and Debbie farm in a family partnership at Incheoch, at the foot of Glenisla, home to the Dirnanean herd. Neil's parents, Finlay and Judy started in Luings with the purchase of Dirnanean farm in 1977. The current herd of about 150 cows are partly bred pure for replacements the rest crossed to produce SimLuings. A recent reduction

of the Simmental herd is making way for more Luing cows. Incheoch is also home to flocks of Lley and Texel ewes, with a ram sale held on the farm. Having worked successfully with performance recording in maternal sheep, Neil is keen to use his time on Council to progress a performance recording scheme in the Luing breed. Neil has recently been on a Nuffield Farming Scholarship, when Debbie has had to rely on extra help from their children, Tally (17) and Angus (16). His future aspirations are to keep improving on the Luing herd, and to take a really good bull to Castle Douglas.

MCNEE, Hazel (Appointed 2019)

Hazel and her husband Robert and their children Kate (8) and Alan (6) farm at Over Finlurg Farm, Tealing, which extends to 740 acres with some grazing ground rented. Both the sheep flock and the suckler herd are now completely closed, with only home bred replacements used for breeding tups and bulls bought at auction.

Hazel and Robert lamb 900 ewes along with 200 ewe hogs, comprising of 600 hill type north country cheviot ewes of which 200 are bred pure and the remaining crossed to the Bluefaced Leicester for producing cheviot mules. 200 Blackie ewes are crossed with home bred crossing Bluefaced Leicester to produce scotch mules, with the result being tupped with the Texel and sold as hogs with lambs at foot. There are also 100 pure Texels, and pedigree Bluefaced Leicesters which are used for breeding tups for home use and shearlings for the commercial market.

Over Finlurg accommodates 180 pedigree cows of which 100 are Luings and the remainder being pedigree Limousins and a few Simmentals. The Luing is ideal for our farm and we enjoy producing both pedigree Luings and Sim-Luings, selling both bulls and heifers at Stirling and Castle Douglas.

MOFFAT, Ben (Appointed 2021)

I farm at Wooplaw Farm near Lauder in the Scottish Borders in partnership with my parents Bob and Janene Moffat. Wooplaw is a 670 acre upland farm running from 800ft to 1200ft above sea level. We run 100 pedigree Luing cows all out-wintered on the hill and tup 800 ewes, including hogs. If it doesn't do on grass it no use at Wooplaw.

MURRAY, Steven (Appointed 2018)

Married to Elaine with two daughters, Heather (18) studying at SRUC in Edinburgh - Rural Business Management and Hazel (16) in 5th year at Dalbeattie High School. Steven was born and brought up on an upland beef and sheep farm near Tow Law in County Durham. After gaining a diploma in Agriculture and a certificate in Farm Management from Durham Agricultural College he spent a number of years working around this country gaining a lot of experience. As a Young Farmer Exchange he visited Australia exploring the country and working on outback sheep and cattle stations. He started farming in Dumfriesshire after meeting his wife and since 2001 they have been building up a pedigree Luing herd. They bought West Preston Farm in 2003 and this has allowed them to expand further and to finish their Luing bulls as well as winter cattle for other people. They run 120 Pedigree Luing cows, out wintered on Kale. The cows adapt very well to this out wintering system. Steven maintains that Luing cows are very easy to look after so they will keep as many as the farm will carry and he can cope with without requiring any staff.

SCOTT, John (Appointed 2021 – 2 yr term, retires 2023)

John is a fourth generation farmer who farms in Easter-Ross and Sutherland with his wife Fiona and their four children.

Enterprises over various units include renewables, malting barley, 4000 breeding ewes and 250 beef cows selling high quality Scotch lamb and beef to various outlets.

Included in the livestock numbers are stud cattle and sheep enterprises with Beef Shorthorn and Luings being produced along with Texel, Aberfield, NZ Suffolk and Beltex rams which are sold at an on farm sale in August each year.

John is a Nuffield Scholar, winner of the Murray Trust Future Farmer Award in 2013 and Farmers Weekly Sheep farmer of the year in 2014 and was awarded Highlands and Islands Food and Drink ambassador in 2017; he is also an Associate member of the Royal Agricultural Societies.

Previous off farm activities include sitting on the board of QMS for eight years, Chair of the Scottish Sheep Strategy group and Chair of the Scottish

Sheep Sector whilst he currently chairs Farmstrong Scotland.

John is a previous captain of Ross-Sutherland RFC, is the current President and is part of the senior coaching team.

SIMPSON, Pip (Appointed 2021 – 2 yr term, retires 2023)

Lives with partner Hannah, and their two children. Pip is the fourth generation of his family to farm their hill farm in Troutbeck, Windermere. The farm comprises a 600-acre owned unit of mainly fell, with some limited inbye, together with a further 750 acres land rented or on licence. Pip took over the farm at the age of 22 and purchased his first Luings in 2009. The farm now runs 70 traditional type pedigree Luing suckler cows, which are all bred pure with replacement heifers carefully selected and served to calve at 2 year old, and a few bulls selected for the sale as rising 2 year olds. The remainder of the progeny are sold at between 10 and 18 months of age. The farm also stocks a flock of 350 aberfield x cheviot ewes plus followers, all tugged to Innovis tups to produce store lambs.

SYMONS, Charles (Fieldsman)

Recently retired from full time farming Charles and Mary have now moved to The Priory at Morebattle. This is a 20-acre property and Charles spends his spare time training sheepdogs. There are 3 acres of gardens to maintain so they will still be very busy. Hopefully there will be more time to dedicate to the job of fieldsman, a job thoroughly enjoyed. When on bull inspection and cow classification duty hopefully there will be more time to have a look around herds and spend more time with members

rather than the usual rush in and out. Anyone wishing to discuss anything Luing please don't hesitate to contact your fieldsman.

THOMSON, Mark (Immediate Past Chairman)

Mark is married to Kathleen with two daughters, Rebecca and Fiona.

After leaving school in 1983, worked for a year at Spott Farm, Dunbar then studied agriculture for two years at Elmwood College. In partnership with his father, rented a farm in East Fife for 11 years, worked for a land & estate agent for 5 years (compensation claims & farm management), before going contracting with his father for 2 years fencing and roller mill.

Since June 2009 he has been running the family farm. Today there are 82 Luing cows and heifers as well as 4 pure Simmental cows to calve in the spring. As he is still building the herd, all Luing heifers are presently retained, sim-luing heifers sold for breeding and bullocks sold store market. Alongside the Luings are 450 texel cross (to the Suffolk tup) & scotch mule ewes (to the Texel tup). Texel cross lambs are retained and the majority of the lambs are sold prime through Farmstock Scotland Ltd and the rest through the live market. He also grows approximately 60 to 70 acres of spring barley for the high nitrogen market as well as 30 to 40 acres of kale for out wintering the in-calf cattle.

Out with farm, Mark was an active member of Kinross YFC and played rugby for Edinburgh Wanderers, Kirkcaldy, Kinross and district rugby with the North & Midlands. Currently he is chairman of West Fife & Kinross branch of NFUS.

WOOD, Stewart (Appointed 2021)

Stewart is married to Wilma and has two grow up sons, Gareth who works on the farm and part time with the Scottish Government, and Chris manages a farm in Aberdeenshire.

We farm 620 acres (95 rented) on Orkney and run a herd of 185 suckler cows, 275 ewes, and grow seventy acres barley and twelve acres oats, all for home use. We bought our first Luings in 2007 and now have 50 cows, they have all been bred pure this past two years to increase numbers, as previously we were using all Simmental bulls to breed the Sim-Luing which numbers over 100 now. We are slowly phasing out our other breeds of cows, however we also have a small herd of Charolais and a few BBx Lim to breed show calves.

Most of the cows are calved in the Spring (30 in Autumn) and all progeny sold at 11-13 months of age. All Luing and Sim-Luing heifers suitable for breeding are retained.

All males out of the Luings are entire and finished at 13-14 months and sold dead weight. We are pleased with the weights and confirmation they are achieving, showing how versatile the Luing cow is.

Our flock of sheep consist of around 90 Lairg Cheviots crossed with Blueface Leicester, to produce the Cheviot Mule. The remainder of the flock is now mostly Cheviot Mules, with Texel tups being the main sire for them. All lambs finished on the farm.

In 2011 we took the decision to diversify our business and being in Orkney with a strong tourism market we built three new self-catering cottages and opened for business in 2012.



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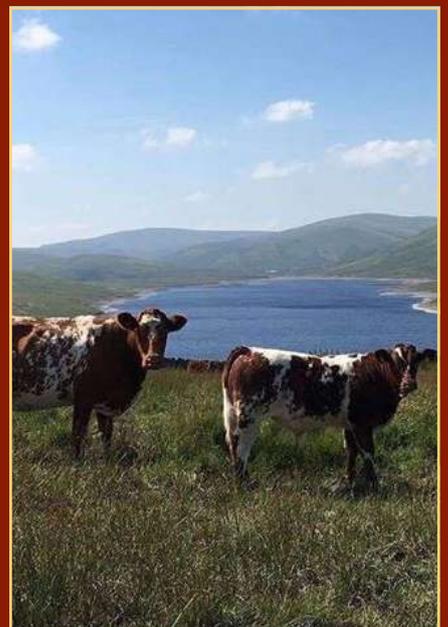
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CANADIAN LUING ASSOCIATION Annual Report

Extreme weather events have dominated the agricultural scene in Western Canada over the last year. Last winter was the mildest I've encountered here with months of well above average temperatures and little snow to contend with. In February we did get a two week reminder of how cold it can get when we endured temperatures down to -50C with the windchill!

The lack of snow compounded the soil moisture deficit we had carried over from 2020 and by spring it was clear that we were facing a major drought across the West. The early arrival of extremely hot temperatures confirmed that as we had a 40C day followed by a 39C day early in June which is the hottest I've encountered in Canada. British Columbia fared worse with some areas recording over 49C, the highest temperatures ever recorded in Canada. This triggered many forest fires which burned for much of the summer.

The withering heat and lack of summer rainfall took its toll on pastures, hay production and grain crops leaving most ranchers short of winter feed. The feed that was available doubled in price — particularly on the grain side where world supply shortages were also driving prices up. We are very much in a “Up corn, down



horn” cycle as even before the drought the profitability of beef cattle was languishing in comparison to the grain and oilseed sectors.

On the Luing front demand was again strong in the spring with bulls and heifers going to herds in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta as well as another four bulls being exported to the USA. It remains to be seen what demand will be like next spring as many ranchers had to reduce their herds due to the drought. Some would also cull more bulls than usual in the fall rather than over-winter them on

expensive feed so this may actually create some extra demand in the spring. Moisture conditions next spring will be critical but it doesn't look very promising heading into winter very dry.

Looking back on my involvement with Luings in Canada since I moved here in 2000 I'm happy with how we have been able to expand breed numbers from a very small initial base. We have done enough promotional work to bring the breed to the attention of commercial cattle people so that we have no problem selling all we can produce. My biggest disappointment is our lack of success at attracting new purebred Luing breeders. Part of the problem is simply demographics — there are not many young people wanting to become ranchers in Canada. Even fewer want to venture into the purebred sector unless they come from a multi-generational purebred background. The few new entrants to the purebred sector tend to be drawn towards the bright lights and high dollar transactions associated with the show ring. That is unfortunate as there is real demand from commercial cattle people for seed-stock that is functionally efficient at ranch level and not overfed or pampered — which is exactly the market the Luing breed was created for.

Iain Aitken



LUINGS IN TASMANIA

by Neville Colvert



Things here in the grazing industries are at an all time high. Australia, after some pretty horrific drought years which saw livestock numbers for both cattle and sheep drastically reduced, is now into an extremely good season with grass growing from southern Tasmania to the top of Cape York up the eastern side and right across the south to south-west West Australia. This, coupled with world-wide demand for protein, has led to increasing prices for all livestock, although the seasonal surge in lamb numbers has seen their prices fall back a little in the last couple of weeks, but with cattle the question is how high can they go? Prices are being driven from three sources – the meat trade for slaughter cattle, the grass market for anything to eat grass and the feed lots for anything they can put on feed to finish. This has resulted in record prices and the big questions in the business are how high can they go and how long can they be sustained?

Unfortunately, from an industry

perspective, the whole emphasis is on black cattle (Angus of course) which has been driven by a perceived preference by Japanese meat consumers for uniformity. Some of our feedlots have ties to Japanese supermarkets and pictures displaying uniformly black cattle is apparently more enticing to buyers than pictures of multi-coloured cattle! The result has been more black cattle bred, the Society has more money so more advertising so more sales so the merry-go-round goes on! Fortunately however, there are still buyers out there for other cattle and the meatworks don't differentiate in their "over the hooks" prices which are all determined by how the cattle weigh and grade and Luings do that very well.

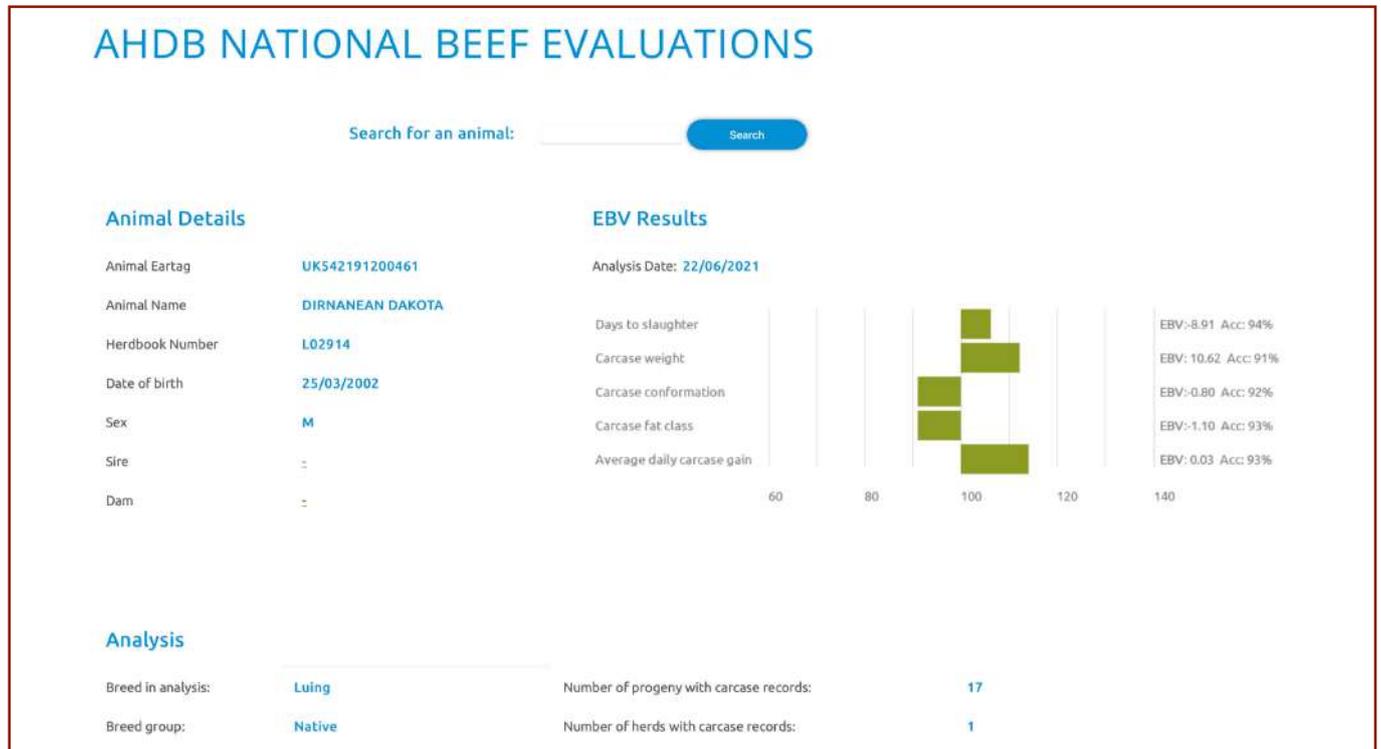
The strengths of the Luing breed are in easy-care low maintenance cattle combined with good foraging ability. It seems to me that these characteristics are being overlooked by some breeders who seem to be looking to compete more with euro breeds for size. Cows need to have enough room inside

for processing food for converting it to meat, milk and energy but excess size means more maintenance so less animals for a food resource. It also usually means bigger calves so more dystocia, more labour and an increased number of dead calves. Dead calves don't grow very well and the most important economic factor in a cow/calf operation is the percentage of live calves to cows exposed and the number of calves on the ground. So good robust cows are what is required but large-framed cows are a wasteful use of resources and are the first to feel the pinch when feed becomes scarce. Further, we are seeing a trend towards polled cattle in the southern hemisphere.

No meat works wants to see horns in their yards and farmers prefer to use genes to take them off rather than the labour intensive mechanical alternatives.

By Neville Colvert, Youngtown, Tasmania (Benbullen Herd)

Commercial carcass EBVs to improve productivity and profitability



A bull's Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) provide you with a good idea of the genetic potential he will pass on to his calves, and should always be taken into consideration when purchasing stock bulls or choosing AI sires. Although terminal traits such as growth rate and muscle depth are a step in the right direction to producing profitable carcasses, they are an indirect and therefore imperfect measure of carcass performance.

Work by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), with funding from the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) and Hybu Cig Cymru (HCC), has led to the publication of the AHDB National Beef Evaluations, a set of five EBVs that are linked to the traits commercial farmers get paid for, such as carcass quality and speed of finishing. These are:

- Carcass weight (kg)
- Carcass conformation (EUROP classification)
- Carcass fat class (EUROP classification)
- Days to slaughter (days)
- Average daily carcass gain (kg)

These EBVs are calculated using data from BCMS, processors and breed societies, giving high accuracy figures for bulls that have had progeny slaughtered. For young bulls, EBVs can still be calculated using data from their relatives, such as their parents and grandparents. These figures will get more accurate when their own progeny reach slaughter age. The processor data currently covers approximately 40 per cent of the national kill and over 3 million carcass records for both purebred and crossbred animals have been used in the latest genetic evaluation.

The heritability of a trait tells us what proportion of variation we observe in a population is down to genetics. For the new carcass traits, over 40% of variation we see is a result of genetics, so making use of these new EBVs will greatly accelerate improvement in carcass characteristics.

Understanding the new carcass traits

This set of EBVs is derived directly from commercial data, and should therefore be of high interest to

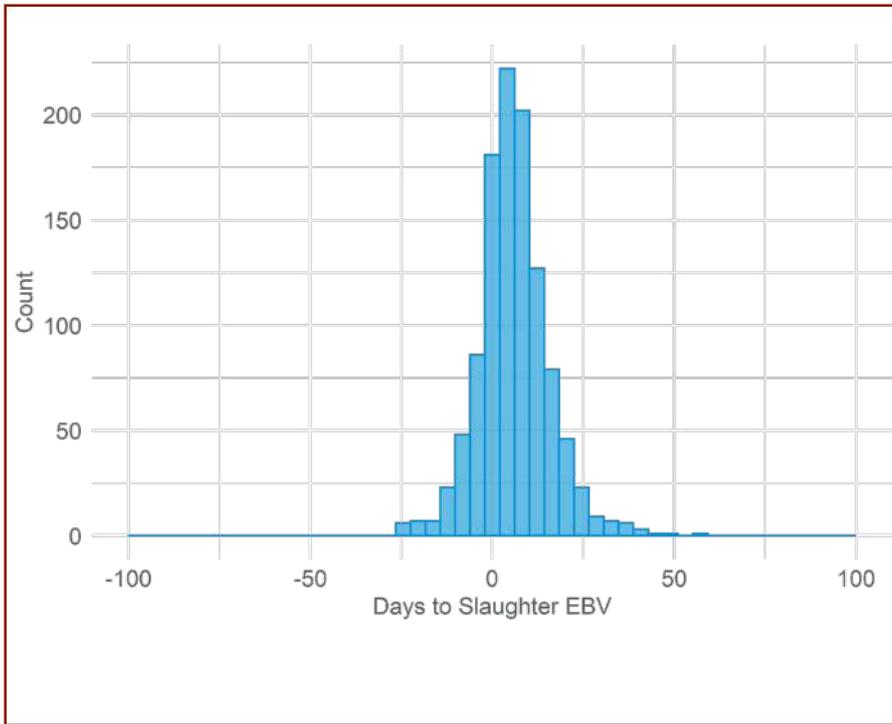
commercial producers as well as the pedigree sector. So as well as being useful when making your own breeding decisions, these EBVs could also be used as a marketing tool when selling stock bulls. They are also highly relevant to beef on dairy sires, with some bulls having the potential to produce a calf that will be much more profitable when put into the beef supply chain.

The carcass EBVs are the first to be released under the umbrella of the AHDB National Beef Evaluations, a growing set of EBVs based on commercial data sources. Further work currently in the pipeline includes the development of EBVs for age at first calving, calving interval, longevity and calf survival, and also EBVs for resistance to bovine tuberculosis.

Days to slaughter

Definition: An EBV predicting days to slaughter at a given weight and fat class.

Calculated from: Dates of birth and slaughter. These are primarily obtained from records within the BCMS database.



Unit of measurement: Days
 Interpretation: Dirnanean Dakota has a days to slaughter EBV of -8.91. On average, he will produce progeny that reach slaughter 4.5 days earlier than progeny from a bull with a days to slaughter EBV of 0. High negative values for age at slaughter indicate animals whose progeny reach a given carcass weight faster (ie. in fewer days) than average.

Carcass weight

Definition: An EBV predicting carcass weight at a given slaughter age.
 Calculated from: Records of cold carcass weight provided by UK processors.
 Unit of measurement: Kilogrammes (kg)

Interpretation: Dirnanean Dakota has a carcass weight EBV of +10.62. On average, he will produce progeny whose carcasses are 5.31kg heavier than progeny from a bull with a carcass weight EBV of 0.

Carcass conformation

Definition: An EBV predicting carcass conformation at a given slaughter age.
 Calculated from: Records of carcass conformation based on the EUROP classification system, provided by UK processors.

Unit of measurement: Carcass conformation scores converted to a 45 point score. A conformation grade (e.g. R to U) spans about 9 points.

Interpretation: Dirnanean Dakota

has a carcass conformation EBV of -0.80. On average, he will produce progeny whose carcass conformation is very marginally lower than progeny from a bull with a carcass conformation EBV of 0. A bull with a carcass conformation EBV of +9 would produce progeny that have conformation half a grade higher than a bull with a conformation EBV of 0.

Carcass fat class

Definition: An EBV predicting carcass fat class at a given slaughter age.
 Calculated from: Records of carcass fat class based on the EUROP classification system, provided by UK processors.

Unit of measurement: Fat class scores (ie values 1 to 5H) are converted to a 45 point score. The difference between the main grades is about 9 points.

Interpretation: Dirnanean Dakota has a carcass fat class EBV of -1.10. On average, he will produce progeny that are marginally leaner than progeny from a bull with a fat class EBV of 0. A bull with a fat class EBV of +9 will produce progeny that are half a grade higher (fatter) than a bull with a fat class EBV of 0.

Average daily carcass gain (ADCG)

Definition: An EBV predicting daily gain in the carcass.

Calculated from: Carcass weight, date of birth and date of slaughter.

Unit of measurement: Kilogrammes (kg)

Interpretation: Dirnanean Dakota has an ADCG EBV of +0.03. On average, the daily carcass gain of his progeny will be 0.015kg greater than progeny from a bull with an EBV of 0.

All five EBVs are expressed on two bases, native and continental, so EBVs for Luing cattle can be compared directly with other native beef breeds.

What does this mean for the Luing breed?

We see high levels of variation in all five traits for Luing cattle, as well as other beef breeds. (Example shows the spread of Luing EBVs for Days to Slaughter). Large variation in high heritability traits gives good scope for carcass improvement, so making use of these carcass EBVs when making selection decisions will help speed up genetic gain.

Remember: Carcass merit is only one aspect of a profitable beef enterprise. It is important to consider this new data alongside other EBVs when selecting individuals for breeding. For example, animals of high

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Latest EBVs:

Analysis date: 07/11/2021

Trait	EBV	Accuracy
Birth Weight	1.10	54%
Calving Ease	-1.50	48%
Maternal Calving Ease	-0.10	45%
Gestation Length	1.00	40%
Calving Value	0.00	48%
200 Day Growth	15.00	57%
400 Day Growth	25.00	55%
Muscle Depth	1.80	52%
Fat Depth	0.20	28%
Beef Value	19.00	57%
200 Day Milk	3.00	55%
Age At First Calving	-0.11	40%
Lifespan	0.80	38%
Calving Interval	0.80	30%
Maternal Value	-24.00	41%
Maternal Production Value	22.00	44%

EBVs are not reported if accuracy values are below the publication criteria

carcase merit should not be chosen to the detriment of health and fertility traits such as calving ease.

Accessing the data

The new EBVs can be accessed via the EGENES website and you can search by pedigree name or ear tag number, at <http://ahdbbeef.egenes.co.uk/>

However, we have also set up a direct link from the Signet database to the AHDB National Beef Evaluations, allowing you to access the new carcase trait EBVs directly from the Signet database rather than having to use two separate search functions. To access the data directly from the Signet database, complete the animal search as normal. If the animal you have searched for has published Carcase trait EBVs, you will see a link to view the EBVs from the AHDB National Beef Evaluations below the “Print Pedigree” button. Clicking this link will take you directly to the new EBV information for that animal.

“Why is the average progeny performance half of the EBV value?”

The EBV is the measure of the genetic merit of the bull. He contributes 50% of his genetics to his

progeny, therefore the average progeny performance is 50% of the EBV value.

“Will such small increases in conformation and fat class really make a difference?”

The given example shows small benefits (less than half a grade) for conformation and fat class. It’s important to remember that genetic improvement is both cumulative and permanent, so even small improvements will add up over generations to produce higher performing animals

“How reliable are the new EBVs?”

As with the BREEDPLAN EBVs, the new carcase trait EBVs have an accuracy value associated with them. The higher the accuracy value, the more reliable the result. EBVs are only published for animals where the accuracy for all five traits is over 30%.

How can you help to make these EBVs better?

The production of these EBVs relies on sire details being recorded on passports to be able to identify genetic links between bulls and

recorded progeny. In the latest genetic evaluation (December 2020), there were 5 million carcase records that could not be utilised because the sire was not recorded in BCMS, so genetic links could not be made. We are urging farmers to make sure they record known sires when registering animals with BCMS as this is the best way to improve the range and accuracy of these EBVs. As well as recording all known sires for your own herd, please encourage buyers of stock bulls to do the same. Increasing the level of sire recording will allow us to identify genetic links between cattle and improve the accuracy of the results.

Since 2019, AHDB has been encouraging farmers to register sire details on to passports with a new campaign. To follow the conversation search #shoutaboutthesire on social media.

AHDB Beef & Lamb have also produced a Suckler Breeding Plan to help farmers record sires used on groups of animals if you don’t have computer software. This can be found at <http://beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/returns/>



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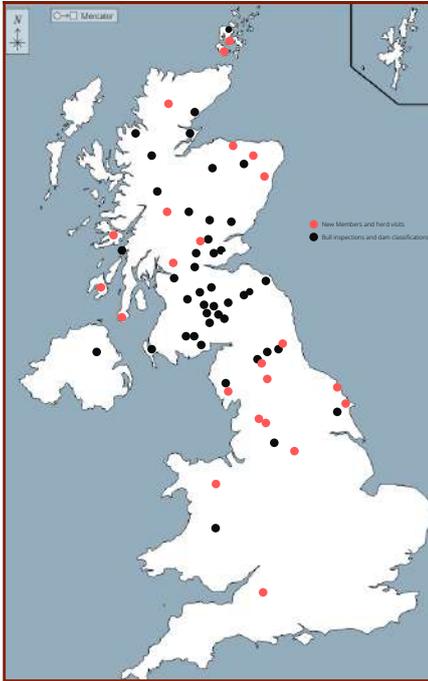
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Fieldsman's Report



2021 certainly started with a bang for The Luing Cattle Society with our premier sale at Castle Douglas held online due to the ongoing pandemic and what a sale it was. Huge averages for both bulls and heifers must surely have put a smile on the faces of vendors. If it wasn't for these vendors making a huge effort to put cattle in front of potential purchasers how else would we put a value on cattle? I know the buzz of the sale was missing where everyone was together but I am sure there were some pretty excited farm offices and a number of computers would get their birthday name.

On the Saturday following the sale I fielded twenty seven telephone calls, some just wanting to discuss the sale but a large number were looking for bulls as they had been unable to purchase at the sale due to the amazing trade. There were four main things that potential purchasers asked. Firstly they wanted to know the cow classification, secondly the health status, thirdly the temperament and lastly the price. I found that very interesting and I think we should all take notice of what our buyers are looking for.

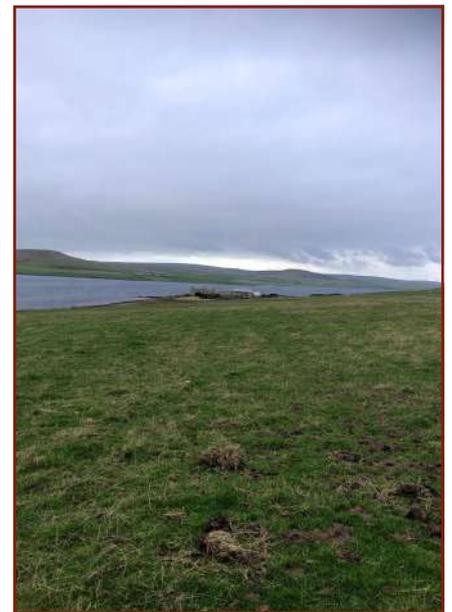
As the year wore on interest in Luing cattle has continued unabated. I am constantly fielding phone calls from new and potential new members,

some just wanting a discussion about things Luing in general but often from people wanting me to find stock for them. Finding stock for people takes up an increasing amount of my time mostly in the summer period after the Dingwall sale as there are no more sales until the end of October. I find more often than not farmers make a decision to change policy, whether it is to go into Luings or something else, and they want to do it instantly. If we don't find them some Luing cattle there is a reasonable possibility that they will go elsewhere and that is the last thing we would want.



During bull inspections and various herd visits this year I have travelled far and wide throughout all four countries of the UK. Once inspections are completed I will have undertaken 13 ferry journeys ranging from on a monster to Northern Ireland to a two man boat to The Isle of Gairsay. I have seen all sorts of cattle, firstly very traditional cattle out wintered on some very hard ground. Most of the calves from these cows would appear to go through a traditional finishing system typically being slaughtered between 18 and 28 months of age, mostly R

grades with a smattering of O grades. The people that employ this system seem very happy with it. For those of you that have listened to the pod cast you will have heard this system works well for Tebay Services who are great advocates of Luing beef. Secondly I have also seen an increasing number of Luing cattle kept inside, their calves kept entire and finished at a rapid pace. Evidence of this has come from four herds which averaged in excess of £1500 returns at little more than 14 months of age. These cattle grade out at approximately 40% U grades and 60% R grades. I have also seen cattle on all types of land in between. With increasing environmental pressures there is little doubt that more cattle will be in wintered or in the worst case scenario some will be sold and never replaced. To me this is great testament to the flexibility and versatility of Luing Cattle, they are capable of living under any management system and you can choose for your self what suits your own farm. I believe they are the only breed of cattle that can cover all options.



Finally I would like to thank everyone who makes me most welcome at farm visits, a number of whom put me up for the night, and especially Natalie who makes my life so easy with her efficient and prompt response to any problems that may occur.

Herdbook and Sale Stats 2021

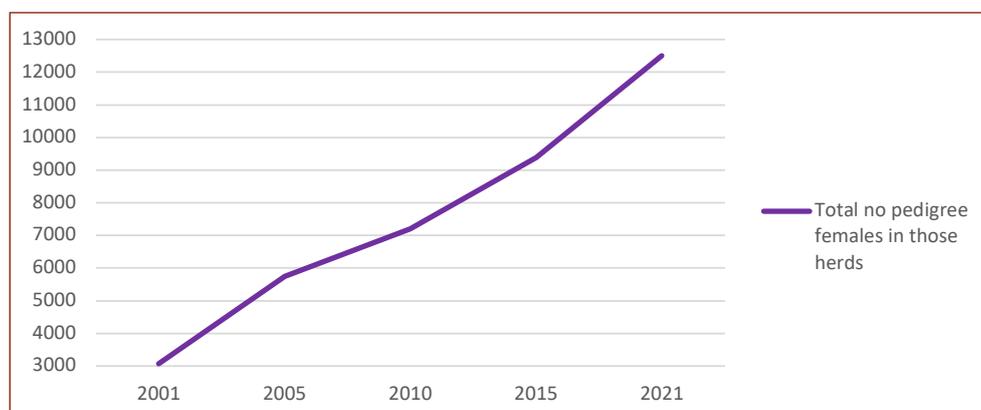
MEMBERSHIP *Includes Membership types: Full, Social and Life members*

Year	Members
1986	162
1996	126
2006	196
2016	291
2021	335

REGISTRATIONS *Includes registrations from registers: Main, A & B*

Year	Herds Registering	Total no pedigree females in those herds	Average no. of females per herd
2001	27	3062	113
2005	71	5747	81
2010	104	7194	69
2015	137	9385	69
2021	149	12500	84

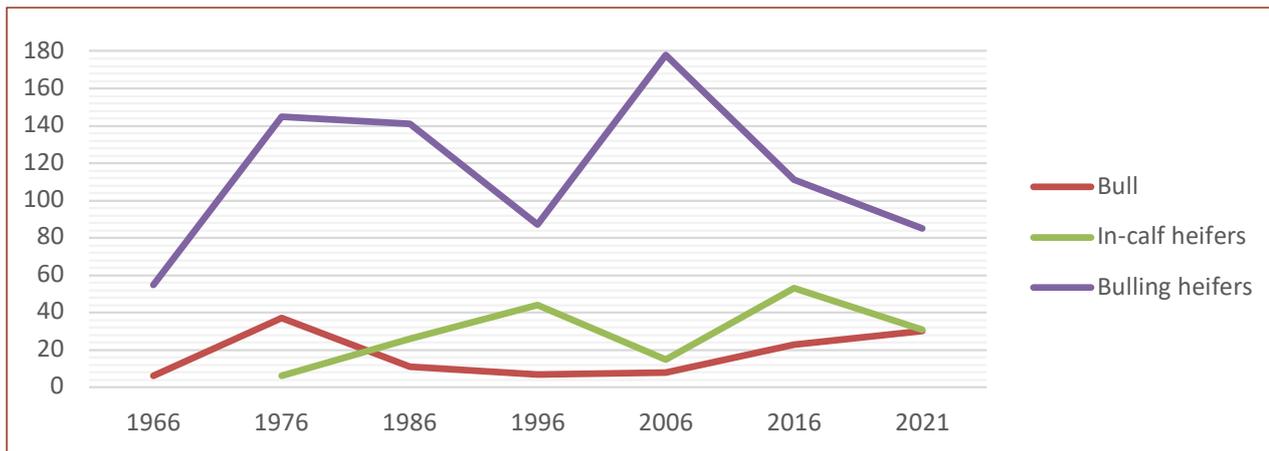
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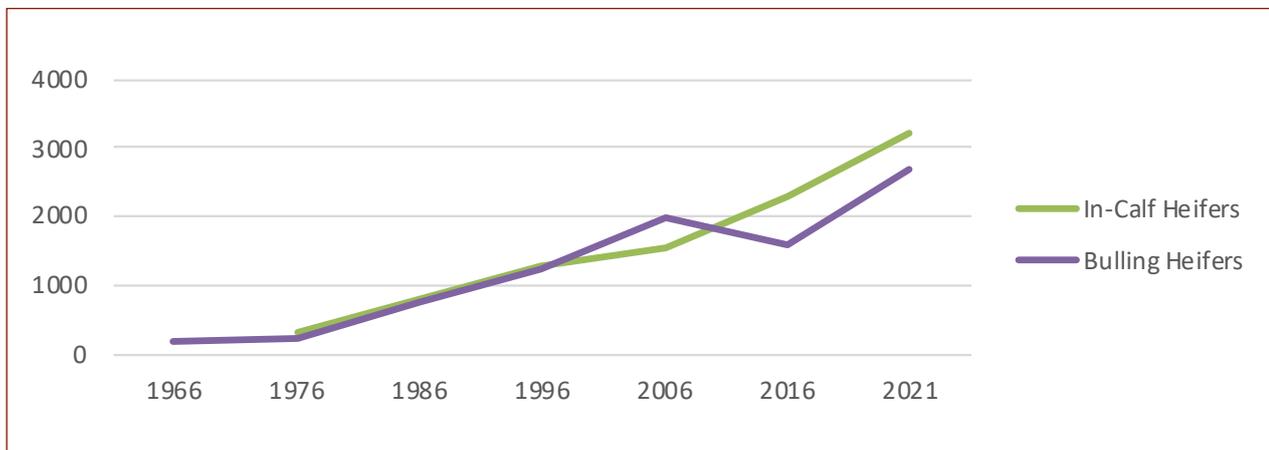
PREMIER SALE STATISTICS

Year	Bulls			In-Calf Heifers			Bulling Heifers		
	No	Top (gns)	Average £	No	Top (gns)	Average £	No	Top (gns)	Average £
1966	6	1,000	735				55	180	135
1976	37	1,100	495	6	320	254	145	240	208
1986	11	2,500	1,397	26	800	695	141	760	461
1996	7	3,000	1,724	44	1,300	1,031	87	1,250	702
2006	8	7,000	3,780	15	1,550	1,236	178	2,000	858
2016	23	17,000	4,914	53	2,300	1,918	111	1,600	1,241
2021	30	15,200	7889	31	3200	2212	85	2700	2007

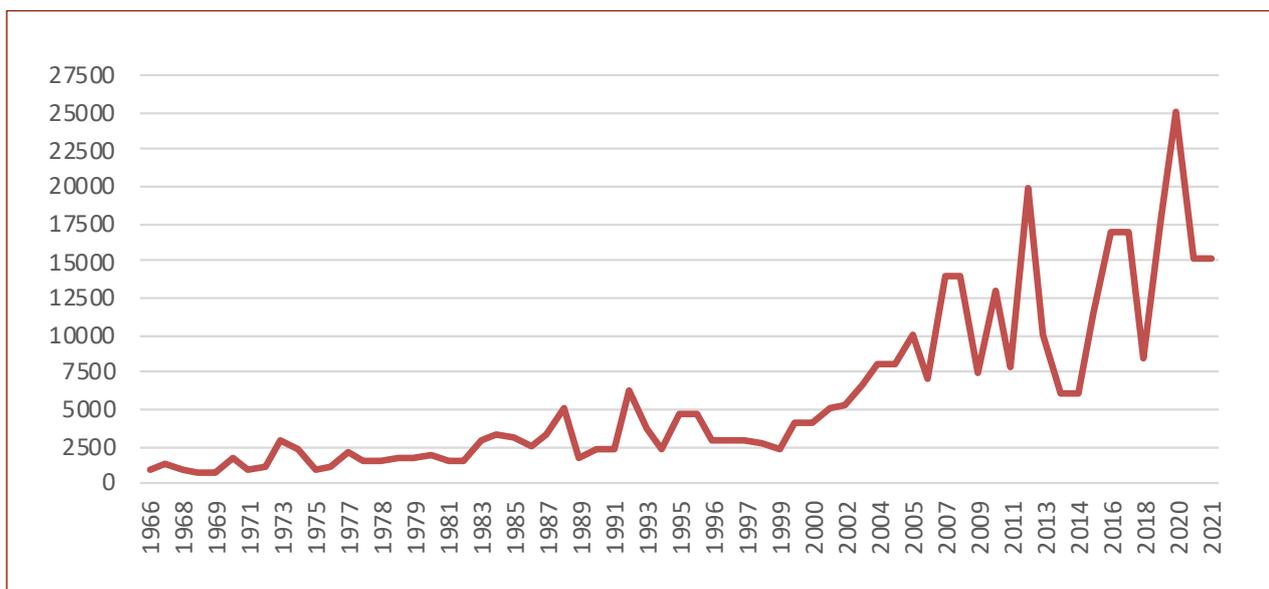
PREMIER SALE *(Numbers Sold)*



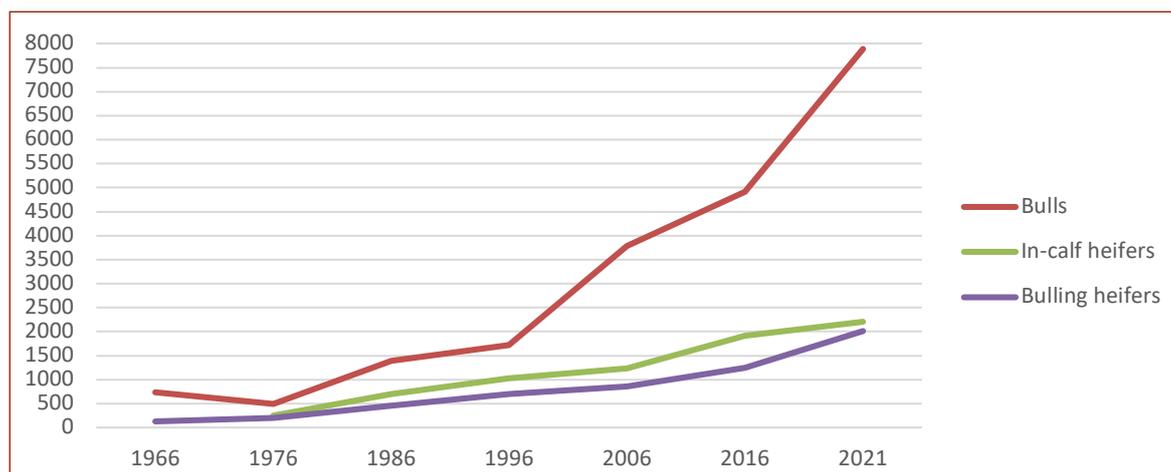
PREMIER SALE *(Top Price - Females)*



PREMIER SALE *(Top Price - Bulls)*



PREMIER SALE *(Averages)*



BULLS SOLD AT PREMIER SALE

	Average height	Average weight	Av. Scrotal Circumference
2006	56.37"	832 kg	42.75cm
2016	53.39"	867 kg	41.02cm
2021	54.26"	N/A (online sale)	40.3 cm*

*autumn inspection measures (online sale)

TOP PRICED BULLS – PREMIER SALE 1966 TO 2021

Year	Bull Name	Price (Gns)	Buyer
1966	Luing Legend	1000	F.K. Balfour, Dirnanean
1967	Luing Beau	1300	F.K. Balfour, Dirnanean
1968	Luing Choice	850	Ben Challum LTD
1969	Luing Jacobite	700	R McNee, Benhar
	Luing Rob Roy	700	Ben Challum LTD
1970	Luing Pampas	1700	H Connor, Orchil Den
1971	Luing Teal	950	D White, Kirkhope
1972	Luing Power	1200	Major C Dalrymple, Oxenfoord
1973	Luing Osprey	3000	Ben Challum LTD
1974	Benhar Anchor	2400	Cadzw Bros, Luing
1975	Luing Gondalier	1000	Dalrymple Partners, Brothersheils
1976	Luing Rye	1100	A Cross, Calgary, Canada
1977	Luing Columbus	2200	Ben Challum LTD
1978	Luing Zephyr	1600	P.J. & W Cameron, Monzie
	Luing Major	1600	R McLauchlin, Gortneorn
1979	Benhar Journalist 2nd	1800	Cadzw Bros, Luing
	Luing Northern Lights	1800	J.R.E. Nelson, Glengorm
1980	Benhar Journalist 8th	2000	Cadzw Bros, Luing
1981	Luing Monsoon	1600	Clenries Grazing, Sanquar
1982	Luing Dice	1600	W Russel, South Uist
1983	Luing Fearless	3000	William Anderson, Lynemore
1984	Dirnanean Firebrand	3400	D Ker Craigdarroch & R McLauchlin, Gortneorn

Year	Bull Name	Price (Gns)	Buyer
1985	Monzie Fraser Maol	3200	J.R.E. Nelson, Glengorm
1986	Dirnanean Hardcastle	2500	R McNee, Benhar
1987	Luing Jamboree	3400	Dr R B Church, Alberta, Canada
1988	Dirnanean Kruger	5000	A Salveson, Westwater
1989	Luing Lachlan	1700	H MacEachan, Gylen
1990	Benhar Lomond	2300	Cadzw Bros, Luing
1991	Benhar Nathan	2400	J Chalmers, East Bracklinn
1992	Benhar Peter	6200	Cadzw Bros, Luing
1993	Dirnanean Rosco	3600	Cadzw Bros, Luing
1994	Dirnanean Sportsman	2300	Dept of Agriculture
1995	Monzie Tartan Terror	4600	Cadzw Bros, Luing
	Dirnanean Tyrol	4600	R McNee, Benhar
1996	Scarwell Viking	3000	Cadzw Bros, Luing
1997	Benhar Warrior	3000	J White & Sons, Kirkhope
	Dirnanean Waterloo	3000	A Salveson, Westwater
1998	Monzie Malcolm X Maol	2700	Cadzw Bros, Luing
1999	Monzie Yodler	2400	Cadzw Bros, Luing
2000	Benhar Zemin	4000	J Fawcett, Merkland
	Benhar Zodiac	4000	Southwick Farms, Dumfries
2001	Benhar Action man	5000	Southwick Farms, Dumfries
2002	Merkland Boris	5200	R B Loder, Upper Chatto
2003	Wooplaw Captain Corelli	6600	R Cameron, Monzie
2004	Harehead Davy Dee	8000	A MacArthur, Nunerrie
	Benhar Diesel	8000	Blair Castle Estates
2005	Attonburn Email	10,000	Cadzw Bros, Luing
2006	Benhar Flint	7000	Prof Penny, Harehaed
2007	Dirnanean Geldof	14,000	Robert McNee, Benhar
2008	Nunnerie Harvey	14,000	Prof Penny, Harehaed
2009	Benhar Jaguar	7500	J Fawcett, Merkland
2010	Benhar Kansas	13,000	EJ & AM Fox, College
2011	Floors Laphroaig	7800	R Storrie, Balbardie
2012	Harehead Mourie	20,000	P Crerar, Lammermuir
2013	Commonside Nick	10,000	R Cameron, Monzie & R Moffat, Wooplaw
2014	Benhar Prince	6000	Philiphugh Estate
	Benhar Piper	6000	Prof Penny, Harehaed
2015	Dirnanean Riley	11,500	P Simmers, Backmuir
2016	Harehead Savivatu	17,000	P Simmers, Backmuir & D Sawrij, Kedzlie
2017	Finlarg Tornado	17,000	A MacArthur, Nunerrie
2018	Luing Viking	8500	Floors Farming, Rawburn
2019	Finlarg Warrior	18,000	Prof Penny, Harehaed
2020	Nunnerie Xenon	25,000	B Renwick, Blackhouse
2021	Harehead Yogi	15,200	W Graham, Craigdarroch
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Q & As arising from the CHECS webinar on Johne's disease rule changes



Sensitivity and specificity, blood and faecal tests

Why are CHECS placing so much weight on blood tests which are only 20-25% sensitive and can throw false positives?

Should more emphasis not be placed on dung tests which are more sensitive and don't give false positives?

The idea of only allowing under 2% to be cleared by dung testing seems crazy when a simple transient infection will have such a devastating blow to a herd.

Unlike for many viral diseases, the disclosure of antibodies to Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis- (MAP) by means of the Johne's ELISA test on cattle serum does not just imply that the animal in question was transiently infected and got rid of the bacteria. If antibodies are present unfortunately it means that the bacteria are there in that animal; what we do not know is when that animal will be/ whether it has already started shedding bacteria in the faeces or if and when it might develop clinical signs of Johne's disease. The antibody response to bacterial infection only develops months or years after the animal was initially infected- hence why eligibility for routine sampling in CHECS schemes only arises when animals are 2 years old.

The sensitivity of the ELISA blood

test for antibodies is higher than that of the faecal test but limited by the way that, once antibodies are present in an animal, the levels can fluctuate up and down. Thus, false negatives do occur and the sensitivity is quoted at between 40 and 60%. False positives are very rare.

With dung testing, false positives are not an issue - a positive result demonstrates the presence of the MAP organism or its genetic material.

The only reason for not stating 100% specificity for faecal testing is that theoretically it is possible for an uninfected animal to ingest MAP organisms from faeces contaminated feed / pasture, these could pass passively through the animal's gut and be excreted in the faeces, and possibly be detected on faecal testing

False negatives are likely, as infected animals do not reliably shed bacteria in their faeces. Sensitivity is low, but specificity is high.

Can foul of the foot give an animal a false positive?

There are no known circumstances where a concurrent bacterial infection (other than possibly another species of Mycobacterium) can result in a false positive result for raised antibody to MAP. What is well documented however is that animals with MAP infection are statistically significantly more likely to display lameness, poor productivity and be culled sooner than their non-infected herd counterparts, despite not reaching the stages of displaying overt clinical signs of Johne's disease itself.

How many herds of 100 do you imagine have 10% confirmed seropositives followed up by negative faecal testing? I am very confident that at least one and probably more would be proved faecal positive. If all were faecal negative, I would be suspicious that these were

indeed false positives.

This was used as a theoretical example in the presentation to illustrate the declining probability of all blood test positive results in a herd being false positives as the proportion of faecal tests to follow up seropositive tests used increases.

CHECS does not have sight of the results returned to farmers and their vets, but vets in practice have seen confirmatory faecal testing at these levels where a herd has been able to maintain RL1 or RL2 status after negative results for faecal testing follow up to as many as 10% seropositive animals.

Have you seen any animals test positive on blood and negative on faecal one year then test negative on blood in future tests?

CHECS does not see the results for scheme members unless queries and appeals are forwarded to the CHECS board by scheme providers.

In an infected animal, once antibody to MAP is detected the level of antibody fluctuates so an animal may be positive at one test, negative a year later and positive a year after that. In the dairy sector we have more opportunities to observe these fluctuations when milk is tested quarterly. The underlying gradient of the graph for antibody response is likely to be upwards as the animal ages

Why can't we use more than one faecal test to prove an animal's RL1 status?

A seropositive animal which is faecal test negative could be tested again – but another negative test does not prove the animal is not infected. A second test which is positive would confirm that the animal is infected.

How much of these decisions are to address the variation of the faecal test between labs that Keith spoke about? Would it be better to address this issue at source, rather than in the manner proposed, at farm level?

The scheme provider laboratories will all be asked to use the same ring test to ensure the validity of their faecal testing regimes are standardised against controls. This does not get round the problem that any faecal test, whilst it should be very specific, is likely to miss some infected animals which are not shedding MAP organism in their faeces. The new CHECS standards allow for fewer faecal test to happen, but as suggested here when they are used appropriately it's important that their sensitivity is consistent.

Biology of MAP and infection in domestic/wild species

Do you know if wildlife carry the disease for example rabbits, hares, deer, crows, geese, etc?

There is increasing evidence that the European wild rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) is a wildlife reservoir for MAP and infected populations may contribute to the persistence of infection in livestock. The guidelines for the CHECS Johne's disease Risk-Level Certification programme health plan state:

Rabbit populations can become infected with MAP and should be considered as a potential source of environmental MAP contamination.

Likewise, deer can be infected by MAP and are able to transmit infection via faeces if they are shedding the organism.

What about Sheep if you're mixing sheep with cattle, should we be testing ewes as well?

If we are co grazing with sheep which a sample have proven negative in faecal testing, what is our risk? should those sheep be blood tested or do we avoid co grazing altogether?

The Guidelines for the CHECS Johne's disease Risk-Level Certification programme health plan (4.1- 4.7) state:

4.5 Co-grazing with other ruminant species: Other ruminants can be a source of infection for cattle and should not co-graze with cattle. This applies to all but extensive grazings.

Faecal testing of sheep has similar drawbacks to that of testing in cattle

– infected sheep may not be shedding bacteria at the time of testing. Thus, whilst your sheep may present a low risk, it will be impossible to prove that they are not infected and present no risk to cattle.

Why are owners with of blood positive and faecal positive cows not made to slaughter the animal as with TB considering the highly possible link with Crohn's disease?

The existence of a link between human Crohn's disease and MAP infection has not been conclusively proven. Whether or not infection with MAP is a risk factor for developing this condition, humans can encounter the organism in a wide range of environments, including soil and water contaminated (often quite historically) by faecal material from infected wild and domestic animals. The dairy industry is working towards reducing the risks of MAP infected cows' milk entering the food chain. All Johne's eradication / risk level reduction schemes target a reduction of the potential for environmental contamination by MAP in animal faeces by reducing the number of infected farm animals, but there is no evidence of higher risk for cattle farmers or cattle vets of developing Crohn's disease than for the population in general. Prompt culling of infected animals is strongly encouraged, not least to avoid the risks they pose to other livestock on the farm as well as ultimately to contributing to a possible human health risk.

My question for the webinar is, why change from a system that is obviously working well for both herds that are clear and herds that are trying to eradicate? If things are going wrong with the current scheme, it probably means someone isn't following the rules, so a tightening of implementation of rules is required not wholesale change of the rules!

The changes to the rules being introduced here are basically that- a tightening of implementation so that one particular recommendation on

permitted level of follow up faecal testing now becomes a rule. The scheme appears to have been working well for many but inconsistencies in this particular area have emerged and faith that Risk Level 1 herds genuinely carry the lowest possible risk of MAP infection has been undermined in some quarters.

Are you going to make it a rule that all animals are tested based upon the herds BCMS records on the date of testing - as a TB test is - because without this it is well known that certain herds exclude animals which are going to cull which reduces the likelihood of finding infected animals?

The British Cattle Veterinary Association are working with CHECS and scheme providers to improve clarity and completeness of paperwork to help vets prepare before undertaking annual blood tests and health plan declarations for Johne's. A number of scheme providers request that their members allow access to BCMS records for vets prior to the test; we hope this can become a universal requirement.

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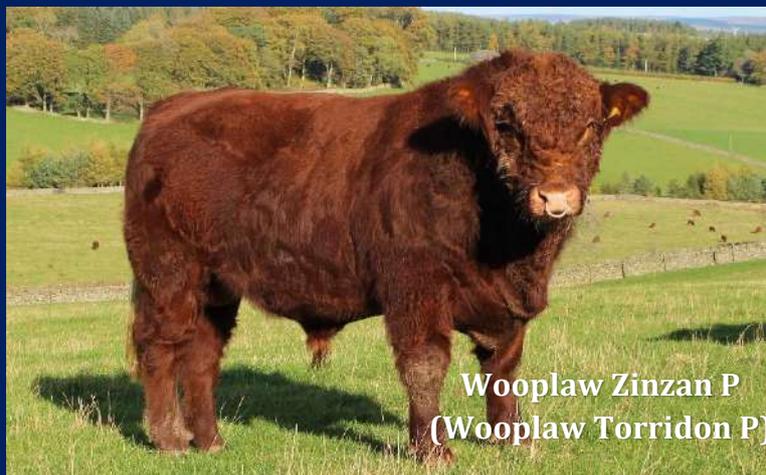
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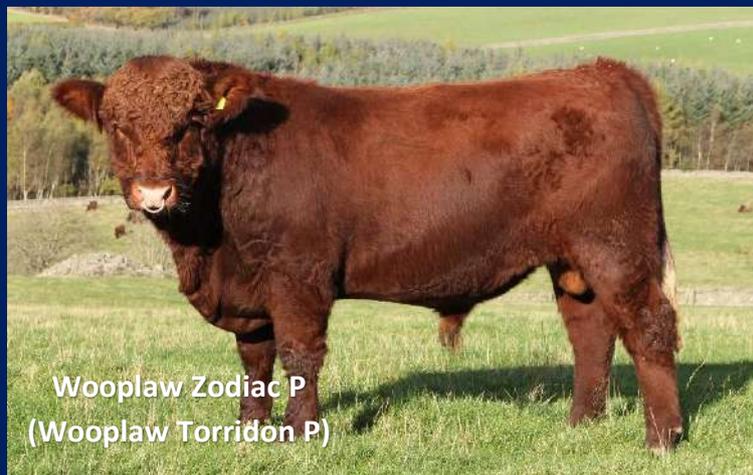
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BREED FEATURE

Giles Henry Oakwood Mill, Selkirk



Giles Henry is well known in the Luing cattle circles, farming at Oakwood Mill which is set in the picturesque Ettrick Valley only 2 miles west from the bustling market town of Selkirk in the Scottish Borders and part of the Duke of Buccleuch's Bowhill Estate. The steading lies at 400 feet above sea level at the meetings of the Yarrow and Ettrick rivers and rises to 800 feet on the in-bye ground, which runs to 105 hectares and keeps rising on the Hill to nearly 1200 foot above sea level, covering an area of 112 hectares taken on a seasonal grazing let.

Giles and his wife Alison have farmed at Oakwood Mill since May 1996 when they first got the tenancy of the farm but will be taking a step back from the frontline of farming when their son Stuart, 34, returns to the farm after being a motorsport mechanic for the past 10 years or so, specialising in the World Endurance Championships. He has secured a 15-year tenancy, taking over at the turn of the year, keeping the farm in good hands for the foreseeable future.

The farm gained full Organic status in 2001, initially they went down this line mainly because of the financial incentives, but overtime this has become more the

norm, with the farm suiting this style of farming, having a good medium loam soil in most of the fields, although the fields near the river are mostly gravel and sand, with grass growing well throughout the season. Over the years the whole farm has been reseeded with 8-year leys, and they have made the grass work for them in their system, with plenty of clover and long-lasting leys suited to the soil conditions at Oakwood Mill. By incorporating a paddock system for grazing they have increased the grazing capacity by approximately 30% over the years, which on an upland farm such as this is vital, and helps offset buying in extra fodder or feed, which in turn helps the bottom line, and with input prices rising sharply, this kind of attention to detail can be the difference to making a profit or not.



Whilst the farm used to carry 350 Cheviot ewes alongside the cattle, they sold the flock in 2018 to concentrate on the Luings. The flock had been performance recorded for 10 years and because of this, and the improvements made via this program, Innovis stepped



in and took the flock. Selling the flock helped free up more time for Giles to keep his Luing herd moving forward and now they run 75 pedigree cows and followers. The cows outwinter on the hill, which is not grazed at all during summer, so there is a good amount of roughage on, and supplementary feeding only takes place if required, in such as a snowstorm, and these cattle thrive on

this system. Calving takes place from the 1st of April outside again, this time down off the hills in the grass paddocks, and with very little interference from Giles or more importantly the vet. The cattle are grazed in the paddocks all summer, with the calves allowed to forward graze to help them keep growing and filling out. Once spained the calves are wintered outside on Kale and arable silage, with the best females selected to be retained within the herd and the steers are mainly finished before their second winter. These are sold through a partnership program with Dovecote Park to supply specialist retail outlets. They have built up a great working relationship with Dovecote over the years, selling direct to them for over 20 years now, getting a premium for their organic beef, with demand starting to outstrip the supply. “We aim to get a carcass of 300kg, which the Luings achieve by the start of the second winter, the extra time over continental cattle just adds to their flavour” Giles says. The success of the Dovecote scheme, which has an annual audit, has seen Giles start taking in yearlings from another organic producer in a partnership scheme, in which they buy half, and the breeder retains half. This year they finished 50, which were sold direct in October. Again, these cattle are finished off grass and kale and some barley, without the need for any additional concentrates.

Giles, who has been on the breed Council twice over the years, has had Luings on Oakwood Mill more or less



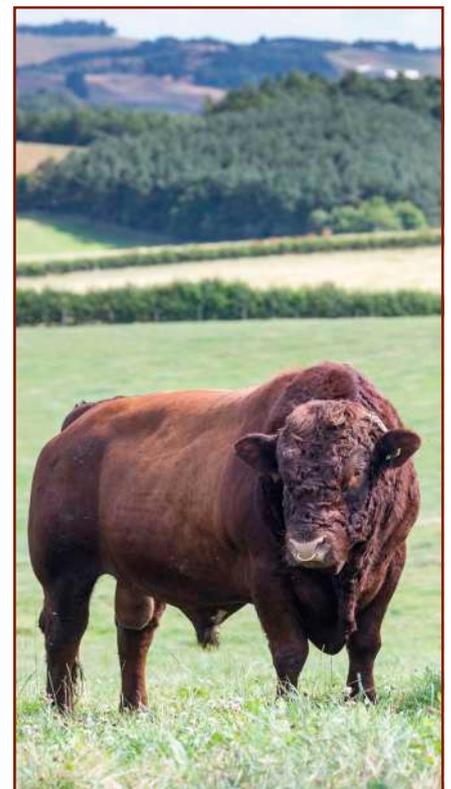
since he took on the tenancy, from the outset he felt the breed was the ideal choice for the farm and his system. The first batch to come to Oakwood Mill were 6 heifers with calves at foot, coming from the Muckairn herd, Dalmally, right off the top of the hills. He has bred up from those early days, but he has always concentrated on the maternal side of the cattle, with ease of calving and milkiness one of the most important factors for him, as he noted “If the cow can bring the calf up itself and thrive, it is doing the job it was developed for” And this is important too when it comes to selecting a new bull for the herd, always looking for a hill type of a bull, with a nice sweet head, walks well and has a good maternal score, putting faith in the scoring system that the breed has developed over the years using a fieldsman system, who scores cattle along breed ideals. Over 75% of the cattle within the herd are polled too, which is another important factor, as it is one job less to do, especially when calving outdoors. By trying to keep his cattle true to the traditional emphasis he feels he has developed a herd that is fit to face the future, whatever may happen.

He sells a few selected bulls and heifers each year, generally at home, as he has plenty of enquiries for them. He feels if he can select just a couple of the better bulls each year, he will be selecting the best of genetics to pass on and hopefully they will go away and do a great job for whoever buys them. They maybe wouldn't just fit into the sale at Castle Douglas as they aren't as finished and turned out,

but they are certainly full of the breeding required to work on the hills.

Alongside the reseeded and paddock system he has installed at Oakwood Mill they have also carried out extensive hedge planting too, both through ESA and SRDP schemes, planting in total over 7 kilometres of new hedge, which is all double fenced. They have nearly completed hedging all the traditional field boundaries, which will offer good shelter as well as wildlife habitat. Some of the older hedges they have started to lay to make secure field boundaries without the need to use fencing. When climate activists start going on about agriculture and damage agriculture does, they need a visit to Oakwood Mill to see that agriculture can be part of the answer, not the problem!

Outside of farming Giles has a broad range of interests. He is the secretary of the Teviotdale Farmers Club, which is the second oldest in the country, founded in 1859, when Giles was just a nipper! He is also the chairman of the local Macmillan Committee in the Selkirk area and is also an active member in the Graze Plus group which looks at paddock grazing and grass management etc. He and Alison also enjoy walking and is looking forward to having more time to walk more and spend more time with his family, as well as his son he has two daughters and 2 grandchildren, so it looks that even when he hands over the reins to Stuart, he will have plenty to occupy him!



Social Media 2021

Lot 19 **Chromium Zulu P**
 EA 18/2019 10/2019
 born 15/11/2019
 1045kg 18.0cm 100cm 100cm
 Zulu has been used over-calf heifers
 in his pedigree - 100% of all daughters
 born to 17 calves

Measurements

Height	18.0	Feet	18
Body Length	100.0	Centimetres	100
Chest Girth	100.0	Centimetres	100
Heart Girth	75.0	Centimetres	75
Body Score	4		

Measurements

Birth Weight	1045	Weight	1045
Birth Length	100	Length	100
Birth Chest	100	Chest	100
Birth Heart	75	Heart	75
Birth Score	4	Score	4

Dam and Sire

Lot 17

Lot 18

Lot 19



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 Contact: Charles Symons 01573 440207 or 07971 231885

Registrations of 2020 (Z) born calves are due by end February

Please register both female AND male calves born to Luing females

Luing Cattle Society Ltd



Annual Premier Sale
ENTRY FORMS
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Friday 5th February, 2021

Walleys Marts, Castle Douglas

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LUING CATTLE SOCIETY PREMIER SALE

FRESH FROM FORAGE

WALLEYS MARTS Castle Douglas 01556 502381

Friday 5th February

Pedigree Luing Heifers and Bulls

	No.	Average	Top Price	+/- on Year (gns)
LUING BULLING HEIFERS	65	1418	2000	-78
Messrs W Graham & Son, Craigdarroch	13	1854	2000	
T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse	16	1700	2000	
RJ Wotherspoon, Glen Lyon	16	1194	1600	
Mr D. Barr, Milkleston	6	1267	1400	
Mr J Halsey, Lochan	2	1300	1300	
Mr AP Waugh, Thomsons Walls	4	1200	1200	
The Woodland Trust Scotland, Glen Finglas	8	845	900	
LUING COWS	4	1131	1800	
Mr J Halsey, Lochan	4	1131	1800	
LUING HEIFER CALVES	11	764	850	+122
Mr NH Horsfall, Balmairn Flax Mill	11	764	850	
LUING IN CALF HEIFERS	5	2250	2800	
A Kennedy, Mitchellhill	4	2400	2800	
DG Henry, Oakwoodmill	1	1650	1650	
SIM-LUING BULLING HEIFERS	29	1705	2800	+476
Messrs MG Halligan & AC Burke, Stewarton	5	2340	2800	
Messrs R & H McNea, Over Finlrig	4	2000	2000	
Mr M Thomson, Tillyrie	9	1522	1600	
Messrs FJA McGowan, Incheoch	4	1525	1550	
Mrs CM Reid, Boreland Farm	6	1425	1500	
Mr P Cregar, Newmains	1	1400	1400	
SIM-LUING IN CALF HEIFERS	32	2364	2800	+306
Mr C Little, East Bracklinn	8	2438	2800	
Robert McNea Ltd, Woodend	15	2543	2800	
The Woodland Trust Scotland, Glen Finglas	4	1975	2100	
Mr P Cregar, Newmains	5	2020	2050	
UNREGISTERED CROSSBRED BULLING HEIFERS	4	1550	1600	
Marshall Farms, Concrraig	4	1550	1600	
UNREGISTERED CROSSBRED IN CALF HEIFERS	2	900	1100	
DG Henry, Oakwoodmill	2	900	1100	
Grand Total	152	1641	2800 (4)	

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Nancy Nicolson meets Finlay McIntyre, whose family have been shepherds and tenant farmers in Highland Perthshire for generations. He shows Nancy around Dunalastair estate.

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Spring Breeding Sale



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Wednesday 19th May
ENTRY DEADLINE 16th APRIL

Dingwall & Highland Marts

DIARY DATES

Bull Inspection Application Deadline
31st August

DNA Hair Sample Submissions (for bulls intended for breeding)
recommended by 31st August

Working Genes Sale
2nd September

Autumn Breeding Sale Entry Deadline
17th September

Luings Journal Advertising
Application and artwork Deadline - 1st October

Autumn Breeding Sale - United Auctions
incorporating GLENLYON DISPERSAL
30th October

Cadzow Bros Production Sale
United Auctions Oban - 13th November

Photographic Competition Entry Deadline
30th November

Premier Sale Entry Deadline
10th December

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2020: Episode 22

In this island special, Dougie is on the Isle of Rum to see eco homes built for new families. Meanwhile, Anne investigates Roan Island's medical experiments and Arlene meets some Luings cattle.

28 mins 8pm 19 Nov 2020
Available for 11 months

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Bull Inspection Application Forms
are available for download at
www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/breeds/breed-development
ONLINE FORM ALSO AVAILABLE
Application deadline 31st August



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AUTUMN BREEDING SALE
United Auctions, Stirling
Saturday 30th October

catalogues available for download at
www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/sales

279 Head
Comprising:

- Half Heifers: 3 x Luings, 18 x Sim-Luings
- Young Heifers: 177 x Luings, 58 x Sim-Luings
- Young Heifers: 14 x Luings
- 1 x Cow, 8 x Crossbred/Unreg

Glenlyon Dispersal
7 cows - most with calves at foot
stock bull



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31st December - Herd Census Updates
And why not do your registrations at the same time?

<https://www.grassroots.co.uk/cgi-bin/start.cgi?pedeweb/pedeweb.html?id=luings1>



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The Silent "U"
MEMBERS NEWSLETTER
Spring 2021

56th Annual Premier Sale
5th February, 2021
ONLINE ONLY
Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

The 2021 Premier Sale will be held as an **online event (only)** conducted by Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas on the same date as previously. The catalogue is available online at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/sales, and hard copies are available by request, although all members and previous buyers will be sent a copy.

This year's entry has levelled at **160 head**, comprising:

- 31 Pedigree Luings In-calf Heifers**
- 90 Pedigree Luings bulling heifers**
- and
- 39 Pedigree Luings Bulls**

All bulls have been sire verified (where possible), and breed society inspected along with their dams classified. All relevant herd health information will be available in the front of the catalogue.

****Please note: There will be no annual dinner this year****

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

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Change of Date

The Autumn Breeding Sale will now be held on **Saturday 31st October** at UA Stirling

Entries taken until 18th September
Entry forms available at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk

Luings Journal 2022 Advertising Booking Forms Available



To download and online booking...
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Deadline 15th October

2021 Photographic Competition

Two Categories:

- Still Images
- Video

****Special Prize for Best Winter Image**

Submission by email / Whatsapp by 30th November 2021



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Don't forget ...

18th September is the entry deadline for Autumn Breeding Sale - Stirling

Entry forms available at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/sales



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Full Dispersal Sale of the GLENLYON HERD of Pedigree Luings

United Auctions, Stirling
30th October

50 cows and calves with two stock bulls
26 bulling heifers

BVD Accredited and vaccinated, Johnes 1

on behalf of Messrs Wotherspoon, Glenlyon Estate
Enquiries: Charles Symons 01573 440207 / 07971 231885

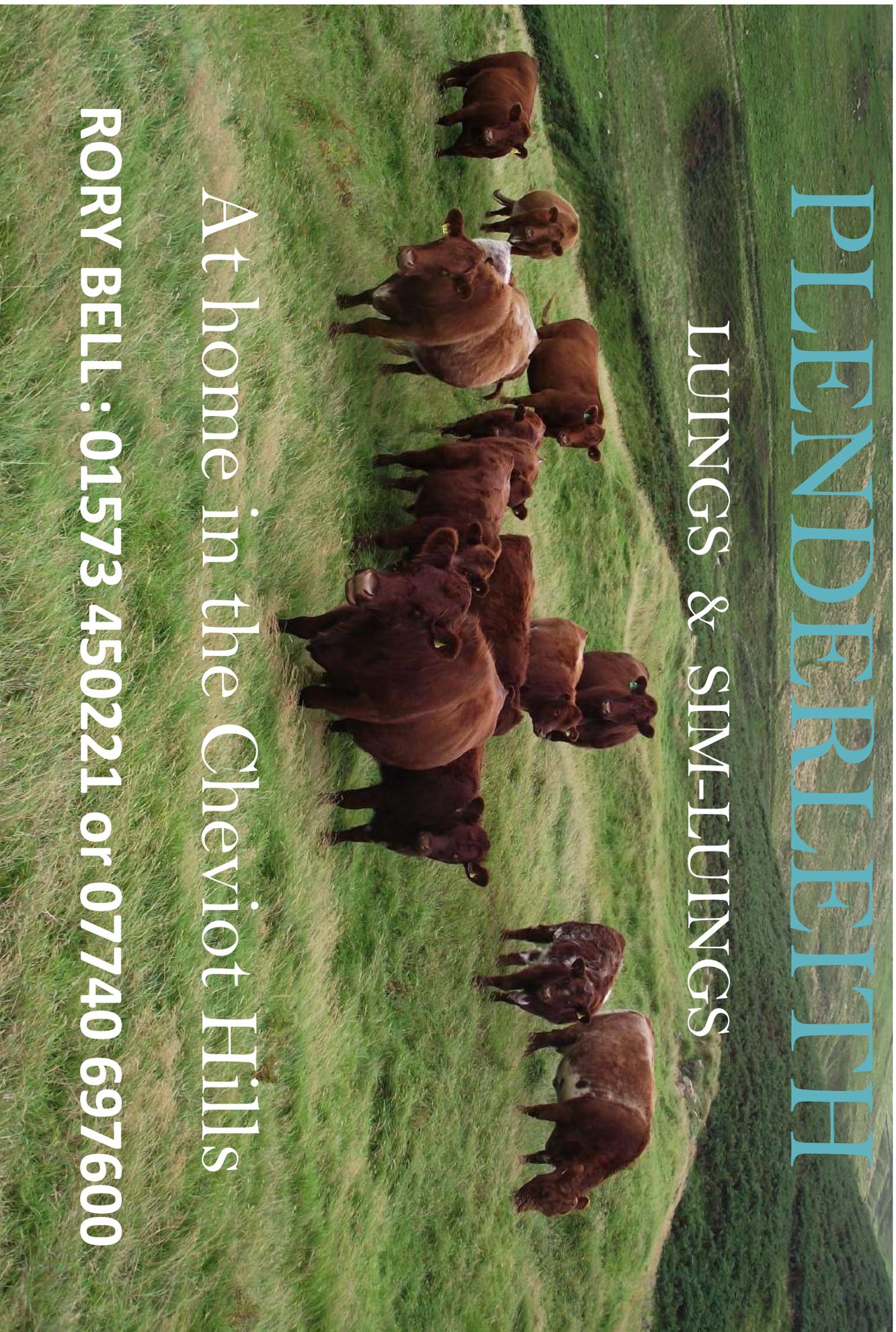


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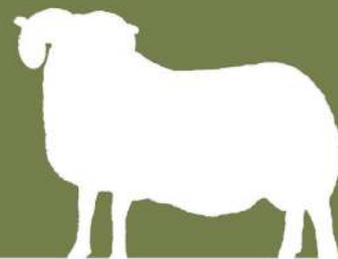
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Enquiries Welcome



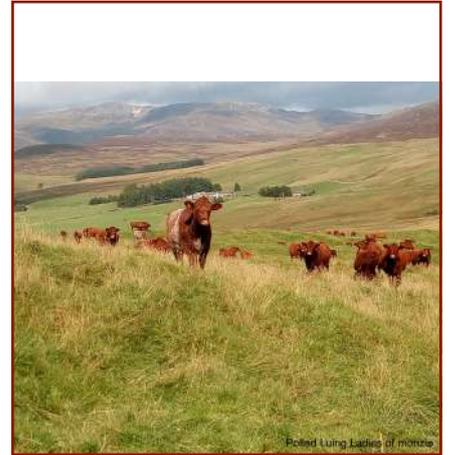
MONZIE - 55 years of Luings collated by George Farron



Outstanding



John receiving MBE from HRH the Queen in 2002



Polled Luing Ladies of monzie



Teamster says its fine day

DUNDEEHILL
PENCAITLAND
EAST LOTHIAN
8th April, 1965.

Dear Peter,

"The Luing Breed"

For many years now, we have been endeavouring to "fix" a cross "Northern" - Highland breed of cattle on the island of Luing. This "Luing Breed" as it is now called, will be on show on the island on Thursday 20th May, 1965.

Working Composition:-
 4 Luing Wood Bulls
 40 - 50 Luing cows and calves
 8 Luing yearling bulls
 30 - 40 Luing yearling heifers
 30 - 40 Luing yearling steers

offspring of above bulls and cows

Lunch will be provided and in the afternoon Mr. S. Williams will address you, followed by a discussion.

We invite you to come and see for yourself this new beef breed and sincerely hope to have the pleasure of your company on the 20th May, 1965.

A demonstration of about 30 carcasses of this Luing breed will be held in F.M.C. premises, Edinburgh, later in the summer.

DEMONSTRATION ARRANGEMENTS

Please meet at North Pier, Oban at 9 a.m. Thursday 20th May, to board with a bus. It is expected that the bus will return to Oban after the demonstration by about 4.30 p.m.

If you wish to spend Wednesday night in Oban we can reserve accommodation on your behalf at the Great Western Hotel. (Double rooms may have to be shared)

We invite you to cocktails at the Great Western Hotel at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

Bring rubber boots and waterproofs!

Kindly fill in enclosed postcard, and return at the latest by 21st April, 1965. Yours sincerely, *David I. Forbes*



Monzie Excelsior Maol (P)

THE LUIING CATTLE SOCIETY		
List of Members with Herd Names where applicable		
Herd Name	HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS	Assoc. Donations
Luing	Caldow, J. N. Kinross, Brechin, West Lothian; Tel. Brechin 2548.	C.E.L.
Luing	Caldow, D. J. O.S.T., Duncairn, Pencaitland, East Lothian; Tel. Pencaitland 284.	C.E.L.
Luing	Caldow, H. A. Inver Park, Scooneson, Berwick-on-Tweed; Tel. Berwick-on-Tweed 6072.	C.E.L.
Monzie	Cameron, J. Monzie, Blair Atholl, Perthshire; Tel. Blair Atholl 232.	M.C.A.
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STOCK BULL :
MONZIE DONALD MAOL
 (203)
 A NATURALLY POLLED ROAN BULL BY
LUIING FERRYMAN (8)

VISITORS WELCOME BY APPOINTMENT.

G. & D. COGHILL
 STEMSTER MAINS
 HALKIRK
 CAITHNESS
 TEL. GILLOCK 203.

Topping the Luing section and the whole Sale for the second year running was Mr R. Meldrum of Upper Tirnie Farm, Blair Atholl, Perthshire, with a pen of three which made £73. Sire Luing Ferryman



Monzie Wolf Maol (P)



Monzie Shandy



Right behind you mum

THE LIVING CATTLE SOCIETY LTD. DUNDEE, PENICHTLAND EAST Lothian
 December, 1964.
 Dear Member,
WINTERING
 It is expected that the first stock of the Luing Cattle Society will go to print in the next month or two. As each herd will require to have a Profitable Stock Name, which will be used in front of the names of pedigree Luing bulls and females, we would like you to fill up the form below.
 It is suggested that the prefix you choose should be either the name of your farm or somewhere in your locality and should be restricted to one word.
 A prompt reply to this will be very much appreciated.
 Yours sincerely,
 MONZIE

1969 SALES RESULTS

(1 to 8) Luing Welcomes (138) by Luing Record (33) by Luing Trouper (2), 600 gns. to MacEwen, Lurg.
 Luing Final (108) by Luing Escort (33) by Luing David (3), 600 gns. to Cameron, Monzie.
 Luing Jacobite (116) by Luing Beau (38) by Luing Trouper (2), 700 gns. to McEwan, Benhar.

Lot 17 (Red Sale Numbers)
 44—Luing Bardrishaig 23rd 1964, CZL H105J
 Roan, Calved February/March, 1964.
 Sire—Luing Endeavour.
 45—Luing Clachan 109th 1965, CZL H133R.
 Red Roan, Calved February/March, 1964.
 Sire—Luing Skipper.



Hay drying demonstration



Luing Ferryman



L. to r.: John Cameron, Monzie, Blair Atholl; Ian Stewart, Ben Challum; Robert McNeer and son Roy, West Craigs, West Lothian.

MONZIE LING CATTLE
 NOW FULLY ACCREDITED
 Reared on the lower slopes of Ben-y-Gloe on ground all over 1000 ft.

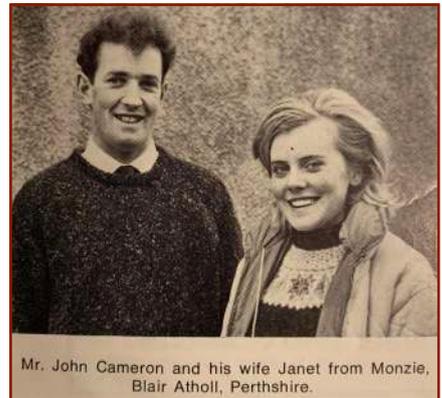
 Luing Ferryman was stock bull for the last three years and 30 of his best heifers have been kept to build up the herd. The present stock bull is Luing Final.
 WE HOPE TO HAVE TWO YOUNG BULLS AT THE JANUARY SALE — MONZIE CASSIUS AND MONZIE DONALD MAOL (POLLED) — BOTH BY FERRYMAN
 Enquiries Welcome
P. J. & W. CAMERON
 MONZIE, BLAIR ATHOLL, PERTSHIRE
 TELEPHONE BLAIR ATHOLL 232

MONZIE MOONDUST (278)
 White by Luing Ferryman (8) — sold by Messrs P. J. & W. Cameron, Monzie, Blair Atholl, Perthshire for 270gns. to Mr D. McNaughton, Glasvaar, Ford, Argyll.
 Photo by A. C. Cowper



Hay drying demonstration

WINTERING THE HILL COW
 THE COST OF wintering the hill cow is surely the biggest item on the expense side. In 1969 four well known Luing breeders described their systems, and again we have invited four Luing breeders to tell us how they approach this important problem.
WINTERING THE HILL COW ON HAY
 JOHN CAMERON, Monzie, Blair Atholl, Perthshire.
 IN THE 1963 Luing Journal in a special article to this, hay was quoted at £14 per ton and Luing calves at the Blair Atholl sale averaged £44. This year hay will have changed hands at around £100 a ton. The 1963 figure when the same calves and probably average average £44. For those of us who are still trying to make a living on hill farms and faced with figures like these the cost of wintering our cows, as with all other costs, must be studied very closely.
 No cow farms have exactly the same conditions, so feeding methods must be based on what suits both the cow and the farm. Here at Monzie, we are fortunate in having good access, plenty of moorland grazing, a reserved ground suitable for growing winter feed. On the other hand there is very little shelter and the average gale on the farm is 1,200 hrs. a year and we often get up to the 1,400 hrs. a year. Slugs was out due to the effects of carrying a heavy load through deep snow or over wet ground. It could also be a cold wet feed on cold days. Hay seemed to be the most reliable feed and the cleanest one can work with the horses at the Atholl farm. Hay is easy to handle, it can be put on the back of a tractor if need be, or an occasionally happens up here in a night storm, when a tractor is available, a man can carry a bale on his back.
 Hay being so dependent on the weather, I was decided to try being strong which although not requiring any good weather does not need those but has the ability to make it fit for feeding. For drying in the barn the bales have to be 1200 in right away and one half in the shed in three 30 ft. square stacks, 18 ft. high, with an air duct running up the centre of each, but raised off at the top with a stack forer, into which cold air is blown at the rate of 25,000 cubic feet per minute. The heat is used at all. The fan is driven by a 25 HP with three electric motors and the amount of drying depends on the moisture content of the hay, which can be up to 80%.
 The cost of electricity used for the last three years has been around £1 per ton but this year it rose to about £2.40. Considering the improved health, better legs and freedom from mastitis, the increased value of the hay has been far in excess of drying and depreciation costs involved.
 Our aim has always been to have the cows in good condition in the back end, this helps to carry them through the winter, in cutting time which starts about 15th March. Provision to the barn during a fair amount of the year cows were fed along with hay, some of which was brought in. However, with the better quality hay, these costs have been gradually reduced and this year each cow received 1 lb. of cube per day during the month of May only, which is just under 1 ton of cube for 60 cows. The cub feeding has almost become a self-feeding system and to ensure that every cow receives her fair share, they are put out quickly at a stock bar over every cow in the feeding area. The daily ration of hay varies, in good weather and with the rough grazing it is cut down quite low but during snow and from taking some records they get as much as they can eat in one feed provided it is well cleaned up. Whether it is cold or hot we try to feed on a bush lot of ground each day.
 The barn drying has enabled us to make more the amount of hay, in the same time as before and more has to be brought in. The feeding value is considerably higher and this is reflected in the better condition of the cows in spring time.
WINTERING THE HILL COW ON KALE
 DAVID WHITE, Kirkcubbin, Fife, Perthshire.
 KALE HAS BEEN USED successfully to supplement the wintering of hill cows for the last 10 years, started originally as a feed for 20 in-wintered Shorthorn cows. 170 in-wintered Luing cows and 30 heifers have now been used since the start of the wintering in October to mid-April.
 The selling price is Blair Atholl, which is better.



Mr. John Cameron and his wife Janet from Monzie, Blair Atholl, Perthshire.

THE MONZIE LING HERD
 ACCREDITED
 Summered and out-wintered on the slopes of Ben-y-Gloe, & never below 1000 ft above sea level
STOCK BULL MONZIE RODERICK MAOL (641)
 YOUNGSTERS IN THE FANK
 Our two bulls for the 1975 Oban bull sale are Monzie Dandy & Monzie Atholl Highlander
 visitors welcome by arrangement
P. J. & W. CAMERON, MONZIE, BLAIR ATHOLL, PERTSHIRE
 Tel. BLAIR ATHOLL 232



Standing out in the field

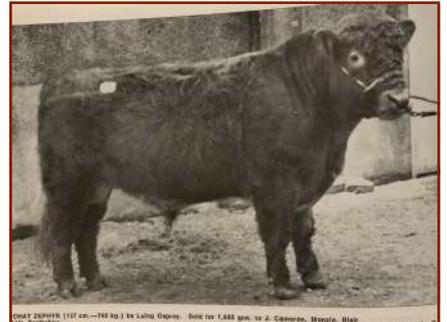
MONZIE - 55 years of Luings



MONZIE ATHOLL HIGHLANDER (53 inches) by Luing Vodka 700 gns. to Sir W. Lithgow, Bl. Ormsary, Lochgilphead, Argyll.



Monzie Wappa Mast (P) (52) (height 42 1/2) by Wappa Mastors Mast, sold for 200 gns to C. McGowan, Strathmore, Blairgowrie, Perthshire. (Photo by John Fraser)



CHAY ZEPHYR 117 cm—74 kg 1 by Luing Ophry. Sold for 1,888 gns. to J. Cameron, Strath, Blairgowrie, Perthshire. (Photo: J. J. Cameron)

fresh ground
The cattle are outwintered, and the ground stands up well as a rule to poaching. Poaching is also prohibited...
Hubby
Mr. Cameron said: "My father always said that Monzie was a young man's place, and I'm beginning to see what he meant. By the time he spoke the weight of the sheep, some of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron's four young sons may be old enough to take over the place for old 20 years ago."
...
And, out on the farm, the remains of water-pools where the hay was once soaked in the last stage of making hay, and the top of the old hay-covers, show that Mr. and Mrs. Cameron and their family are only the latest occupants in this centuries-old...



Monzie Mc Tavish by Lochay Zephyr. Sold for 2,200 gns. by P., J. & W. Cameron, Monzie, Blair Atholl, Perthshire, to J. Christie, Kellas Farms, Dallas, by Egl. Moray (Photo: N. Robertson)

Yearling Heifers: A new member of the Society, Miss Ferguson, Tirnie, Blair Atholl, received the top price for yearling heifers. She received £240 for a pair of whites which were bought by Mr. R. Low of Dunearn, Burntisland, Fife. Mr. Low first purchased Luings at the Annual Sale this year and bought at least 12 heifers at Stirling to build up his herd numbers.



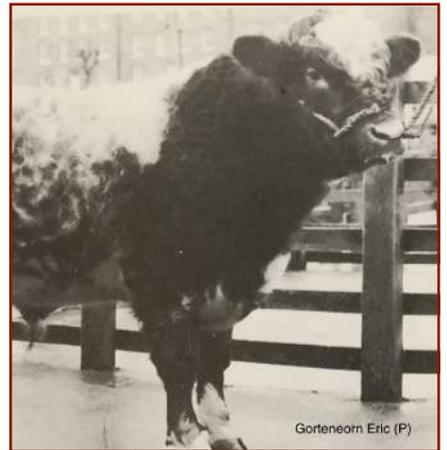
Luing Ferryman

THE MONZIE LUING HERD
ACCREDITED
Summered and out-wintered on the slopes of Ben-y-Gloe, on ground rising from about 1000 ft above sea level

we hope to have one bull and a pen of heifers at the 1974 Oban bull sale

Stock Bull visitors welcome
Luing Vodka by arrangement

P. J. & W. CAMERON, MONZIE, BLAIR ATHOLL, PERTHSHIRE
Tel. BLAIR ATHOLL 232



Gorteneorn Eric (P)



12 Bulls forward averaging 11-750 lbs

IN THE CENTRE OF SCOTLAND
THE MONZIE LUING HERD
GRAZING UP TO THE 1500 ft CONTOUR LINE ON THE SLOPES OF BEN-Y-GLOE.

★ VISITORS WELCOME ★
Monzie Piper and Monzie Preacher both by Lochay Zephyr (980) will be on offer at The Luing Sale in Oban on 29th January, 1981.

**MESSRS. P., J.-W. CAMERON,
MONZIE, BLAIR ATHOLL, PERTHSHIRE.
Telephone Blair Atholl 232**



Minnow Robert the Brook, sold for 3,200 gns - Photo: John Fraser

Monzie Luings

Monzie Hunter Maol (P) (One of 3 young bulls for sale)

Organic stock for sale

Full Organic Status
IBR, BVD + Johnes acc.
All stock out-wintered

J.J. & R. Cameron
Monzie Farm
Blair Atholl
Perthshire
01796 481652

BF 5yr old ewes
BF ewe lambs
Mule ewe lambs
Luing bulling heifers
Luing store calves

Monzie Luings

Monzie Finlay Maol (PP)
IBR, BVD + JOHNES ACC
Full Organic Status
All cows out-wintered

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Monzie Farm
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Bulling Heifer
Young Bulls

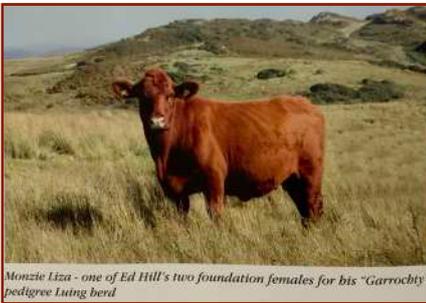


Foot washing



Wayne Hutchinson 2013

Commonside Nick sold for 10,000gns to Monzie & Wooplaw



Monzie Lisa - one of Ed Hill's two foundation females for his 'Garrochty' pedigree Luing herd

**OPEN DAY — 22nd AUGUST
Monzie, Blair Atholl**

John and Janet Cameron at Monzie, Blair Atholl, Angus, held their 22nd Open Day on 22nd August. After a darty start to the day, the afternoon opened and visitors arrived from all far afield as Yorkshire, the Island of Luing and Perth. The Luing herd was established with a bull from the first Luing Sale in Oban and the second 10 pedigree Luing cow.

The farm of Monzie is 2,000 acres of which 1,000 acres was built. There are 200 acres of improved ground which has recently been reseeded on the east and is now established by keeping the time and nutrient levels correct. This area has had a high proportion of the same sward in the grassland. Most of the rough grazing is sward on 2:2:2.

Though the Open Day was a warm day, the cold sea that the far west is very important in winter. There was plenty of grass on the mountain and hill and Mr Cameron commented that the grass had some very nice but was not at all abundant.

All the cows are culled and the herd is E.B.L. certified. Calving is mostly in April and the cows are wintered onilage with 2-3 lbs cow rations for the six eight weeks of winter feeding. Most of the heifer stock are wintered at Monzie.

The farm produces high breeding cows which are in the highest producing health scheme and produce an average lambing percentage of 110. The sheep receive stock raised but some weather is compensated by a weekly pen for lambing. All lambs are also finished prior to the end of October and the few remaining are finished on the premises. The hoggs are usually wintered away.

After lambing in the year, the visitors were taken to the hill in buses and trailers to see the main group of cows and calves. It is 1800 feet of the calves were by a Luing bull with a top of 1800 lbs on the common.

between the two types of calves was interesting. The cows were very impressive being big and scappy and severe visitors were overwhelmed saying I would find few like that at home.

The stock bull, Giengorm Tyrant, was nursing with the cows and he had grown on well after being purchased in Oban in 1971.

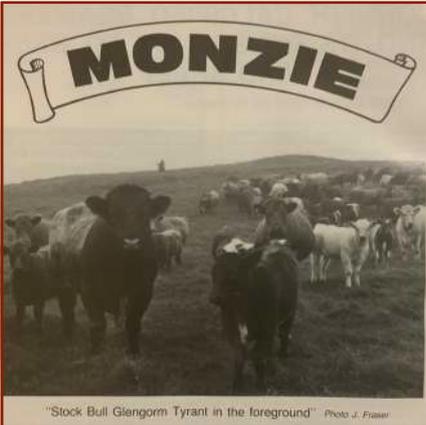
Some of the history of the area was explained by John Cameron on the way back to the farm with hills at the Cameron's and some sheep. One of the farm's main characteristics is the 'moss' which is a special type of moss that grows near the farm and could be seen in many places. The 'moss' was reported while the visitors looked at the group of well grown, naturally haired, heifers near the stables.

A demonstration of how to select the different markets was held in the stables. Miss Aileen McGregor had 7 M.C. that look like the old time ones, one small light lamb for the Spanish Italian trade, one for the home market and one for the farm. Aileen was able to discuss the different types of sheep with the visitors and highlighted the different types.

The marketing case of 4 Luing heifers made an interesting end to the farm walk. Ranna McLaughlin, the Society President had judged the heifers and three guests (part of the correct order and received prizes. John Fraser, Mrs N. Smith and Charlie Bell. We are grateful to Douglas, Westbury, Oban for the standing prices to the competition.

An excellent day provided by Janet Cameron concluded the visit and was enjoyed by all.

We thank you to the Cameron family for all their hard work put in to make a most enjoyable and interesting day. Also to Kevin McLean, the transport and tractor who assisted as well as to Alison McKeaghe of M.C.



"Stock Bull Giengorm Tyrant in the foreground" Photo J. Fraser



Monzie Peaty Mare (P)

The Luing Journal – January 2018

Monzie Luings

Bulling Heifers for Dingwall 2017 enjoying their 1st bale of silage for the winter!

Stock Bull – Luing Nordic

Rory Cameron - 07872 037124
Monzie farm
Blair Atholl

Bulls for sale privately IBR, BVD + Johne's Acc

Lot No. TOP PRICED BULLS

218 MONZIE FRASER MAOL (P) s. Gortormac Eric (P) by Gortormac Captain s. Monzie Fera (P) by Lochy Zephyr s. March, 1985, 5'2" (150cm), 14.8 cwt (106kg), born P., J. & W. Cameron, Monzie, Blair Atholl, Perthshire, to: J. R. E. Nelson, Giengorm, Teanorany, Isle of Mull

300 LUING JACKAL s. Luing Fera (P) by Luing Huk s. Luing Chuan (P) by Luing Lark s. February, 1985, 5'2" (145cm), 15 cwt (106kg), born: March, Gortormac Eric, Luing, Oban, Angus, to: P., J. & W. Cameron

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They walked down the brae together, the sky was covered in stars. They reached the gate in silence and he lifted for her the bars. She neither smiled or thanked him because she knew not how. For he was only a Farmer's Lad and she was a Fine Luing Cow!

Janet Cameron (Nee McLellan), Monzie. 22.10.47 – 24.11.18

By James Scroggie

It is with sadness that we have to report the loss of Janet Cameron. Janet was born on 22nd October 1947, some 47 years after the date which originally saw her North Luing, near to Whistly when her father became the first farmer.

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STOCK BULL: LOCHAY ZEPHYR –ENQUIRIES WELCOME–

It's been a right poor season, near the worst we've ever had. To crown it all the time has come, to make up the Journal Ad! There's been no time for photos, inspiration is all gone, and so it seems this poem will just have to carry on.

We had an acute winter and the spring was short and late. The summer was pathetic and the hay is nothing great. Calves were born by sheltered snowdrifts, some perished in the cold, and still into the lambing, so the highlanders did not do. No blades of grass appearing, just our daily blast of snow. Bringing death to any lamb, which did not get up and go. It was near the tenth of May, when the winter finally ceased, and then we hoped and prayed, for peace for Man and beast. We had the May elections, peacock government won the day, But can you just imagine if, Widge Benin had had his way? We would all be re-nationalised, and have a five day week. Twenty per cent pay rises, our big strong union would seek. Overtime and troubletime, three weeks holiday or more. And for when we're at the dung, a shower at the door. We'd get subsistence money, for staying out so far, And a petrol allowance, to help to run the car. But may we all just prosper, and may the future bring, Good fortune and good prices, to our handy crew – The Luing.

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