

Luings timed to digital trade

On 20th May 2020 the Luing Cattle Society held their annual spring sale at Dingwall Mart in a different format due the Covid 19. The Luing Cattle Society and Dingwall & Highland Marts made a decision to conduct an online timed auction sale, which has been a huge success in these difficult times. Paul Spencer, Senior Auctioneer at Dingwall and Highlands Mart has been delighted to work with the society in order to make the sale continue this year. We all sat poised in front of our digital devices for the sale of 129 pedigree and commercial Luing cattle. The online timed auction allowed many to view and bid on cattle that would not have been able to travel to Dingwall.

Pedigree bulling heifers (82) averaged 1,571gns (£1,650.29) with the top price being 3,020gns (£3,171.00), twice for 25 month old heifers from Mr G. MacRae, Kintail, 120 Newton of Ferintosh, selling to J. C. Innes & Sons, Duncroft, Huntly.

Pedigree yearling heifers (5) averaged 808gns (£848.40) and sold to 840gns (£882.00) for a 14-month old heifer from Mr J. M. Haley, Lochan Farm, Kinrossie to Meikle Farms, Darvel, Ayrshire.

Yearling Sim/Luing heifers (13) averaged 1,034gns (£1,085.54) and sold to 1,280gns (£1,344.00) twice from Messrs J. Lawrie, Tillyrie, Kinross, selling to Mr C. Arnot, Hatton Mill, Angus.

Un-registered bulling heifers (9) averaged 889gns (£933.33) and sold to 1,080gns (£1,134.00) twice from Welbeck Scottish Farms Ltd., Welbeck Estate, selling to Messrs Tulloch Farms, Upper Coullie, Laurencekirk.

Bulls (4) sold to 6,000gns (£6,300) for two 25 months old both from Messrs C. C. MacArthur & Co. Nunnerie Farm, Biggar, one selling to Firm of Ernest Crawford, Blarghour Farm, Dalmally, and the other to Mr A. Kennedy, Mitchell hill Farm, Biggar.

Other leading prices: Pedigree bulling heifers: Culmally Farm, Golspie, 2,960gns (twice) & 2,420gns (thrice); Kintail, 2,580gns (twice); Clashnoir, Glenlivet, 1,980gns (twice) & 1,760gns; Nunnerie (twice), Inverbroom, Ullapool (thrice) 1,700gns. Pedigree yearling heifers: Lochan Farm (4 times) 800gns. Yearling Sim/Luing heifers: Tillyrie Farm (twice), 1,260gns; Lochan Farm (thrice), 1,020gns. Un-registered bulling heifers: Welbeck Estates (thrice), 1,040gns.

Adam Hunter, Yorkshire, is delighted to have purchased the foundations for his new herd having sold of his Limousin herd and joined a Native breed scheme. Having looked at all the native breeds he felt "Luings were by far the best of the native breeds".

Graeme MacRae, Kintail was delighted with his "exceptional sale" selling to top 3,020gns.

The success of this sale goes to show the popularity of the Luing breed from all over the UK.