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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2020

47th Autumn Breeding Sale 31st October, 2020

The 2020 Autumn Breeding sale has changed from its traditional date to accommodate the Dalmally Tup Sale, which has been shifted to Stirling, due to the ongoing Covid restrictions. This year's entry has levelled at **162** head, comprising 5 Luing Cows, 40 In-calf Heifers, 106 bulling heifers and 11 yearling heifers. Breeding sale restrictions will be in place and as such there will be no show, although it is expected that both vendors and purchasers will be allowed to the pens. Please adhere to the guidelines in place.

Isle of Luing Production Sale

14th November - Oban Mart

117 Head

comprising

55 In-Calf 20 month old heifers, 4 In-calf 32 month old heifers

24 Bulling 20 month old heifers

9 Mixed aged cows with August born calves at foot.

15 Mixed aged Spring Calving cows.

10 20 month old bulls.

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Virtual Tour - NUNNERIE

While we were not able to hold our planned Open Day at Nunnerie this past summer, we have commissioned a virtual tour instead. Please visit our facebook page **@luingcattlesociety** or website to view **www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk**

2020 Photos

If you have any good photos of Luing cattle that you would like to submit for consideration for the calendar, Journal or the Photographic Competition, please send to **secretary@luingcattlesociety.co.uk**

2021 Journal

Advertise your Herd

Booking forms are now available for advertising your herd in the next edition of the Luing Journal. Booking forms should be returned by **1st October** and artwork as soon as possible thereafter.

There are many different options, from double page spread to black and white 1/4 page. An online booking form can be found at **www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/publications**

Important Dates For Your Diary

1 Oct 20

Deadline for Journal advertising
Online booking form at
www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/publications

31 Oct 20

47th Autumn Sale - Stirling Mart

14 Nov 20

Oban Mart - Isle of Luing Production Sale - 117 Head

11 Dec 20

Entry deadline for premier sale
Entry forms at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/sales

31 Dec 20

Deadline for Census Update on Grassroots

31 Jan 20

Closing date - Photographic Competition

4 & 5 Feb 21

Premier Sale & AGM - Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas
Entry deadline 11th December 2020

28 Feb 21

Deadline for 2020 Calf Registrations

19 May 21

Spring Female Sale - Dingwall & Highland Mart
entries close 16th April

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Nominations are sought for 5 places on the Luing Cattle Society Council of Management. If you are an active breeder, with a willingness to fully participate in the Council's plan for better governance, and a drive to promote the efficiency of the Luing cow, then please consider putting yourself forward for nomination. We would be pleased to receive intimations of intent by in writing by 7th November.

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DNA Genotype Profiling, Myostatin Profiling and Sire Verification

The initial call for hair samples from stock bulls in use in the 2020 season, has yielded 86 returns thus far, and these are away to be analysed. If you have yet to submit your sample(s), it is respectfully asked that you get these in by **end October 2020**. This will allow those sires to be profiled and ready for any sire verification work required for bulls headed for sale in February. Return of results does take some time (up to 8 weeks), not including time needed to re-submit samples that may not get a result first time.

Tests carried out on the service sire population will be an SNP profile and a Myostatin profile (unless specifically asked not to) The council aim to develop a picture of prevalence within the breed. Hair sample kits have been distributed, but if you need more, please contact the office. More information on Myostatin profiling can be found at <https://luingcattlesociety.co.uk/breed-development>.

The program is voluntary, but is 100% subsidised by LCS for 2020. Young bulls put forward for inspection in autumn 2020 can also be profiled, also funded by LCS. Myostatin results will not be published unless the owner wishes this to be the case, but it is hoped that many will see the benefit of having sire verification and/or myostatin information available. For those also wishing to test for Polled/Horned, please indicate on the sample bag (additional cost).

