

Luing Cattle Society Premier Sale 2021

The Luing Cattle Society held their 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 Finlarg, 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 will take this one home to work. The 30 bulls sold from a catalogue of 37 forward, topped £15960 twice. First to make this money was Craigdarroch Yale, consigned by Messrs W. Graham and Son, Sanquhar, who sold 4 bulls to average an impressive £13020. Yale is an April 2019 born Culmaily 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.

	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	

	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
Mrs C.M. Reid, Portmore			
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
McCaig Farms, Glenelrig	1470	1470	2
R & M Whiteford, Burnfoot	1470	1470	2