

LUING CATTLE SOCIETY PREMIER SALE 2022

11th February – Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

The Luing Cattle Society held their annual Premier Sale on 11th February at Wallets Marts', Castle Douglas. Following last year's brisk online trade there was an inevitable larger number of bulls forward this year, with 6 more bulls finding homes in comparison to last year. The sale saw two records broken,



Lot 166 Craigdarroch Zico – 32,000gns sold to Kedzlie Farms

the first by a considerable margin, when William Graham and Son, Craigdarroch sold Craigdarroch Zico to Kedzlie Farms for 32,000 gns. That sale broke the previous record set by Nunnerie Xenon who sold to T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse for 25,000 gns in 2020. The best of the bulling heifers also saw a record tumble, when D & A Barr sold a pair of bulling heifers by Benhar Tweed to AC Burke and Mike Halligan for 3600 gns apiece. D & A Barr also held the previous record set in 2007 when they sold a pair of bulling heifers for 3400 gns.

The pre-sale show of heifers, divided into bulling heifers and in-calf heifers, saw judge Stephen Little of Boreland Farm, Peebles choose a pair of bulling heifers consigned by William Graham & Sons, Craigdarroch as his winner of that section. This pair were both polled and sired by Craigdarroch Xavi, and were purchased by Jamie Gilchrist for Ettrickshaws, at 2,600 gns.

In calf heifers sold to a top of 3,000 gns for a pair of heifers consigned by Robert McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale. These first pair into the ring, were summer 2019 born and sold in calf to Finlargo Viagra, and were winners in their section in the pre-sale show. Purchaser for this pair was also AC Burke and Mike Halligan. The in-calf heifers averaged 2,013 gns for 32 sold.

The 82 bulling heifers sold to a top of 3600 gns and averaged 1685 gns. D & A Barr sold 12 bulling heifers to a top herd average of 2,567 gns, which was followed closely by both William Graham & Sons, Craigdarroch who sold 6 to average 2,200 gns, and R & H McNee selling 4 to average 2,200 also. Upper Chatto, managed by Alan Hastie, sold 15 bulling heifers to a top of 3,200 gns, for a trio of polled heifers born in July 2020. R & H McNee had a top of 2,400 gns for a pair of spring 2020 born heifers by Backmuir Whisky and Finlargo Wrangler, purchased by John MacGregor, Allanfauld.

William Graham & Sons, Craigdarroch had a tremendous sale with both males and females, but their 4 bulls stole the limelight, averaging an impressive 16,750 gns. In addition to their record breaking 32,000 gns Craigdarroch Zico, they also sold Craigdarroch Zidane to Alan Hastie at Upper Chatto for 19,000 gns. This homozygous polled Plenderleith Wizard son was April 2020 born and out of a Finlargo Nimrod daughter. Two lots later Craigdarroch were back into the ring with Craigdarroch Zazu, similarly bred to Zidane, Zazu heads home with Mark Thomson to Tillyrie for 11,000 gns. Billy Renwick, Blackhouse also had an excellent day selling his two entries to average 8,250 to a top of 10,000 gns. Blackhouse Zidane, a heterozygous polled Benhar Magnum son, will be shared by northern breeders RF MacNeil of Shinness and P & A Bakker of Aultnaharra Estate.



Lot 177 Craigdarroch Zidane 19,000 gns to Upper Chatto

Reece and Andrew Simmers of Backmuir Trading Ltd sold a trio of bulls to average 7,933 gns, the best of which was Backmuir Zero, a Culmally Whiskey son purchased by Neil Anderson of Harehead Farms.

Next best was Backmuir Zack, also a Culmaily Whiskey son, which went home with Messers Shell, Powburn, Alnwick. Robert and Hazel McNee also sold 3 bulls, with a top of 11,000 gns for Finlarg Zinedine, a heterozygous polled Finlarg Wrangler son, purchased jointly between Messers McClymont of Tinnis and W.N. Douglas of Catslackburn.

Other leading prices: T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse Zac 6,500 gns; R & H McNee, Finlarg Zidane 6,200 gns; AC & A McCall, Culmaily Zulu 5,500 gns; AJ Kennedy & Sons, Mitchellhill Zettabyte 5,500 gns; FS Renwick, Lochbroom Zion 5,500 gns; C.C. MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie Zulu 5,500 gns and Nunnerie Zeus 5,500 gns; Brian Ridland, Silwick Zembra 5,000 gns; C.C. MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie Zidane 5,000 gns; W.W. Dunlop & Son, Commonsides Zodiac 5,000 and Commonsides Zulu 5,000 gns; W. Graham & Son, Craigarroch Zola 5,000 gns.

Sale Statistics

	Count	Average (gns)	Top (gns)
In Calf Heifers	32	2,013	3,000
Bulling Heifers	82	1,685	3,600
Bulls	36	6,250	32,000
Grand Total	150	2,851	32,000

	Average (gns)	Top (gns)	Number Sold
Bulls	6250	32000	36
William Graham & Son, Craigarroch	16750	32000	4
T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse	8250	10000	2
Backmuir Trading Ltd, Backmuir	7933	10000	3
R & H McNee, Finlarg	7067	11000	3
AL AC McCall, Culmaily	5500	5500	1
W.W. Dunlop & Son, Commonsides	5000	5000	2
C.C. Macarthur & Co, Nunnerie	4800	5500	5
AJ Kennedy & Son, Mitchellhill	4500	5500	2
F. Scott Renwick, Lochbroom	4350	5500	2
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	4000	4000	3
B. Ridland, Silwick	4000	5000	2
Professor WA Penny, CBE, Harehead	3000	3500	2
John Lawrie (Tillyrie) Ltd, Tillyrie	3000	3000	1
EJ & AM Fox, College	3000	3000	1
McCaig Farms, Glenelrig	2800	2800	1
Mr. Watson Pringle, Rulevalley	2500	2500	1
D & A Barr, Milkieston	2000	2000	1
In-Calf Heifers	2013	3000	32
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	2682	3000	11
S. Murray, Rockcliffe	1711	2300	19
R & M Whiteford, Burnfoot	1200	1200	1
A & M Whiteford, Ulzieside	1200	1200	1
Bulling Heifers	1685	3600	82
D & A Barr, Milkieston	2567	3600	12
R & H McNee, Finlarg	2200	2400	4

W. Graham & Son, Craigdarroch	2200	2600	6
J. Loder, Upper Chatto	1753	3200	15
Professor WA Penny, CBE, Harehead	1475	2000	12
McCaig Farms, Glenelrig	1400	1400	2
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	1338	1400	8
C.C. Macarthur & Co, Nunnerie	1300	1400	7
R & M Whiteford, Burnfoot	1200	1200	2
L. Porritt, Lampert	1171	1300	14
Grand Total	2851	32000	150