

LUING CATTLE SOCIETY PREMIER SALE 2023

10th February – Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

The Luing Cattle Society held their annual PREMIER SALE on 10th February at Wallets Marts', Castle Douglas. Solid demand for good bulls into both commercial and pedigree herds resulted in an average of £7330, an increase of £768 on the year for 26 sold.



The pre-sale show of heifers, divided into bulling heifers and in-calf heifers, saw the father and daughter judging team of Sophie and Robert McCarlie of Wester Hassockrig, Shotts, choose a pair of bulling heifers consigned by William Graham & Sons, Craigdarroch as their winner of that section. This pair were both polled and sired by Craigdarroch Yoker, and were purchased by Jamie Gilchrist for Ettrickshaws, at £1732.

In calf heifers sold to a top of £3255 for a pair of heifers consigned by Robert McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale. This pair were summer 2020 born and sold in calf to Finlarg Viagra and Benhar Yankee, and were winners in their section in the pre-sale show. Purchaser for this pair EJ & A Fox, St Johns Kirk, Lanark. The in-calf heifers averaged £1835 for 36 sold, back £278 on the year.

The 60 bulling heifers sold to a top of £2,153 and averaged £1586. Craigdarroch sold 6 to average £1890, and to a top of £2,153 for a pair of spring 2021 born polled heifers by Kirkland Yorkie and Plenderleith Wizzard, selling to K. Park, Dalpeddar. McCaig Farms sold a pair of spring 2021 born heifers, both by Craigdarroch Wren, to Messrs Rennie, Attonburn for £1,785. D & A Barr sold 14 bulling heifers to a top of £1,995, averaging £1703 for the bunch. R & H McNee sold a pair of heifers at £1,680, while brother Andrew McNee sold a pair just behind at £1,628. AL & AC McCall, Golspie, averaged £1,575 for 6 spring born heifers, selling to a top of £1,680, which were purchased by Messrs Lamb, Girvan.

T. Renwick and Sons, Blackhouse had a tremendous sale, averaging an impressive £15,050 for 3 bulls presented. The best of this trio was Blackhouse Axel, a May 2021 born, Nunnerie Xenon son which went on to realise a sale topping £25,200. This heterozygous polled bull was keenly sought after as a stock bull, but ultimately went home to Nunnerie with Alistair and David MacArthur. The previous lot was Blackhouse Alonzo, also a heterozygous polled genotype, but this time sired by Craigdarroch Vinnie out of a Benhar Magnum daughter, selling for £15,750 to Paddy and Sheila Crerar, Newmains, Stenton, East Lothian for their Lammermuir herd. Completing the trio was Blackhouse Alba, also by Nunnerie Xenon, which reached £4,200, purchased by L. MacLean. William Graham & Son, Craigdarroch also had a good day's trade, selling 6 bulls to average £8,050. The top from this pen was Craigdarroch Alves, a homozygous polled Kirkland Yorkie son, and is away to pedigree cows at Incheoch, at £16,800. Billy Graham also sold another homozygous polled half brother to his pen leader, Craigdarroch Alonzo, for £8,000 to A. MacGregor, Allanfauld. Just a bid behind on £7,000, Graeme and Fiona Cakebread, Commonsides, took home



Lot 176 Blackhouse Axel 24,000 gns



Lot 175 Blackhouse Alonzo 15,000 gns

Craigdarroch Ace, this time by well known sire Plenderleith Wizzard. Alistair and David MacArthur, Nunnerie, sold their only entry, Nunnerie Aaron, a Harehead Walker son, for £11,550 to Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar. The late Prof Penny, Harehead sold two bulls, both by Finlargo Warrior, at £10,500 apiece, to Messrs Hyslop and Messrs Whiteford, Burnfoot, consecutively. Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar, sold away to a top of £9,450 for an early entry by Finlargo Viagra out of a Benhar Wrangler daughter, and this went home with EJ & A Fox, St Johns Kirk. Paddy Crerar recouped some of his earlier outlay selling Lammermuir Arthur, a roan coloured Nunnerie Rambo son for £8,400 to Harehead.



Lot 172 Craigdarroch Alves 16,000 gns

Other leading prices: W.W. Dunlop & Son, Commonsides £4,725 to J. Goodfellow; Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar £4,725, to J. Graham; R & H McNee, Finlargo £4,200 to R. Sutherland, Outchester Farms.

Sale Statistics

	Number	Average Price (gns)	Average Price (£)
Bulls	26	6981	7330
Luigo In-Calf Heifers	36	1747	1835
Luigo Bulling Heifers	60	1510	1586

	Average Price (gns)	Top (gns)	Average Price (£)	Top (£)	Number Sold
Bulls	6981	24000	7330	25200	26
T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse	14333	24000	15050	25200	3
C.C. MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie	11000	11000	11550	11550	1
Prof W.A. Penny, Harehead	10000	10000	10500	10500	2
Paddy Crerar, Lammermuir	8000	8000	8400	8400	1
William Graham & Son, Craigdarroch	7667	16000	8050	16800	6
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	5833	9000	6125	9450	3
W.W. Dunlop & Son, Commonsides	4167	4500	4375	4725	3
R & H McNee, Finlargo	4000	4000	4200	4200	3
D & A Barr, Milkieston	3250	3500	3413	3675	2
AC & AL McCall, Culmaily	2900	2900	3045	3045	1
McCaig Farms, Glenelrig	2100	2100	2205	2205	1
Luigo In-Calf Heifers	1747	3100	1835	3255	36
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	2364	3100	2482	3255	11
S. Murray, Rockcliffe	1583	2150	1663	2258	18
John Haley, Lochan	1200	1200	1260	1260	7
Luigo Bulling Heifers	1510	2050	1586	2153	60
William Graham & Son, Craigdarroch	1800	2050	1890	2153	6
McCaig Farms, Glenelrig	1700	1700	1785	1785	2

D & A Barr, Milkieston	1621	1900	1703	1995	14
R & H McNee, Finlarg	1600	1600	1680	1680	2
Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar	1550	1550	1628	1628	2
AC & AL McCall	1500	1600	1575	1680	6
Paddy Crerar, Lammermuir	1443	1500	1515	1575	7
Prof W.A. Penny, Harehead	1403	2000	1473	2100	18
John Haley, Lochan	1017	1050	1068	1103	3
Grand Total	2746	24000	2883	25200	122