

# LUING CATTLE SOCIETY AUTUMN BREEDING SALE

United Auctions, Stirling – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The Luing Cattle Society held their 50th Autumn Breeding Sale at United Auctions, Stirling, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, where a tremendous standard across all types were in demand, meeting a 100% clearance. The offering included consignments from regular consignors and two dispersals from Messrs Young, Balintore and Messrs Haley, Lochan, plus a batch of unregistered yearling heifers consigned by Dunalastair Estate, Pitlochry.

The top priced pair of heifers realised 3400 gns apiece, and were a pair of Sim-Luing in-calf heifers consigned by Andrew McNee and family from Woodend Farm, Armadale, West Lothian. This pair of 2 ½ yr old heifers by Finlurg Hendry, were purchased by Messers Thomson, Wester Tulloch, Midmar, Aberdeenshire. Robert McNee Ltd also sold their first Sim-Luing in-calf pair to a second top of 3100 gns and are also away to the same home. Messrs McNee, Woodend sold 12 to average 2992 gns, the top average of the day. Colin Little, East Bracklinn also sold 12 to average 2383 gns, and to a top of £3000 for a pair of heifers sired by Castle Rednock Innes, and due in March to a Limousin bull. Messrs McGowan, Dirnanean, sold 5 Sim-Luing in-calf heifers to an average of 2200 gns. Overall, 29 Sim-Luing in-calf heifers averaged 2603 gns, and increase of 415 gns on the year.



Champion Pair of In-Calf Heifers from Robert McNee Ltd – 3400 gns

A small consignment of registered Luing in-calf heifers (11) got the sale off to a flying start, with a consignment of 10 cracking heifers from Messrs Raper, Todholes, Otterburn, which averaged 2550 gns. This batch topped the section at 3000 gns for a pair of polled heifers by Culmally Sheamus, in calf to a homebred bull, and are away to Messrs Ingleby, Malling Farm, Stirling.

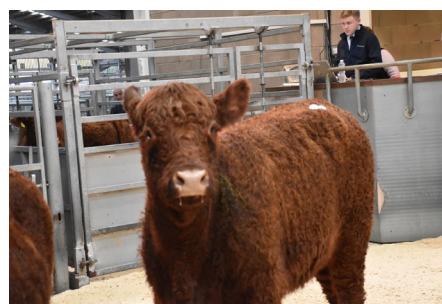
Luing bulling heifers were also up on the year, selling to a top of 2800 gns, and to average 1932 gns for 76 sold, an increase of 620 gns on the year. The top priced bulling heifer pair was consigned by C.C. MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie, and were sired by Harehead Walker. Nunnerie sold 13 heifers to average 2077 gns. Top average among the bulling heifers belonged to Messrs Renwick, Blackhouse who sold 11 to average 2482 gns and to a top of 2700 for their first pair sired by Finlurg Yukon, and purchased by Messrs Hunter, Dalchirla. Messrs Graham, Craigdarroch, sold 11 to average 2000 gns and to a top of 2500 gns for a trio sired by Harehead Yogi, who was purchased at the online sale held through Wallets Marts in February 2021 for 15,500 gns. David and Andrew Barr, Milkieston, also sold 11 to average an equivalent 2000 gns, selling to a top of 2200 gns for a trio of polled heifers, purchased by Messrs Clarkson, Woodlands, Biggar. Una Hodge, Kirkland, Kirkconnel sold 15 bulling heifers to average 1707 gns, and to a top of 2300 gns for her first pair sired by homebred Kirkland Yeoman.

A reduced number of Sim-Luing Bulling heifers were forward compared with the previous year (67), but the 2023 total (24) sold to average 1875 gns and to a top of 2650 gns, an increase of 555 gns on the year. Messers Halligan and Burke, Nether Stewarton, Peebles once again achieved the best average of this section, selling 5 to average 2280 gns and a top of 2650 gns for a pair, purchased by Messers Meiklem & Sons, Lochran, Blairadam, Kelty. Mrs C.M. Reid of Boreland Farm, Peebles, had the next best herd average at 1915 gns for a batch of 10 heifers, that topped 2050 gns for a trio of Teviot Glenfiddich sired heifers, which were purchased by Messrs Innes, Duncroft, Aberdeenshire. The remaining lots of Sim-Luing Bulling heifers were level and solid trade for smaller lots, topped by 4 heifers consigned by the Woodlands Trust (Janet Pringle) at 1800 gns.

The first of two dispersals, consigned by Chris Young of the Balintore prefix, dispersed their herd of Luing cows with calves at foot, and auctioneer Raymond Kennedy fielded brisk bidding for this well

bred group of 25 mixed age cows. The best of these was a 2018 born 4<sup>th</sup> calver with Benhar Woody sired steer calf foot, and back in calf to the same bull, selling to 2700 gns. In total 25 cows and calves sold to average 2050 gns, and 10 Luig bulling heifers sold to average 1560 gns, and to a top of 2000 gns.

The second dispersal, consigned by John Haley, Lochan, also enjoyed brisk trading, where 24 cows with spring born calves averaged 1937 gns, with a top of 2900 gns. The best of this herd was Floors X35, a 2018 born 4<sup>th</sup> calver with an april born heifer calf at foot by Kirkland Zavi, who went home with Messrs Laidlaw & Son, Craigannet Farm, Carronbridge.



Luig Bulling Heifer consigned by C.J. Young, Balintore.

A consignment of unregistered bulling heifers (eligible for registration) (11) from new vendors, Dunalastair Estate, Pitlochry, had a top of 1750 gns and averaged a pleasing 1614 gns for the batch, split between 4 different buyers.

## Summary and Averages

COLLECTIVE SALE	Average (gns)	Average (£)	Top (gns)	Number
<b>Luig In Calf Heifers</b>	<b>2495</b>	<b>2620</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>11</b>
Mr J Raper	2550	2678	3000	10
R & M Whiteford	1950	2048	1950	1
<b>Luig Bulling Heifers</b>	<b>1932</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2800</b>	<b>76</b>
Mr Billy Renwick	2482	2606	2700	11
Mr A J MacArthur	2077	2181	2800	13
Mr D. Barr	2000	2100	2200	11
Messrs W Graham & Son	2000	2100	2500	11
Mrs. U. Hodge	1707	1792	2300	15
Messrs A.R. Mundell & Son.	1600	1680	1600	3
Mr C J Young	1560	1638	2000	10
R & M Whiteford	1250	1313	1250	2
<b>Luig Yearling Heifers</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>11</b>
Mr N.H. Horsfall	805	846	850	11
<b>Registered Luig Cows</b>	<b>1233</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>3</b>
A & M Whiteford	1400	1470	1400	2
R & M Whiteford	900	945	900	1
<b>Sim Luig In Calf Heifers</b>	<b>2603</b>	<b>2734</b>	<b>3400</b>	<b>29</b>
Mr Andrew McNee	2992	3141	3400	12
Mr C Little	2383	2503	3000	12
Messrs Finlay McGowan	2200	2310	2200	5
<b>Sim Luig Bulling Heifers</b>	<b>1875</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>2650</b>	<b>24</b>
Mr M. Halligan	2280	2394	2650	5
Mrs C.M. Reid	1915	2011	2050	10
Mr C J Young	1900	1995	1900	1
The Woodlands Trust Scotland	1763	1851	1800	4
A & M Whiteford	1450	1523	1450	2
R & M Whiteford	1300	1365	1300	2

<b>Unregistered Luing Bulling Heifers</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1694</b>	<b>1750</b>	<b>11</b>
Dunalastair Estate	1614	1694	1750	11
				<b>165</b>

<b>DISPERSAL SALES</b>	<b>Average (gns)</b>	<b>Average (£)</b>	<b>Top (gns)</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Dispersal Luing Cows</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>2094</b>	<b>2900</b>	<b>49</b>
Mr C J Young	2050	2153	2700	25
Mr. J. Haley	1937	2034	2900	24
<b>Dispersal Luing In Calf Heifers</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>2065</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>3</b>
Mr. J. Haley	1967	2065	2000	3
				<b>52</b>