

LUING CATTLE SOCIETY

SPRING BREEDING SALE

Dingwall and Highland Mart – 15th May 2024

The Luing Cattle Society, in conjunction with Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd. (15th May) sold 85 pedigree and commercial Luing cattle at their 16th Annual Spring Breeding Sale. Trade was solid for a reduced number forward. Purchasers were geographically widely spread, with cattle going as far south as the north of England. The clearance rate was 85% averages for almost all classes were up on the year.



Reserve best pair of bulling heifers
– Kintail - £2835



Bulling Heifer Cup Winner – Rory
Cameron with judge, Euan Ferguson

Pedigree bulling heifers (60) averaged £2034, up £177 on the year, and sold to a top of £2835 on five occasions, the whole consignment of heifers from local breeder Graeme MacRae, Kintail, Mulbuie, all sired by Luing Yahoo, and all purchased by Jamie Gilchrist of Mulholland Contracting, Selkirk. The first pair of these was judged to be second best pair of bulling heifers in the pre-sale show, judged by Euan Ferguson, Kiltarlity. Best pair of Bulling heifers, was awarded to Rory Cameron, Monzie for a pair of Wooplaw Warlord sired roan heifers, which went on to realise £2205 apiece, selling to Messers Birnie, Guishachan. AC & AL McCall, Culmaily, averaged £2398 for 12 sold, and to a top



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of £2730. The best of these were a pair sired by Craigdarroch Texas and Finlargo Ziggy, and are away to Messrs Brims, Thruster Mains, Caithness. Next best were two pair at £2520, all being March 2022 born, sold to Messers Jardine, Dalbeattie, and the other pair will join their stablemates at Thruster Mains, Caithness. Messers Jardine also picked up a the first Culmaily pair, sired by Finlargo Ziggy and Harehead Xplorer, for £2415 apiece. Scott Renwick, Lochbroom sold 5 heifers to an average of £2069, and to a top of £2310, to Dalhanna Farming, Ayrshire, for a pair of April 2022 born polled heifers sired by Monzie Wolf and Commonsides Scania. Rory Cameron, Monzie, sold 10 heifers to average £1822, while David McLaughlin, sold 3 Finlargo Vegas heifers to an average of £2030 and a top of £2100. Gary MacKenzie, Fanblair sold 5 bulling heifers to average £2048, marginally up on the year previous.

Similarly, a small consignment of Sim-Luing bulling heifers sold to a top of £1890, consigned by AC & AL McCall. Trade for younger heifers was more selective with 5 registered yearling Luing heifers from 2 different consignors averaging £935, an increase of £37 on the year. Sim-Luing yearling heifers fared much better for 5 selling to average £1229 with a top of £1628 (Culmaily).

Bulls (3) sold to a top of £4410 and averaged £3570, which despite the reduced number forward and sold compared to the year previous, represented an increase of £432 on the year. Top priced bull, Altnaharra Bouncer, was consigned by P & A Bakker, Altnaharra, sired by Nunnerie Wanderer and out of Arisaig Tansy. This heterozygous polled red bull was purchased by S & L Dodd, Tundergarth Mains, Lockerbie for their Tundergarth Herd. Altnaharra Brutus changed hands outside the ring for £3150, to Messers MacKay. Another at £3150 was Monzie Belter, a heterozygous polled roan bull, which was purchased for pedigree work by C.C. MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie, Biggar.

Sale Statistics:

	Number	Top (£)	Average (£)	Average (gns)	Top (gns)
Luig Bulling Heifers	60	2835	2034	1937	2700
Mr Graeme MacRae	5	2835	2835	2700	2700
Mr A C McCall	12	2730	2398	2283	2600
Mr F.Scott Renwick	5	2310	2069	1970	2200
Mr Rory Cameron	10	2205	1822	1735	2100
Mr David J McLaughlin	3	2100	2030	1933	2000
Mr G. MacKenzie	5	2048	1943	1850	1950
Mr. S.A. Nairn	8	1995	1916	1825	1900
P & A Bakker	2	1943	1943	1850	1850
Mr Fraser MacNeil	2	1838	1706	1625	1750
Mrs C. Lamont	2	1628	1628	1550	1550
Mr J. Colston	4	1628	1601	1525	1550
Mr. R. Lockett	2	1208	1208	1150	1150
Luig Bulls	3	4410	3570	3400	4200
Messrs P & A Bakker	2	4410	3780	3600	4200
Mr Rory Cameron	1	3150	3150	3000	3000
Luig Cows	4	2205	2074	1975	2100
Mr G. MacKenzie	4	2205	2074	1975	2100
Luig Yearling Heifers	5	1208	935	890	1150
Mr F.Scott Renwick	1	1208	1208	1150	1150
Mr J. Colston	4	893	866	825	850
Sim-Luig Bulling Heifers	1	1890	1890	1800	1800
Mr A C McCall	1	1890	1890	1800	1800
Sim-Luig Yearling Heifers	5	1628	1229	1170	1550
Mr A C McCall	5	1628	1229	1170	1550
Crossbred Heifers	7	1943	1650	1571	1850
Mr A C McCall	3	1943	1470	1400	1850
D MacLaughlin	4	1785	1785	1700	1700
Grand Total	85				