

LUING CATTLE SOCIETY PREMIER SALE 2025

7th February – Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

The Luing Cattle Society held their annual PREMIER SALE on 7th February at Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas. Demand for both males and females exceeded expectations, and averages for all sections were up on the year. Heifers enjoyed a 100% clearance, while bulls averaged 8925 gns (£9371) for 16 sold, and a clearance of 80%.

The pre-sale show of heifers, divided into bulling heifers and in-calf heifers, saw judge Craig Hamilton, Allanton, Darvel, Ayrshire, choose a pair of bulling heifers consigned by D & A Barr, Milkieston. This May 2023 born pair, sired by Blackhouse Yarrow, were purchased by John Jardine, Fairgirth, Dalbeattie, for the day's top price females at 4100gns (£4305) apiece. The best pair of in-calf heifers were consigned by Robert McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale and were due to calve to Benhar Yankee, and purchased by Craig Hamilton, Allanton, for 3200gns (£3360).



Pre-Sale Show winning pair of in-calf heifers consigned by Robert McNee Ltd

Bulling heifers sold to an average of 2841 gns (£2983) for 32 sold, an increase of £364 on the previous year. C.C. MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie, achieved the best herd average among the bulling heifers, selling 4 to average 3350 gns (£3518), and to a top of 3400gns (£3570). D & A Barr, Milkieston sold 11 heifers to average 3209gns (£3370), for a level bunch of heifers, almost exclusively by Blackhouse Yarrow. Wm. Graham & Son, Craigdarroch, sold a run of 8 heifers to average 2625gns (£2756), and to a top of 2900gns (£3045) twice, both going home with David Hyslop, Kilbrook Farm.

In calf heifers sold to a top of 3700gns (£3885) for a pair of heifers consigned by Robert McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale. This summer 2022 born heifers sold in calf to Benhar Yankee and were purchased by K. Park & Sons, Dalpeddar. In-calf heifers averaged 2708gns for 24 sold, up £475 on the year.

A smaller selection of bulls saw a tremendous trade throughout, with 80% of the 20 forward finding new homes. Top price of 24,000gns (£25,200) went to Wm Graham & Son, Craigdarroch, for Craigdarroch Coe, a heterozygous polled son of Craigdarroch Alves, and out of a homebred daughter of Finlarg Nimrod. Craigdarroch Coe was purchased by Kedzie Farms Ltd, Galashiels, for use on pedigree cows in their Kedzie herd. Next top price was claimed jointly by C.C. MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie, and Wm Graham & Son, Craigdarroch at 13,000gns. The first to achieve this was Craigdarroch Craigie, a homozygous polled son of Kirkland Yorkie, who will travel all the way to Wales to join the herd of R.O. Williams & Son, Caerddaniel, Llanbaber. The second bull to achieve 13,000gns was Nunnerie Crusader, a May 2023 born son of Finlarg Tornado, who was purchased by Philip and Reece Simmers for their Backmuir herd in Aberdeenshire. RH Bell & Co, Plenderleith sold Plenderleith Colonel, a heterozygous polled Tillyrie Yemen son to John Lawrie (Tillyrie) Ltd, Kinross, who were buying back some of their own breeding for their



Lot 106 Craigdarroch Coe, 24,000gns, sold to Kedzie Farms Ltd



Lot 112 Craigdarroch Craigie, 13,000gns, sold to R.O. Williams



Lot 122 Nunnerie Crusader,
13,000gns, sold to Backmuir
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pedigree herd. Again at 11,000gns (£11,550) T. Renwick & Sons sold Blackhouse Cobra, by Nunnerie Xenon and out of a Craigdarroch Vinnie daughter, to Messrs Dodd, Lockerbie. Wm Graham & Son spent some of their income on Allanfauld Clansman, a heterozygous polled Harehead Yoyo son out of a Finlarg Wrangler daughter, going to 10,000gns (£10,500) to secure him. Nunnerie Caledonia, who goes back to the prolific Finlarg Tornado, realised 9,000 gns (£9,450), selling to the newly set up herd at Castlemilk Trust, Lockerbie. The last bull in the ring, and youngest in the catalogue, Benhar Cooper, was briskly bid to 8,000 gns (£8,400) and knocked down to David Stanners

for his Tynedale herd, at Hexham. Top herd average for bulls was Craigdarroch, selling two to average 18,500gns (£19425).

Other leading prices: AC & AL McCall, Culmally, 7500gns to Snaigow Farms, W.W. Dunlop & Son, Commonsides, 7000gns to D. Hyslop Farms, W.W. Dunlop & Son, Commonsides, 6,500 gns to Messrs Harrison; T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse, 5,500 gns to Clachan Farms; W. W. Dunlop & Son, Commonsides, 5000gns to R. Sutherland; Mrs Una Hodge, Kirkland, 4,800gns to E. Jones; Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar, 4,000gns to D & A Barr; F. Scott Renwick, Lochbroom 3,500gns to A. Pollock.



Lot 94 Plenderleith Colonel,
11,000gns, sold to John Lawrie



Lot 119 Blackhouse Cobra,
11,000gns, sold to Messrs Dodd



Lot 121 Allanfauld Clansman,
10,000gns, sold to Wm. Graham & Son

Sale Statistics

	No.	Average (Gns)	Top (Gns)	Change on the year
BULLS	16	8925	24000	+1093
Messrs W Graham & Son	2	18500	24000	
R.H. Bell & Co	1	11000	11000	
C.C. MacArthur & Co	2	11000	13000	
Mr A. MacGregor (Allanfauld)	1	10000	10000	
T. Renwick & Sons	2	8250	11000	
A.C. & A.L. McCall	1	7500	7500	
W.W. Dunlop & Son	3	6167	7000	
Robert McNee Ltd	2	6000	8000	
Mrs. U. Hodge	1	4800	4800	
Mr F. Scott Renwick	1	3500	3500	
LUING BULLING HEIFERS	32	2841	4100	+364
C.C. MacArthur & Co	4	3350	3400	
D & A Barr	11	3209	4100	
Messrs W Graham & Son	8	2625	2900	

Mrs. U. Hodge	5	2480	2600	
Ms L. Porritt	4	2200	2200	
LUING IN CALF HEIFERS	24	2708	3700	+475
Robert McNee Ltd	8	3475	3700	
Mr S. Murray	16	2325	2700	