

Thainstone - Aberdeen & Northern Marts (Thursday 5th March)

A Total of 54 Cast Cows & Prime cattle, 155 Sheep were forward from Caithness, Ross-Shire and Sutherland consignors with leading prices as follows: -

Cast Cows & Prime Cattle

“A greatly increased show of 223 cast cows and bulls easily maintained recent high rates despite there being a larger percentage of leaner cows forward. Well fleshed cows were once again short of requirements. The overall sale average was £967.80 which is £101 dearer than the same week last year.”

Beef Cows

Sold to 174.6p per Kg for a 650kg Aberdeen Angus cross from C R Munro, Balaldie, Fearn and £1,250 gross for a 895kg Aberdeen Angus from Mesr J A Ross (Rhynie) Ltd, Rhynie, Tain.

Leading Prices per Head

Rhynie (AAX) £1,250; South Balkieth, Tain (AAX) £1,230; Rhynie (Simx) £1,210; Rhynie (Sim) £1,170; Balaldie (AA) £1,150, £1,145; Balaldie (AAX) £1,235; Cyderhall (BSH) £1,085; Granton Mains, Bower (Sim) £935; Ha, Bowermadden (Simx) £755; Boulintogle, Scotscaldier (Limx) £725; 5 West Murkle, Thurso (Sim) £715; Raodside, Bilbster (HeX) £875.

Leading Prices per Kg

Balaldie (AA) 172.7p, 165.4p, 163.9p 160.1p; Rhynie (Sim) 167.1p, 152.3p, 150.3p; South Balkieth (AAX) 151p; Boulintogle (LimX) 139p; Roadside (HeX) 128.6p; Cyderhall (BSH) 122p.

Farrow Bulls

Sold to 123p per Kg for a 965kg Limousin Bull from Messrs D Miller, Buckies, Thurso and £1,230 gross for a 1,065kg Aberdeen Angus from James M Allan, Durran Mains, Castletown.

Leading Prices

Balaldie (AA) £1,050, 112.9p; Buckies (Lim) £1,190; Durran Mains (AA) 115p.

Prime Cattle (1)

Under 30months sold to 190p per kg and £1,111.50 for a 585kg Aberdeen Angus Cross Heifer from Mesr J A Ross, Rhynie, Fearn.

Sheep (155)

Prime Sheep

Old Season Lambs

Sold to 245p per kg for a pen of eight Cheviot Old Seasons Lambs from J & M Macdonald, Tormore, Dunbeath and £117 for 57kg Dorsets from D Darvill, Croft 2&7, Burnbank.

Leading Prices Per Head & Kg

Chv- Blairbuie £106, 243.5p; Cont- Rhynie Farm £97, 242.5p; ChvX-Cadbollmont Farm, Fearn £99, 235p; Chv- Tormore £95.

Feeding Ewes & Rams

Sold to £136.50 for Cheviot Ewes from J & M MacDonald, Tormore, Dunbeath.

Leading Prices Per Head

Chv-Rhynie £133; **Chv**- Dunbeath Estate £106.50; **Chv**- Armadale Farm £102.50; **Chv**-Tormore £97.

Tex Ram – Rhynie £131