CAITHNESS, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Monday 4th March 2024) Sold 741 Store Cattle.

Bullocks (391) averaged 329.1p (+23.4p on the year) and sold to 408.2p per kg for a pair of 343kg Charolais crosses from Sibmister, Castletown and £2,040 gross for a 748kg Charolais cross from Aimster, Thurso.

Aberdeen Angus Bullocks (67) averaged 326.3p (+23.4p on the year) and sold to 356.6p per kg for a 387kg from Greenvale, Dunnet and £1,810 gross for a 622kg from Latheron Mains, Latheron.

Heifers (268) averaged 322.1p (+32.2p on the year) and sold to 521p per kg and £2,850 gross for a 547kg Limousin from 3 Upper Dounreay.

Aberdeen Angus Heifers (15) averaged 278.8p and sold to 296.5p per kg for a pen of 452kg from Cruithni, Tofts and £1,540 gross for a 549kg from Blackpark, Watten.

"An outstanding and well-presented show of cattle met an buoyant trade to a busy ringside of buyers. Topping the sale today at £2,850 was an exceptional 547kg Limousin Cross Heifer from Mrs Shona Gunn, Upper Dounreay, Thurso to G & L Carrol, Aucharroch Farm, Kirkton of Kingorldrum. Topping the Bullocks at £2,040 was a 748kg Charolais from A Miller & Sons, Aimster, Thurso."

Leading prices per head and kg

Bullocks up to 300kg – Roadside, Auckengill (Limx) £980, 334.5p; 301-350kg – Sibmister, Castletown (Chax) £1,400, West Clyth, Occumster (Limx) 354.7p; 351-400kg –Sibmister (CHax) £1,510, Bardnaclavan, Bridge of Westfield (Chax) 382.7p; 401-450kg –Sibmister (Chax) £1,700, 382p; 451-500kg –Quarryside, Castletown (Limx) £1,620, Boulintogle, Scotscalder (Limx) 338.4p; 501-550kg – Gerston, Halkirk (Chax) £1,720, Aimster (Chax) 334.7p; 551-600kg – Aimster (Chax) £1,755, 312.8p; 601-650kg –Lythmore, Bridge of Westfield £1,850, 296p; 651-700kg – Brae Edge (Chax) £2,000 299.9p; 701-750kg – Aimster (Chax) £2,000, Hoy, Castletown (Chax) 277.7p.

Aberdeen-Angus Bullocks up to 400kg – Greenvale, Dunnet £1,380, 340.7p; **401-450kg –** Greenvale, Dunnet £1,490, 351.4p; **451-500kg –** Quoynee, Halkirk £1,565, 330.9p; **501-550kg –** Quoynee, Halkirk £1,560, Greenvale 289.8p; **551-600kg –** Latheron Mains £1,760, 298.3p.

Heifers up to 300kg – Myrelandhorn, Bower (Sim) £840, 290.7p; 301-350kg – Sibmister (Chax) £1,340 395p; 351-400kg – Sibmister (Chax) £1,450, Greenvale (Chax) 375.3p; 401-450kg – Sibmister (Chax) £1,600, Tormore, Dunbeath (Limx) 368.3p; 451-500kg – Roadside, Reiss (Limx) £1,670, 368.3p; 501-550kg – Folly Farm, Murkle (Chax) £1,590, 311.8p; 551-600kg – Aimster, Thurso (Chax) £1,785, Lythmore, Bridge of Westfield (Chax) 300.7p; 601-650kg – Aimster (Chax) £1,815, 299p; 651-700kg – Lythmore (Chax) £1,885, 288.7p.

Aberdeen-Angus Heifers up to 350kg – Folly Farm £850,276.9p; **351-400kg** – Folly Farm £1,060 284.2p; **451-500kg** – Blackpark, Watten £1,380, Cruithni, Tofts 296.5p; **501-550kg** – Blackpark £1,540, 281.4p; **551-600kg** – Cruithni £1,500, 265.5p.