

Quoybrae, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Monday 1st April) Sold 890 Store Cattle.

Bullocks (431) averaged 322.8p and sold to 391.3p per kg and £1,850 gross. For a 641kg British Blue Cross from J & R Allan, Gillock Mains, Gillock.

Aberdeen-Angus Bullocks (131) averaged 312.8p and sold to 347.3p per kg for 383kgs from Greenvale, Dunnet and £1,805 gross from 5 Upper Dounreay, Thurso.

Heifers (301) averaged 305.5p and sold to 401.4 per kg and £1,710 gross for a 426kg Limousin Cross from Dunbeath Farms, Dunbeath.

Aberdeen-Angus Heifers (33) averaged 275.5p and sold to 291.7p per kg from Inkstack (Mackenzie), Barrock and £1,650 gross for a 599kg from Kirkfield Farm, Castletown.

Champion in the Highland News & Media kindly sponsored show and sale was a 426kg Limousin Cross Heifer from Dunbeath Farms, Dunbeath and achieved £1,710. Reserve was a 641kg British Blue cross Heifer from J & R Allan, Gillock Mains, Gillock and sold for £1,850.

In the Young Farmers Show & Sale of Overwintered Cattle Kindly Sponsored by A H Mackay, West Greenland the Overall Champion was a 505kg Limousin Heifer from Hannah Levack, Dunbeath Mains and realised £3,600 to judge Angus Greenlaw, Sheep Park Farms, Bridge of Marnoch, Huntly. The Reserve Champion was a 501kg Limousin Heifer was also from Hannah Levack which sold for £3,000 to W Robertson & Son, Fodderletter, Tomintoul. Both Heifers were bred by U MacDonald, Lower Cairnglass, Ardersier.

The winner of the W & A Geddes Perpetual Trophy for the best Daily Live Weight Gain of 1.247kg per Day was for a 512kg Limousin Heifer from Sophie Gunn, The Shein. The Best Daily Liveweight gain Bullock of 1.213kgper day, the Highest Gross Margin Bullock and Best Paraded and Presented was a 532kg British Blue from Sophie Tucker, 21 Smith Terrace, Wick. The Best Gross Margin Heifer Section went to Katie Gunn, Shop Farm for a 501kg Limousin Heifer.

The Special Prize for best placed Charolais Cross Sired by a Registered Charolais Bull presented by the Scottish and Northern Charolais Club went to Sophie Gunn, The Shein, Hill of Forss.

“A Fantastic Show of Cattle were sold through Caithness Livestock Centre today with a buzzing ringside of buyers present for all classes. ”

Young Farmers Prize List

Class 1 - Unhalted Bullock

1st Lot 76 – Abbie Dunnet, Linkmoor 449kg, £1,560

Class 2 - Unhalted Heifer

- 1st Lot 78 – Katie Gunn, Shop Farm 471kg, £1,640
2nd Lot 77 – Wiliam Campbell, Heatherview 458kg £1,240

Class 3 - Haltered Bullock

- 1st Lot 80 Craig Gunn, Murza Farm 434kg, £1,580
2nd Lot 79 Alec Cormack, The Ha Durran 384kg, £1,340

Class 3A - Haltered Bullock

- 1st Lot 82 Sophie Tucker, 21 Smith Terrace 532kg £1,700
2nd Lot 81 Isla Mackay Strath Farm 503kg, £1,600

Class 4 - Haltered Heifer

- 1st Lot 85 William Campbell, Heatherview 494kg, £1,900
2nd Lot 84 Sophie Gunn, Hill of Forss 464kg, £1,530
3rd Lot 83 Sophie Tucker, 21 Smith Terrace 429kg, £1,600

Class 5 – Haltered Heifer

- 1st Lot 88 Hannah Levack, Dunbeath Mains 505kg, £3,600
2nd Lot 86 Hannah Levack, Dunbeath Mains 501kg, £3,000
3rd Lot 87 Katie Gunn, Shop Farm 501kg, £2,050
4th Lot 89 Sophie Gunn, The Shein 512kg, £1,580

Class 6 – Haltered Homebred Bullock

- 1st Lot 91 Kris Sutherland, Dunbeath Mains 426kg, £1,580

Class 7- Haltered Homebred Heifer

- 1st Lot 92 Kris Sutherland, Dunbeath Mains 421kg, £1,490
2nd Lot 93 Hannah Levack Dunbeath Mains 430kg, £1, 500

Champion – Lot 88 Hannah Levack, Dunbeath Mains
Reserve Champion – Lot 86, Hannah Levack, Dunbeath Mains
Homebred Champion- Lot 92 Kris Sutherland

Daily Liveweight Gain Bullock

- 1st Lot 82 Sophie Tucker 1.213kg
2nd Lot 81 Isla Mackay 1.189kg
3rd Lot 80 Craig Gunn Murza 0.960kg

Daily Liveweight Gain Heifer

- 1st Lot 89 Sophie Tucker 1.247kg
2nd Lot 86 Hannah Levack 1.225kg
3rd Lot 84 Sophie Gunn, The Shein 1.189kg

Gross Margin Bullock

- 1st – Lot 82 Sophie Tucker +£560
2nd – Lot 81 Alec Cormack +£500
3rd – Lot 80 Isla Mackay +£390

Gross Margin Heifer

- 1st Lot 87 Katie Gunn, Shop Farm +£840
2nd Lot 88 Hannah Levack, Dunbeath Mains +£800
3rd Lot 89 Sophie Gunn, The Shein +£660

Special Prize for the highest placed Charolais Cross Calf sired by a Registered Charolais Bull presented by the Scottish & Northern Charolais Club – Sophie Gunn, The Shein

Best Paraded and Presented Animal – Sophie Tucker, 21 Smith Terrace

Junior First Time Exhibitor - Katie Gunn The Shop Farm & Alec Cormack West Durran

Senior First Time Exhibitor – Craig Gunn Murza

Club Award- Bower

Open Prize List

Single Bullock

- 1st & Reserve Champion J & R Allan, Gillock Mains, Gillock 641kg, £1,850
2nd J & R Allan, Gillock Mains, Gillock 574kg £1,750

Single Heifer

- 1st & Champion – Dunbeath Farms 426kg £1,710
2nd I D Stewart Reisingill 409kg £1,540
3rd J M M MacBeath Folly Farm 408kg £1,470

Pair of Heifers

- 1st C C Mackenzie, Achalone 438kg £1,350

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Bullocks up to 300kg – Seaview, Oldwick(Simx) £700, 272.45p; **301-350kg** – Folly Farm, Murkle (Limx) £1,260, 391.3p; **351-400kg** – Ivordene, Janetstown (Chax) £1,440, Greenvale, Dunnet (Cha) 371.7p; **401-450kg** – Hillhead, Lybster (LimX) £1,520, 2 Forss, Thurso (Lim) 367p; **451-500kg** – Aimster, Thurso (Chax) £1,610, Forsie, Bridge of Westfield (Chax) 339.9p; **501-550kg** – Forsie (Chax) £1,640, Gerston, Halkirk (Chax) 313.3p; **551-600kg** – Gillock Mains (LimX) £1,750 304.9p; **601-650kg** – Upper Latheron, Latheron (Sal)

£1,790, Clachan, Mid-clyth (STX) 289p; **651-700kg** – 11 Lochend (Simx) £1,800, 269.9p.

Aberdeen-Angus & Native Cattle Bullocks up to 350kg – Clatequoy £1,130, 339.3p; **351-400kg** – 3 Lochend £1,348, Greenvale, Dunnet 347.3p;

401-450kg – 5 Lochend £1,470, Bardnaclavan 346.5p; **451-500kg** – Backlass £1,540, Inkstack 323.1p; **501-550kg** – Inkstack(MacKenzie) £1,580, Midtown, Freswick 308.4p; **551-600kg** – 5 Upper Dounreay £1,730, 290.3p; **601-700kg** – 5 Upper Dounreay £1,805, Kirkfield (AAX) 284.5p.

Heifers up to 250 Rhemullen (Limx) £690, 288.5p; **251-300kg** – Rhemullen, Dunbeath (LimX) £870, 294.9p; **301-350kg** – Greenvale Dunnet (ChaX) £1,060, Lynton Cottage, Ulbster (LimX) 318p; **351-400kg** – Aimster, Thurso (ChaX) £1,370, 360.5p; **401-450kg** – Reisgill (LimX) £1,540, 376.5p; **451-500kg** – Gerston, Halkirk (Chax) £1,560, Aimster, Thurso (ChaX) 332.2p; **501-550kg** – Glengolly Farm, Glengolly (Chax) £1,540, Quoynee, Halkirk (ChaX) 296p; **551-600kg** – Forsie (Chax) £1,690, 296.5p; **601-650kg** – Alterwall, Lyth (SimX) £1,700, 272.4p.

Aberdeen-Angus Heifers up to 300kg – Folly Farm £660, 235.7p; **301-350kg** – 3 Lochend, Barrock £820, Folly Farm 243.5p; **351-400kg** – Inkstack,(MacKenzie) Barrock £1,050, 291.7p; **401-450kg** – Inkstack £1,250, 3 Lochend 277.9p; **451-500kg** – 5 Lochend £1,320, 277.7p; **551-600kg** – Kirkfield, Castletown £1,650, 275.5p.