

LUING CATTLE SOCIETY PREMIER SALE 2024

9th February – Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

The Luing Cattle Society held their annual PREMIER SALE on 9th February at Wallets Marts', Castle Douglas. Excellent demand for all bulls into both commercial and pedigree herds resulted in an average of £7832, an increase of £502 on the year for 22 sold and a clearance of 96%.

The pre-sale show of heifers, divided into bulling heifers and in-calf heifers, saw judge Jamie Gilchrist, Ettrickshaws, Selkirk, choose a pair of bulling heifers consigned by D & A Barr, Milkieston. This pair were both polled and sired by Benhar Tweed, and were purchased by Messrs A.C. Burke and M. Halligan, Peebles for £2940 apiece. Top price bulling heifers were consigned by Wm Graham & Son, Craigdarroch, realising £4410 apiece for a pair that went home to Dalchirla Farms, Crieff. Craigdarroch sold 6 bulling heifers to a top average of £3955 and all were purchased by Dalchirla Farms. D & A Barr sold 13 to a top of £2940 and an average of £2512. Milkieston's equal top priced pair at £2940 sold to David Clarkson, Lanarkshire. Neil Anderson, Harehead sold all 22 forward to a top of £2625 and to average £2339 for the level bunch. Forty-seven bulling heifers sold to average £2474, and increase of £889 on the year.



Pre-Sale Show winning pair of bulling heifers consigned by D & A Barr, Milkieston



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

In calf heifers sold to a top of £3780 for a single heifer consigned by Robert McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale. This summer 2021 born heifer by Lammermuir Tremendous sold in calf to Benhar Adonis and goes home with Allanton Farming, Ayrshire. Robert McNee Ltd won the pre-sale show with a pair of polled heifers by Milkieston Xavi, which realised £2625 apiece. In-calf heifers averaged £2233 for 19 sold, up £398 on the year.

Bulls were a tremendous trade throughout, with 96% of the 23 forward finding new homes. Joint top price of £18,900 went to Wm Graham & Son, Craigdarroch and T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse.



Craigdarroch Becks £18,900 sold to Kedzlie Farms Ltd, Galashiels



Blackhouse Bunde-Aki £18,900 sold to David Harker, Cumbria

First to realise this price was Craigdarroch Becks, a heterozygous polled March 2022 born son of Harehead Yogi, which sold to Kedzlie Farms Ltd, Galashiels. T. Renwick & Sons waited until the last bull of the sale to sell Blackhouse Bunde-Aki, also a heterozygous polled, slightly later born son of Nunnerie Xenon, and last bidder on this one was David Harker, Carnforth for some pedigree work.



Craigdarroch Banksy £17,850 sold to Hindmarsh Partners, Rochester



Nunnerie Buzzard £10,500 to AC & AL McCall, Culmaily

Wm Graham & Sons also sold Craigdarroch Banksy, a homozygous polled Kirkland Yorkie son, for £17,850 to Hindmarsh Partners, Rochester, Northumberland for their Carter herd. C.C. MacArthur & Co sold Nunnerie Buzzard, by prolific sire Finlarg Tornado to AC & AL McCall, for their Culmaily Herd, at £10,500. AC & AL McCall were also in selling mode, getting Culmaily Brora away at £9450 to R & H McNee, Over Finlarg who were buying back some of their own breeding. A second £9450 price tag was on Robert McNee Ltd's Benhar Blacksmith, by homebred Benhar Zephyr, and goes home with Neil Anderson, Harehead. Next best was again Wm Graham & Son's Craigdarroch Bud, another homozygous polled son of Kirkland Yorkie, selling for £8400 to Drannadow Farms, Newton Stewart. Realising an equal amount was Commonsides Brigadier, consigned by W.W. Dunlop & Son. Brigadier, by Nunnerie Vegas, is a heterozygous polled March 2022 born calf that goes home with L.E. Porrit, The Lampert, Brampton. Top herd average was Craigdarroch with an average of £12,469 for 4 sold.

Other leading prices: Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar, Benhar Bandit £6,825 to Philip Simmers; C.C. MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie, Nunnerie Brodie £6,510 to G. Burnett; Kirkland Farming, Kirkland Buster £6,510 to Bainbridge Farms; T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse, Blackhouse Beauden £6,300 to W.W. Dunlop & Sons; T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse, Blackhouse Bob £5,250 to K.A. Mundell; R.H. Bell & Co., Plenderleith, Plenderleith Banker £5,040 to JC Helm.



Culmaily Brora £9450 to R & H McNee, Over Finlarg



Benhar Blacksmith £9,450 sold to the Late W.A. Penny OBE, Harehead



Commonsides Brigadier £8,400 sold to L.E. Porrit, The Lampert, Brampton

Sale Statistics

	Average (gns)	Top (Gns)	Number	Average (£)	Top (£)
Bulls	7459	18000	22	7832	18900
Messrs W Graham & Son	11875	18000	4	12469	18900
T. Renwick & Sons	8375	18000	4	8794	18900
C.C. MacArthur & Co.	8100	10000	2	8505	10500
W.W. Dunlop & Son	8000	8000	1	8400	8400

AC & AL McCall	6600	9000	2	6930	9450
Robert Mc Nee Ltd	6500	9000	3	6825	9450
Mrs. U. Hodge	6200	6200	1	6510	6510
Mr R.H. Bell	4800	4800	1	5040	5040
Messrs A&D Barr	4200	4200	1	4410	4410
B Ridland Ltd	4000	4000	1	4200	4200
Professor W A Penny CBE	3500	4000	2	3675	4200
<hr/> Luing In-Calf Heifers	2126	3600	19	2233	3780
Mr Andrew Mc Nee	2643	3600	7	2775	3780
Mr S. Murray	1825	2100	12	1916	2205
<hr/> Luing Bulling Heifers	2356	4200	47	2474	4410
Messrs W Graham & Son	3767	4200	6	3955	4410
Mr D. Barr	2392	2800	13	2512	2940
Professor W A Penny CBE	2227	2500	22	2339	2625
Mr. James McCaig (Per S. McKinnon)	1342	1400	6	1409	1470