

LUING CATTLE SOCIETY

AUTUMN BREEDING SALE

United Auctions, Stirling – 26th October 2024

The Luing Cattle Society held their 51st Autumn Breeding Sale at United Auctions, Stirling, on Saturday 26th October, where a good standard across all types were in demand. The offering included consignments from regular consignors plus some new vendors and a batch of 28 of B register heifers consigned by Dunalastair Estate, Pitlochry.

The top priced heifer realised 3200 gns, and was a single Sim-Luing in-calf heifer consigned by Andrew McNee and family from Woodend Farm, Armadale, West Lothian. This stylish 2 ½ yr old heifer by Coltfoot Karl, was purchased by regular buyer Messers Thomson, Wester Tulloch, Midmar, Aberdeenshire. Robert McNee Ltd also sold their first Sim-Luing in-calf pair to a second top of 2700 gns and are also away to the same home. Messrs McNee, Woodend sold 10 to average 2640 gns, the top average of the day. Colin Little, East Bracklinn sold 15 Sim-Luing in-calf heifers to average 2387 gns, and to a top of 2600gns for a single of heifer sired by a homebred sire East Bracklinn Lenny, and due in March to a Limousin bull. Messrs McGowan, Incheoch, sold 6 Sim-Luing in-calf heifers to an average of 2200 gns. Overall, 39 Sim-Luing in-calf heifers averaged 2413 gns, and a decrease of 190 gns on the year for 10 more sold.



Top price In-Calf Heifer from Robert McNee Ltd – 3200 gns

A small consignment of registered Luing in-calf heifers (14) got the sale off to a solid start, with a consignment of 9 cracking heifers from Messrs Raper, Todholes, Otterburn, which averaged 2600 gns, an increase of 50gns on the year for this consignor. This batch topped the section at 2900 gns for a pair of polled heifers by Harehead Texas, in calf to a homebred bull, and are away to Jamie Gilchrist of Mulholland Contracting, Ettrickshaws, Selkirk.

Luing bulling heifers, although slightly back on the year (-293 gns), sold to a top of 2500 gns, and to average 1936 gns for 94 sold, 18 more than last year. The top priced bulling heifer pair was consigned by T. Renwick & Sons, Blackhouse, and were sired by Nunnerie Xenon, realising 2500gns and purchased by Dalchirla Farms, Crieff. Top average among the bulling heifers belonged to Messrs Renwick, Blackhouse who sold 11 to average 1936 gns. Messrs A. Kennedy sold 10 heifers to average 1405 gns, and to a top of 1900 gns. First time vendor, John MacGregor, Allanfauld, sold three level heifers for the second best average among this class at 1900gns, all going home with Shona Peterson, Scammadale Farm, Kilniver. Mrs Una Hodge, Kirkland and C.C. MacArthur & Co, Nunnerie both had top prices of 1900gns for their respective lots. Una Hodge sold 10 to average 1700 gns, while Alastair and David MacArthur sold 18 to average 1778 gns. Long time supporters of this sale, Messrs Graham, Craigdarroch, sold 11 to average 1636 gns and to a top of 1800 gns for a trio purchased by Messrs Anderson & Son, Priestthaugh, Hawick. David and Andrew Barr, Milkieron, sold 13 to average 1604 gns, selling to a top of 1700 gns for a trio of heifers, sired by Harehead Xpoert and purchased by the same buyer as last year, Messrs Clarkson, Woodlands, Biggar.

A similar number of Sim-Luing bulling heifers were forward compared with the previous year (25), and sold to average 1678 gns and to a top of 2000 gns, back 207 gns on the year. Messrs Halligan and Burke, Nether Stewarton, Peebles once again achieved the best average of this section, selling 6 to average 1958 gns and a top of 2000 gns for four of the six, purchased by Hugh Stewart, Hatton of Newtyle, Blairgowrie. Mrs C.M. Reid of Boreland Farm, Peebles, had the next best herd average at 1750 gns for a batch of 9 heifers, that topped 1800 gns for two pair of Teviot Glenfiddich sired heifers, which were all purchased by Messrs Wight, Midlock, Biggar. RH Bell, Plenderleith returned to selling at this sale, with a batch of 8 heifers by a homebred bull Teviot Jupiter, to a top of 1800 gns and to

average 1531 gns. The remaining lots of Sim-Luing Bulling heifers were level and solid trade for smaller lots, topped by 2 heifers consigned by the A & M Whiteford at 1100 gns.

A consignment of B Registered bulling heifers (28), from Dunalastair Estate, Pitlochry, had a top of 1550 gns and averaged 1118 gns for the batch. A small consignment of purebred yearling heifers (11) from regular consignors N.H. Horsfall, Rannoch, averaged 950 gns, an increase of 145gns on the year, and all went to the same buyer.

A small number of crossbred heifers were also sold during the sale, and were topped by a pair of Simmental crosses out of Luing cross cows, scanned in calf to a Limousin bull due March 2025, realising 2400 gns, to Messrs Rogerson, Maisongill, Appleby.

Summary and Averages

| | Top (gns) | Top (£) | Average (Gns) | Average (£) | No. |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| B REGISTER HEIFERS | 1550 | 1628 | 1118 | 1173 | 28 |
| Dunalastair Estate | 1550 | 1628 | 1118 | 1173 | 28 |
| CROSSBRED HEIFERS - BULLING HEIFERS | 1000 | 1050 | 933 | 980 | 3 |
| Woodland Trust Scotland | 1000 | 1050 | 933 | 980 | 3 |
| CROSSBRED HEIFERS - IN CALF HEIFERS | 2400 | 2520 | 2000 | 2100 | 3 |
| Woodland Trust Scotland | 2400 | 2520 | 2200 | 2310 | 2 |
| Mr J Raper | 1600 | 1680 | 1600 | 1680 | 1 |
| LUING BULLING HEIFERS | 2500 | 2625 | 1639 | 1721 | 94 |
| T Renwick & Sons | 2500 | 2625 | 1936 | 2033 | 11 |
| Mr A Kennedy & Son | 1900 | 1995 | 1405 | 1475 | 10 |
| Mrs. U. Hodge | 1900 | 1995 | 1700 | 1785 | 12 |
| C.C MacArthur & Co | 1900 | 1995 | 1778 | 1867 | 18 |
| Mr A. MacGregor (Allanfauld) | 1900 | 1995 | 1900 | 1995 | 3 |
| Messrs W Graham & Son | 1800 | 1890 | 1636 | 1718 | 11 |
| D. & A. Barr | 1700 | 1785 | 1604 | 1684 | 13 |
| John Lawrie (Tillyrie) Ltd | 1500 | 1575 | 1500 | 1575 | 7 |
| Messrs R.H. Bell | 1400 | 1470 | 1400 | 1470 | 4 |
| Messrs A.R. Mundell & Son. | 1300 | 1365 | 1140 | 1197 | 5 |
| LUING IN CALF HEIFERS | 2900 | 3045 | 2314 | 2430 | 14 |
| Mr J Raper | 2900 | 3045 | 2600 | 2730 | 9 |
| R & M Whiteford | 2000 | 2100 | 1800 | 1890 | 5 |
| LUING YEARLING HEIFERS | 950 | 998 | 950 | 998 | 11 |
| Mr N.H. Horsfall | 950 | 998 | 950 | 998 | 11 |
| SIM LUING BULLING HEIFERS | 2000 | 2100 | 1678 | 1762 | 25 |
| Messrs Halligan & Burke | 2000 | 2100 | 1958 | 2056 | 6 |
| Mrs C.M. Reid | 1800 | 1890 | 1750 | 1838 | 9 |
| Messrs R.H. Bell | 1800 | 1890 | 1531 | 1608 | 8 |
| A & M Whiteford | 1100 | 1155 | 1100 | 1155 | 2 |
| SIM LUING IN CALF HEIFERS | 3200 | 3360 | 2413 | 2533 | 39 |
| Mr Andrew McNee | 3200 | 3360 | 2640 | 2772 | 10 |
| Mr C Little | 2600 | 2730 | 2387 | 2506 | 15 |
| Messrs Finlay McGowan | 2500 | 2625 | 2200 | 2310 | 6 |
| Mr Peter McDiarmid & Co | 2500 | 2625 | 2400 | 2520 | 2 |
| The Woodlands Trust Scotland | 2400 | 2520 | 2317 | 2433 | 6 |