CAST COWS AND BULLS

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 12th September) Sold 179 Cows and Bulls to average £1,483.94 and 204p per kg.

Beef Finished Cows (62) averaged £1,796.69 and sold to £2,310 for a 948kg Charolais Cross from Norton, Dounby.

Beef Feeding Cows (76) averaged £1,342.89 and sold to £1750 for a 666kg Aberdeen Angus from Milton of Collieston, Ellon.

Boning Cows (15) averaged £667.66 and sold to £990 for a 610kg Hereford Cross.

Dairy Cows (13) averaged £1,143.46 and sold to £1,690 for a 804kg Fleckvieh Cross from Flotterston, House.

Bulls (13) averaged £2,181.66 and sold to £2,610 for a 1,135kg Limousin from Crichie, Inverurie.

"A smaller show of 179 cast cows and bulls easily maintained recent high rates topping at £2610 for a Limousin Bull scaling 1135kgs from Crichie, Inverurie. Cast cows were a plainer quality show and topped at £2310 for a Charolais cow from Norton, Dounby. With greatly increased competition round the ringside, especially for cast bulls, more numbers are required."

Leading Prices per Head

Beef Finished Cows: Sauchenbush, Echt (AAX), Middle Drimmie, Rattray (Cha) £2,290; Winnyhaugh, Garmouth (LimX) £2,250; Sauchenbush (SimX) £2,190; Crossroads Farm, Rothiemay (LimX) £2,170; Middle Drimmie (Cha) £2,150; Pennan Road, Ellon (Lim) £2,130

Beef Feeding Cows: Huntly Lodge (SimX) £1,590; Aimster, Thurso (Sim) £1,585; Seaview, Oldwick (SimX) £1,570; Burness, Firth (AAX) £1,550; How, Sanday (AAX) £1,510; Aimster (SimX) £1,495; Milton of Collieston (AA) £1,490 **Dairy Cows:** Berriedale, South Ronaldsay (HF) £1,570, £1,290, £1,270

Bulls: Westfield, Stromness (AA) £2,370; Grantown Mains, Bower (Sim), Upperton, Fyvie (AA) £2,270; Flotterston House (FLK) £2,170; Sanside Farms (AA), Burnside of Tynet, Clochan (Sim) £2,110