CAST COWS AND BULLS

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 10th October) Sold 245 Cows and Bulls to average £1517.82 or 202p pk.

Beef Finished Cows (97) averaged £1711.03 and sold to £2340 for an 876kg Limousin from Odmoston Farm, Laurencekirk.

Beef Feeding Cows (113) averaged £1338.05 and sold to £1650 for a 746kg Simmental Cross from Acrestrype, Auchterless.

Boning Cows (11) averaged £779.09 and sold to £890.

Dairy Cows (4) averaged £1311.25 and sold to £1525 for a 790kg British Friesian from Cleat Work Road, St Ola.

Bulls (20) averaged £2018.09 and sold to £2410 for a 1265kg Beef Shorthorn from Nearhouse, Tankerness.

"An increased show of 246 cast cows and bulls were presented to the usual ringside of bidders on Thursday at Thainstone. Trade was better than anticipated despite it being a plainer quality show throughout. The sale topped at £2410 for a Beef Shorthorn bull from Nearhouse, Tankerness whilst cows topped at £2340 (267ppk) for a Limousin from Odmoston, Laurencekirk. 225 cows averaged 202.6ppk or £1468.22 per head whilst 20 cast bulls averaged 192ppk or £2044 per head."

Leading Prices per Head

Beef Finished Cows: Drumforber, Laurencekirk (Lim), Wedderburn, Bainshole £2240; Deecastle, Dinnet (AAX) £2190; Plewlands, Duffus (BSHX) £2130; Pitmedden Lodge, Dyce (AAX) £2050; Wedderburn (Lim) £2040; Coleburn Farm, Longmorn (SimX) £2030.

Beef Feeding Cows: Roadside, Kirk (SimX) £1585; Haster Farm, Wick (SimX) £1570; Birkenburn, Keith (BSHX), Sandwick House, St Margarets Hope (LimX) £1570; Midbigging, Toab (LimX), Clunycrichton, Banchory (LimX), Cott Farm, Rendall (LimX), Auchorties, Keith (Sim) £1550; Clunycrichton (SimX) £1545.

Dairy Cows: Cleat Work Road (BF) £1470, (HF) £1145, £1105.

Bulls: Carron Mains (BRB) £2370; Beech Croft, Fyvie (AA) £2290; Newton of Mountblairy, Banff (Sim) £2270; Broomknowe Farm, Brechin (Sim), 11 Lochend, Castletown (SimX) £2240.