CAST COWS AND BULLS

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 31st October) Sold 225 Cows and Bulls to average £1506.87 or 202ppk.

Beef Finished Cows (88) averaged £1754.94 and sold to £2270 for a 902kg Limousin from North Lurg, Midmar.

Beef Feeding Cows (98) averaged £1282.24 and sold to £1590 for a 774kg British Blue Cross from 15 Hougharry & Ard An Runair, North Uist.

Boning Cows (16) averaged £715.62 and sold to £910.

Bulls (23) averaged £2065.22 and sold to £2720 for a 1190kg Limousin from Coleburn Farm, Longmorn.

"Once again numbers fell way short of buyer's requirements here at Thainstone when we sold 225 cast cows and bulls at our weekly sale. Cows in general were a plainer show on the week but this did not reflect on the trade. Topping the cow section at £2270 was a 902kg Limousin from North Lurg, Midmar whilst top price per kg was 277.8p to Messrs Duncan, St Sairs, Colpy for a Limousin Cross. Overall average for cows was £1440.33 or 201.4p per kg. A larger show of 23 cast bulls met an animated demand once again topping at £2720 for 1190kg Limousin from Coleburn Farm. Top price per Kg 248.4p paid to Cairness Ltd for a Limousin. Average price was £2065.22 or 201.4p per kg "

Leading Prices per Head

Beef Finished Cows: Mains of Elrick, Auchnagatt (Lim) £2240, £2210; South Road, Insch (Cha) £2190; Tullywhanland Farm, Aberlemno (Lim) £2190; Mains of Elrick (Lim) £2170; Tullywhanland Farm (LimX) £2150

Beef Feeding Cows: Crannabog, Rothienorman (LimX), Longhill, Crimond (ChaX) £1570; Bridal Way, Upper Gills (BBX) £1550; Greystone, Peterhead (LimX), Karinya, Dounby (SimX), Prettycur Farms, Hillside (AA) £1530; Aldie Farm, Hartfield Road (BSHX) £1515.

Bulls: Glasslaw, Dunnottar (Lim) £2640; Cluseburn, Inverbervie (Cha), South Cranna Farm, Aberchirder (Lim) £2390; Strathorn, Pitcaple (AA) £2370; Bankhead, Clatt (Cha) £2340; Homefarm, Cairness (Lim) £2310; Edinbanchory, Kildrummy (Lim) £2290.