CAST COWS AND BULLS

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 7th November) Sold 342 Cows and Bulls to average £1432.75 or 196ppk.

Beef Finished Cows (143) averaged £1736.95 and sold to £2240 for a 1078kg Simmental from Backley, Pitcaple.

Beef Feeding Cows (143) averaged £1248.56 and sold to £1570 for a 680kg Limousin Cross from Messigate Farm, Tankerness.

Boning Cows (31) averaged £722.90 and sold to £970.

Dairy Cows (13) averaged £1080.76 and sold to £1530 for an 850kg Holstein Fresian from Berriedale, South Ronaldsay.

Bulls (12) averaged £2217.50 and sold to £2690 for a 1000kg Charolais from Firhills Farm, Arbroth.

"At their weekly sale on Thursday, Aberdeen and Northern Marts had their busiest show of cast cows this season so far when they sold 342 head. Despite this greatly increased number, trade was as strong as ever with cows topping at £2240 for a Simmental from Backley, Pitcaple. Top price per kg was 275p per kg to Netherton, Holm for an Aberdeen Angus. 334 cows averaged 195.6ppk or £1405.08 per head. Cast bulls were once again centre stage for trade with 13 bulls topping at £2690 or 269p per kg and averaging £2217.50 or 205p per kg. With current demand round the ringside here at Thainstone more numbers are required on a weekly basis."

Leading Prices per Head

Beef Finished Cows: Essil, Garmouth (SaX) £2190; Firhills Farm, Arbroath (Cha), South Mains of Tillymorgan, Culsalmond (Cha) £2170; Findowrie, Brechin (SimX), Achdregnie, Glenlivet (LimX) £2090; Achdregnie (LimX), Firhills Farm (Cha), Berryleys Grange (Sim), Rattar Mains, Dunnet (AAX) £2070 Beef Feeding Cows: Calier, Auchnarrow (BB) £1565; Tullo of Carvock, Laurencekirk (SimX), (LimX), Ardlair, Strachan (SimX), Hougharry & Ard An Runair, North Uist (LimX) £1550; Clunycrichton, Banchory (SimX), Calier (LimX) £1510; Greenvale, Dunnet (SimX) £1495

Dairy Cows: Berriedale (HF) £1265, £1230; Mains of Elrick, Auchnagatt (HF) £1210; Newton Dee, Camphill (BFX) £1090; Berriedale (HF) £1045, £1035, £1025 (x2)

Bulls: Meikle Camaloun, Fyvie (Lim) £2510; Upper Tillenhilt, Midmar (Cha) £2410; Weets, Wardhouse (LimX) £2390; Loanend, Lumphanan (Cha), Tullochgribban Mains, Dulnain Bridge (Sim), Meikle Camaloun (Lim) (x2) £2340; Cluseburn, Inverbervie (Cha) £2270