CAST COWS AND BULLS

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 12th December) Sold 367 Cows and Bulls to average £1616.97 or 220ppk

Beef Finished Cows (169) averaged £1954.29 and sold to £3000 for a 1010kg Limousin from West Knock, Mintlaw.

Beef Feeding Cows (141) averaged £1403.15 and sold to £1990 for a 642kg Salers Cross from Scatsta Brae.

Boning Cows (30) averaged £773.33 and sold to £1070.

Dairy Cows (13) averaged £1173.85 and sold to £1610 for an 8258kg Holstein Friesian from Burgar Evie.

Bulls (14) averaged £1917.86 and sold to £2510 for a 1220 kg Limousin from Aucharroch Farm, Kirkton of Kingolddrum.

"A large show of 367 cows and bulls sold dearer on the week with new buyers in attendance. An overall sale average of £1616.97 or 220ppk was achieved.

Thainstone held its first ever Christmas show and sale of cast cows this Thursday the 12th of December with a fantastic entry of 40 cows forward. Today's judge was a well-known face within the cow ring, Mr Nigel Cumming, Scotbeef, Inverurie and the sponsors were Towns and Carnie."

The results were as follows:

Champion Cow – West Knock, 1010kg Pure Limousin £3000

Pure-bred Cow -

1st West Knock, 1010kg Pure Limousin £3000 2nd West Knock, 900kg Pure Limousin £2600 3rd G Dinnie Bridgeton, 928kg Pure Blue £2850

Continental Cow -

1st Smallburn Farms 916kg Simmental Cross £2550 2nd Innes Farms Cairnhill 972kg Simmental Cross £2340 3rd N Meldrum, Shenval 822kg Limousin Cross £2340

Native Cow -

1st Smallburn Farms 1070kg Aberdeen Angus Cross £2550 2nd C Smith, Bogentassie 972kg Aberdeen Angus Cross £2480 3rd N A Wattie, Mains of Tonley 1008kg Aberdeen Angus £2310

Leading Prices per Head

Beef Finished Cows: Bridgeton, Muir of Fowlis (BRB) £2850; Plewlands, Duffus (BRBX) £2650; Inverlochy Farm, Tomintoul (CH) £2640; West Knock, Mintlaw (LIM) £2600; Cotton of Overstone, Kirkbuddo (CH) £2580.

Beef Feeding Cows: Westerton, Echt (LimX) £1740; Hillhead, Lybster (SimX) £1740; Diamonds, Deerness (BRBX) £1730; 50 Balgarva, Eochar (SimX) £1710; Hillhead (SimX) £1705.

Dairy Cows: Quendale, Dunrossness (HF) £1570, (FKV) £1570, (HF) £1490; Burgar Evie (HF) £1490; Hindstones, New Aberdour (HF) £1250

Bulls: Wardes, Kintore (Lim) £2410; Scotston, Insch (Sim) £2340; Sunnyside, Meikle Wartle (Sim) £2310; Sherriffseat, Aberirder (BSH) £2240; Riverstone, Kinnoir (AA) £2140; Connachie Kellas (Sim) £2070.