



WALLETS MARTS CASTLE DOUGLAS LIMITED
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018
53RD ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF REGISTERED LUING CATTLE

WALLETS MARTS Castle Douglas Limited staged the 53rd Premier Sale of Pedigree Luing Cattle at Castle Douglas Auction Mart on Friday 9th February 2018.

A packed ringside of both commercial and pedigree breeders witnessed a flying trade through the whole sale with all classes of cattle being well up on the year. At the pre-sale show of heifers the Judge, Mr Douglas McFadzean of Balado Farm South, Balado, Kinross awarded the Champion In-Calf heifer prize to a pair of heifers shown by Stephen Murray from the Rockcliffe herd at Kirkbean. In-Calf to Benhar Sheriff they made 2,300gns to Sophie McCarlie, Hassockrigg Farm, Harthill. Reserve Champions were a pair from R. McNee, Benhar which sold for 2,500gns to Messrs C M Reid, Boreland, Eddleston. Top price in the In-Calf section was 2,700gns paid again to Messrs McNee, Benhar, this time by Messrs Burke, Nether Stewarton, Peebles. Averages increased by £326 to level at £2,355.73 for 31 sold. Champion pair of bulling heifers were from Professor Penny, Harehead which sold for 1,900gns to Messrs Burke, Peebles. Reserve Champions were from D & A Barr, Milkieston which sold for 2,350gns to the same buyer. This was followed at 2,300gns for a pair from Messrs Cadzow Bros, selling to Messrs Fenwick from Powys. 98 Bulling heifers sold averaged £1,538.27 a rise of £228 on the year.

Bulls were probably one of the best quality shows to be seen at this event in recent times. Topping the trade at 8,500gns was Luing Viking - a 22 month old bull from Cadzow Bros. selling to Floors Farming Co, Duns. Next up at 7,500gns was Finlarg Viscount - a May 2016 born bull from Robert and Hazel McNee, Finlarg selling to Professor Penny, Harehead. 28 bulls sold through the ring averaged £4,998.75 - a rise of £32 on the year.

A special feature of the event was the sale of a Pedigree Heifer in aid of the My Name's Doddie Foundation. Donated by Professor Penny, Harehead she went on to sell for 1,900gns to Mr Andrew Ewing, Annan.