

WALLETS MARTS CASTLE DOUGLAS LIMITED

SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2018 SHOW & SALE OF YEARLING SUCKLED CALVES AND STORE CATTLE

Wallets Marts Castle Douglas Limited staged their annual show and sale of 1452 Yearling Suckled Calves and stronger Store Cattle on Saturday 29th September 2018.

Against a backdrop of rising feed prices and general lack of confidence trade here at Castle Douglas bucked the trend of recent sales with quality bred cattle reportedly dearer on the year. There was a marked demand for quality over plainer types with the entire sale being 5kgs lighter on the year but only £20 behind last years trade.

At the pre-sale show the champion ticket went to Messrs J & A McCulloch, Glentoo with an outstanding black Limousin heifer. Scaling 440 kgs she made £1240 or 281.8p per kilo to Messrs Taylor, Heatheryhall. Reserve Champion was a Charolais cross Bullock from M & G Barr, Meikle Kirkland which weighed 406kg and sold to £1100 or 271p per kilo to Messrs Wainwright, Todhall. Best Pen of 4 cattle in the yard went to regular consignors, Messrs Barbour, Carsegowan whose pen of 4 heifers weighed 503kgs and sold to £1145 to Messrs Purdon, Straven House.

Outwith the show cattle the sale topped at £1260 for a pen of yearling Charolais cross bullocks from Messrs Williamson & Ross, Hillview selling to Messrs McBurney, Lendalfoot. Heifers, apart from the Champion, topped at £1215 for Charolais crosses from Hillview. Native Steers topped at £1225 for a pen of Aberdeen Angus crosses from T Robb, Trolane, whilst Aberdeen Angus cross heifers topped at £1060 from Messrs Sheddan, Balgerran. AAx Bullocks sold to 234.6p off Slatehouse whilst AAx Heifers sold to 207.9 off Shambellie Grange.

Sale Average:

708 Continental Bullocks	218.3p or £966.51
580 Continental Heifers	204.8p or £852.05

122 Native Bullocks	193.1p or £876.27
42 Native Heifers	183.5p or £774.88

1452 Cattle averaged 209.9p or £907.67 compared to 212.3p or £927.48 for 1486 last year.