

PORTREE., Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd., (September 21st) sold 1,425 Weaned calves and store cattle at their annual direct ballot sale which was kindly sponsored by East Coast Viners and judged by Elaine Wilson, Burnside.

Show Results:

Bullocks

1st - Gesto Farms, Struan

2nd – 1 Eyre, Snizort

Heifers

1st - Gesto Farms, Struan

2nd - Gesto Farms, Struan

Champion - Gesto Farm, Struan, £2,100

Reserve Champion - Gesto Farm, Struan, £2,000

Best Native - 18 Earlish, Uig, (BSH), £1,320

“Last year we thought prices were ‘Skye High’ but the 2026 calf sale will live long in the memory as prices truly ‘Skye Rocketed’ with the bar raised yet again a new centre record averages established for the second consecutive year.

Returning purchasers were quick to comment on the outstanding calves presented before them a huge testament to the hard-working crofters/farmers of Skye, producing the type of product their customers demand after what can only be described as one of the most difficult summers on record.

The trade was strong from the outset with buyers showing tremendous confidence in the quality on offer and vendors rewarded for their efforts throughout a long but highly successful day.

A massive thank you to the farming community of Skye for working so closely with our staff and for helping us achieve the remarkable feat of selling over 1,400 cattle in under nine hours.

And finally, our sincere thanks to all the haulage companies who worked tirelessly throughout the day helping clear the market and ensuring the calves were swiftly on their way to their new homes.”

Weaned Bullocks (760) averaged 568.78p (+26p) per kg and sold to 933p per kg for a 120kg Limousin crosses from 5 Totarder, Struan and sold to £2,000 gross for a 350kg Charolais cross from 4 Balgowan, Gesto.

Store Bullocks (30) averaged 452.2p per kg and sold to 673p per kg for a 217kg Limousin cross from Ose Farm, Struan and sold to £2200 gross for a 520kg Limousin cross from 10 Achachork, Portree.

Weaned Heifers (605) averaged 544.4p (+39.3p) per kg and sold to 880p per kg for a 150kg Limousin cross from 17/18 Borge, Skeabost Bridge and sold to £2,100 gross for a 370kg Charolais crosses from 4 Balgowan.

Store Heifers (26) averaged 422.4p per kg and sold to 527p per kg for a pair of 300kg Charolais cross from 4 Balgowan and sold to £1,920 gross for a pair of 500kg Limousin crosses from 2 Drumuie, Portree.

Young Bulls (3) averaged 439.2p per kg and sold to 514.0p per kg for a 140kg Luing cross from Uiginish Farm, Dunvegan and sold to £1,000 gross for 260kg Beef Shorthorn cross from Brae Eynort, Carbast.

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Weaned Bullocks upto 200kg – 5 Totarder, 933.0p, 4 Balgowan, 744.0p, 7 Kingsburgh, 720.0p, 706.0p, 705.0p, 24 Fiscavaig, 706.0p, 17/18 Borge, 703.0p, 13 Tarskavaig, 703.0p, ½ of 2 Kendram, 690.0p, 8 Torvaig, 690.0p, 1 Kilbride, 690.0p; **201-250kg** – 3 Drumuie, 691.0p; **300-350kg** – Gesto Farm, £1,860, 4 Balgowan, £1,860, 15 Glenconon, £1,790, £1,780, £1,760, Glenbrittle, £1,780, Tote House, £1,700, 4 & 5 Totescore, £1,700, 8 Drinan, £1,700, Corriebhienn Farms, £1,680, Talisker Estate, £1,680; **351-400kg** – Gesto Farm, £1,980, (Twice), 1 & 8 Drynoch, £1,850, 15 Glenconon, £1,820, 4 & 5 Totescore, £1,800 (Twice), 10 Digg, £1,800, ½ of 6 Linicro, £1,800, 12 Portnalong, £1,760, 11 Drinan, £1,680; **401-500kg** – 4 & 5 Totescore, £1,840, 1 Glen Bernisdale, £1,800.

Store Bullocks up to 300kg – 1 & 8 Drynoch, £1,700, 654.0p, 4 & 5 Totescore, £1,520, 515.0p, Ose Farm, £1,460, Glenbrittle, £1,420, 473.0p, 1 Borrodale, 462.0p, 11 Kendram, 536.0p; **301-350kg** – Glenhinnisdale, £1,680, 494.0p; **351-400kg** – 3 Ardmere, £1,880, 470.0p, 5 Portnalong, £1,710, 428.0p, 10 Aird, £1,600, 4 Treaslane, £1,540, 434.0p, 9 Husabost, £1,400; **401-450kg** – Leabost, £1,820, 441.0p, 11 Drinan, £1,680; **500-550kg** – 4 & 5 Totescore, £2,000, 2 Drumuie, £1,980, ½ of 12 Breakish, £1,800

Weaned heifers up to 250kg – Tote House, £1,620, Ose Farm, £1,560, 5 Aird, £1,560, 693.0p, 17/18 Borge, 729.0p, 5 Totarder, 700.0p, 11 Kendram, 699.0p, 1 Kilbride, 677.0p, 7/8 Balgowan, 670.0p, 4 Balgowan, 670.0p, Gesto Farm, 670.0p, 653.0p, 7 Kingsburgh, 667.0p, Torvaig, 660.0p, 650.0p; **251-300kg** – 15 Glenconon, £1,540, ½ of 2 Glengrasco, £1,540, 3 Ardmere, £1,540, 4 & 5 Totescore, £1,520, 1 & 8 Drynoch, £1,500, 3 Kilmuir, £1,500, 1 Eyre, £1,480, 1 Glen Bernisdale, £1,480; **301-350kg** – 12 Torrin, £1,600, 2 Tote, £1,520, 4 & 5 Totescore, £1,500, 3 Ardmere, £1,500; **351-400kg** – 12 Portnalong, £1,480.

Store heifer up to up to 350kg – 4 Balgowan, £1,580, 527.0p, 4 & 5 Totescore, £1,520, £1,400, 519.0p, 507.0p, 2 Tote, £1,520, 475.0p, 1 Glen Bernisdale, £1,480, 500.0p, Glenbrittle, £1,450, 518.0p, Leabost, £1,440, 509.0p, Ose Farm, £1,380, 431.0p, 4 Balnacnoc, 434.0p; **351-400kg** – Leabost, £1,580, 433.0p, 3 Ardmere, £1,560, 390.0p, 12 Portnalong, £1,480, 411.0p; **401-450kg** – 2 Drumuie, £1,900, 422.0p, 4 Treaslane, £1,840, 428.0p, 4 & 5 Totescore, £1,680, 400.0p.