

## NEWS FLASH

### KILKENNY LIVESTOCK MART THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST 2011

Eamon Delaney, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny sold a mixed breed batch of 16 weanling bulls which included 6 Simmental weanling bulls. His Simmental Bulls had by far the best WEIGHT FOR AGE and received the highest prices. The following are the returns for the Simmental bulls.

Quantity	Date of Birth	Weight	Price
1	14-10-2010	640 kg	€1320
1	11-11-2010	615 kg	€1300
2	02-11-2010	590 kg	€1240
1	20-11-2010	505 kg	€1070
1	23-11-2010	550 kg	€1090

Eamon says that he is very pleased with Simmental and that he will be letting the Simmental bull to a greater number of cows next season.

#### UPCOMING SALES

Premier Pedigree Sale at Roscommon on Saturday November 5th.  
All animals tested to an Export Standard and tested BVD Virus Negative

#### COMMERCIAL BREEDING HEIFER SALES

Ballymote – Saturday October 1st  
Kilkenny – Thursday October 13th  
Fermoy – Friday October 21st  
Gort – Thursday November 3rd



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## Simmental Delivers Exceptional Growth Rates

SEAMUS ALLEN from Ballynageragh, Dunhill, Co. Waterford farms with his father Thomas and son Mark.

Herd Profile: 40 ¾ bred Simmental Cows and 2 Simmental Stock Bulls. All replacement heifers calf at 24 months.

All male progeny are finished as bull beef at 12 to 14 months of age. Heifers kept as replacements with surplus heifers sold for breeding. Seamus says that “Simmental suits his system perfectly as bulls have exceptional growth rates and are fit for slaughter at a young age and grade 90% U+”

### RETURNS FOR BULLS SLAUGHTERED MARCH `11

All Bulls weighed live on morning of slaughter and sold for (U) €3.49 / kg (R) €3.35  
Slaughter Date 24-03-2011 \*Twin

Tag No:	Date of Birth	Live Wgt	Carcase Wgt	Kill Out %	Grade	Return
132*	10-01-2010	708 kgs	393 kgs	56%	U-2+	€1377
135	18-01-2010	716 kgs	422 kgs	59%	U+3=	€1479
136	22-01-2010	718 kgs	394 kgs	55%	U=4-	€1381
139	25-01-2010	694 kgs	395 kgs	57%	R+3-	€1329
141	31-01-2010	640 kgs	334 kgs	52%	R+3+	€1123
145*	03-02-2010	610 kgs	344 kgs	55%	U-3-	€1207
146*	03-02-2010	636 kgs	343 kgs	54%	U-3=	€1200
147	02-02-2010	756 kgs	425 kgs	56%	U=3=	€1487
149	07-02-2010	772 kgs	440 kgs	57%	U=2=	€1541
150	08-02-2010	688 kgs	381 kgs	55%	U=3+	€1335
151	08-02-2010	678 kgs	398 kgs	59%	U=3-	€1394
156	09-02-2010	654 kgs	358 kgs	55%	R+3=	€1204
155	11-02-2010	674 kgs	384 kgs	57%	U=2+	€1346
168	11-03-2010	650 kgs	344 kgs	53%	R+3+	€1156

## Simmental, the Bull to breed replacement Heifers



Based in Clonea, Co. Waterford, **JOHN POWER** runs 200 suckler cows. John ran Charolais & Limousin bulls with his herd until 2008 when he purchased a Simmental bull at the Simmental Premier sale. John noticed his weanling performance slipping and decided that he needed to increase the milk supply in his sucklers. He selected Simmental as the breed to deliver milk and he has not been disappointed. John is seeing the merits of Simmental on two fronts.

John summarises his experience with Simmental to date as being “exceptionally positive”. He goes on to say that he “bought the Simmental bull to breed replacement heifers and has received the extra advantage of increased growth rate in the male progeny”

This is the first year that John has calved replacements from his Simmental bull and his progeny from the Simmental Heifers are out performing his other breeds by 40kgs at present.

Secondly, the Simmental progeny from his Limousin & Charolais cows are also out performing the comrade progeny from different sires by up to 40kgs.

