

A Top of €9100 but Overall Tough Trading at Simmental Premier Show & Sale

At the Simmental Society Premier Autumn Show & Sale which took place at Roscommon on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the trade reflected the general mood in the beef sector with bulls being particularly hard sold. The females reversed this trend somewhat especially for the choice lots.

The bull section recorded a joint top price of €4100. First to hit this mark was the Overall Senior Bull Champion, Brideland Jaguar, exhibited by Ava O`Leary, Ballincollig, Co. Cork. This September `17 born bull was tapped forward by the Judge David Donnelly from the Atlow Herd in the UK from a very strong line up of bulls. Jaguar is sired by Woodhall Ferrari and out of a Kilbride Farm Newry dam Littlerock Dervela Annie and was purchased by Carlow farmer Billy Atkinson.

Also reaching the €4100 price tag was Kichhams Jupiter, a Curaheen Tyson sired October `17 born bull exhibited by Michael Keating, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary. By a Curaheen Wakeman dam Carbery Firefly this bull was purchased by Martin Regan, Clonfad, Co. Roscommon to join his Corrib Herd.

The Junior Bull Champion, Lissadell Jacob ET, was exhibited by Kieran & Paul Mullarkey, Ballinfull, Co. Sligo. At 11 months of age this December `17 born bull was sired by Curaheen Gunshot and is out of the Monaduff Snorter dam Tawley Gretta. This young bull was purchased by Clive Houdley, Lockerbie, Scotland at €3100 for his Manor Park Pedigree Herd.

In what was a great day for the Mullarkey Family they also exhibited the Reserve Junior Bull Champion, Lissadell Jupiter ET, a November `17 born Dermotstown Delboy sired bull who was out of a Curaheen Tyson dam Cladymore Edith. Clive Houdley was again the buyer this time at €2600.

The Reserve Senior Bull, Mooneking Jamiroquai, was exhibited by David King, Athy, Co. Kildare. Sired by Clonagh Direct Debit and out of a Hillcrest Champion dam Mooneking Gloria this August `17 bull sold for €1800 to Jarlath Geoghegan, Ardahan, Co. Galway.

Other notable prices on the day included:

- €3300 to William O`Halloran, Cahir, Co. Tipperary for Bearna-Dhearg James, a Bearna-Dhearg Duke sired September `17 born bull.
- €3300 to Keith Vickery, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork for Carbery Juniper a Curaheen Tyson sired November `17 born bull.
- €3000 to Joe Kelly, Ballynacally, Co. Clare for Mount Johansson a Kilbride Farm Glencloy sired September `17 born bull.
- €3000 to William O`Halloran, Cahir, Co. Tipperary for Bearna-Dhearg Jet ET, a Curaheen Wakeman sired September `17 born bull.

Overall the bulls recorded a 50% clearance rate with an average price of €2520.

The Female section provided a better picture with an average price of €2700 and a clearance rate of 80%.

Leading the way at €9100 was the Weanling Heifer Champion, Lissadell Just The One ET, again exhibited by Kieran & Paul Mullarkey, Ballinfull, Co. Sligo. Born in November `17 this Dermotstown Delboy sired heifer was also out of the Curaheen Tyson dam Cladymore Edith. This stylish young

heifer was purchased by Eoin McGovern, Fivemilebourne, Co. Sligo to join his newly established Crossane Simmental Herd.

First heifer into the ring was the Senior Heifer Champion, Rathlee Jessica, a Glebefarm Tyson sired heifer exhibited by Gerry Lenehan, Easkey, Co. Sligo. Out of a Celtic Rock dam Glebefarm Wanda this January `17 heifer was purchased by David & Joe Kilkenny, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo for their Kildera Herd.

Garrett Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise exhibited the Junior Heifer Champion, Clonagh Jolly Glam Posh. This July `17 born heifer is sired by Clonagh Tiger Gallant and is out of a Kilbride Farm Dragoon dam Clonagh Glamorous Post and was purchased by Clive Houdley, Scotland at €5000.

The Reserve Junior Heifer, Mainview Jodie, was exhibited by Kevin Treanor, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan. Sired by Drumlone Anchor and out of a Banwy T-Rex dam Broomfield Della this April `17 heifer was purchased by Richard Pettit, Morayshire, Scotland.

Jennalyn Jellybean Nora exhibited by Lyndsey Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise was crowned the Yearling Heifer Champion. This August `17 heifer is sired by Clonagh World Class and out of a Banwy T-Rex dam Jennalyn Flora Nora was purchased by Clive Houdley at €5000.

The Heifer Calf Champion, Lochview Kandy, was exhibited by Pat McNamee, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. This February `18 heifer calf is sired by Kilbride Farm Bantry and out of a Glebefarm Tyson dam Fearnha Elegance Vienna. €5000 was the selling price here to Padge Mulhare, Cloghan, Co. Offaly.

The Reserve Heifer Calf, Clonagh Joan Princess, was also exhibited by Garrett Behan, Ballyfin. Born in January `18 this Bruchag Glenfiddich sired heifer is out of Clonagh Gorgeous Joan a Clonagh Bart Man dam.

The Reserve Senior Heifer, Auroch Juno P, was exhibited by the Wall Family, Newcastle, Co. Dublin. Sired by Sneumgaard Emperor PP and out of a Curaheen Dakota dam Auroch Fiona P this January `17 was purchased by Mark Orahoe, Longford at €1800.

Other notable heifer prices included:

- €5000 to Michael Keating, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary for Kickhams Kassy a February `18 heifer calf sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon.
- €4400 to Keith Vickery, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork for Carbery Karissa a January `18 born Kilbride Farm Bantry sired heifer.
- €4200 to Keith Vickery, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork for Carbery Jannette a September `17 born Kilbride Farm Bantry sired heifer.
- €4000 to Ryan & Sean Callan, Broomfield, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan for Thornford Jemima a December `17 born Antrim Bodybuilder sired heifer
- €3000 to Garrett Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise for Clonagh Jazzy Belle an August `17 Kilbride Farm Dragoon sired heifer.
- €3000 to Sean Lowry, Ballyfin, Portlaoise for Sliabhview Jewels an August `17 born Clonagh World Class sired heifer.