

High of €18,000 in Export led trade at Simmental Premier.

The Simmental Society Premier Autumn Sale saw a date change to the last Saturday in October from its usual first Saturday in November slot and this move was met with a lot of positivity resulting in a very strong export demand.

Topping the day's trading was Clonagh Jubilant Fabulous at €18000. The heifer was earlier in the year placed the Overall Simmental Champion at the National Show at Tullamore and was sold as part of a draft section for Garrett Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise. Sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon and out of the Banwy T-Rex dam Clonagh Delightfully Fad this December `17 born heifer was purchased by the Wood Family, Lancashire to join their Popes Simmental Herd.

In the pre sale show which was judged by David Sapsed from Heathbrow Herd in the UK, Garrett Behan was awarded the Senior Bull Champion with Clonagh King Fung Fab a September `18 born bull. Sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon and again out of a Banwy T-Rex dam, Clonagh Absolutely this bull was sold for €3700 to John Burke, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare.

The Reserve Senior Bearna-Dhearg Keith was exhibited by William O`Halloran, Chamberlianstown, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. This September `18 born bull was sired by Bearna-Dhearg Duke and out of a Curaheen Wakeman dam Cruithill Blessington and sold for the second highest bull price of €5200 to an N. Ireland suckler farmer.

Top bull price of €6300 went to Gerry Neenan, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo for Fearna Kungfu Jim. This December `18 born bull is sired by Curaheen Gunshot and is out of a Raceview King dam Fearna Vienna. Purchased by Co. Down pedigree breeder Joe Willson, this 10 month old bull will join his Ballinalare Farm herd.

Picking up the Junior Bull award was Tony O`Leary, Ballincollig, Co. Cork with Seaview Kango, a Kilbride Farm Delboy sired bull who is out of a Seaview Tommy dam Kildera Avril. This October `18 born bull sold for €2400.

Other notable bull prices included:

€3600 to Paul McArdle, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan for his Kilbride Farm Dragoon bull Broomfield King Lad.

€3200 to Garrett Behan for his Manor Park Handsome sired bull Clonagh Kracker Fab.

€3100 to Chris White, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin for Dermotstown King Kong who is sired by Dermotstown Delboy.

€3100 to the Wall Family, Newcastle, Co. Dublin for Auroch Kolumbo P sired by Auroch Bullet P.

€2900 to Garrett Behan for Kaboom Kid a Kilbride Farm Dragoon sired bull.

€2700 to Edward McBride, Letterkenny for a Dermotstown Delboy sired bull McBride Farm Kracker

In summary the bull section recorded a 60% clearance with an average price of €2820 which was up €296 on the 2018 average.

In the heifer show section both the Champion Junior & Senior remained unsold but the Champion Yearling Heifer Sliabhview Kacie was exhibited by Sean Lowry, Rossmore, Ballyfin, Portlaoise and sold for €2700 to Clive Houdley Lockerbie, Scotland. This August `18 born heifer is sired by Curaheen Tyson and is out of a Kilbride Farm Delboy dam Mohona Flow.

The Weanling Heifer Champion Bighill Konfetti Blossom was exhibited by Fergal Doherty, Carrigart, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. This Banwy Wonderboy sired heifer was born in October `18 and is out of a Curaheen Vio dam Bighill Honey Blossom. Michael Slattery, Dunmore was the purchaser here at €3000.

The final show class of the day was the heifer calf class and winning here was Tawley Kaisee ET for Declan Oates, Castlegal, Co. Leitrim. This Hillcrest Butcher sired heifer calf was born in December `18 and is out of an Achorachan Wizzard dam Annadale Dainty. This heifer was purchased by Michael Byrne, Clogherhead. Co. Louth for €2600.

Declan Oates also exhibited the Reserve in this section with Tawley Keely ET, a full ET sister of Tawley Kaisee ET taking the award. €3300 was the sale price of this heifer to Richard Pettit, Morayshire, Scotland.

The Reserve Senior Heifer Rathlee Jewel was exhibited by Gerry Lenehan, Easkey, Co. Sligo. This Clonagh Frosty King sired heifer is out of a Curaheen Wakeman dam Rathlee Farah and sold for €2500 to Keith McHugh, Swinford, Co. Mayo.

The Reserve Yearling Heifer Champion went to Noel & Keith Jagoe, Drinagh, Co. Cork with Dermody Kenzie. This September `18 born heifer is sired by Samark Superman and is out of a Banwy T-Rex dam Dermody Honey. €5000 was the sale price as she joins the Omorga Herd of John Moore. Co. Tyrone.

The Reserve Weanling went to Garry McKiernan, Corlesmore, Co. Cavan with Corlesmore Karla. This November `18 born heifer is sired by Kilbride Farm Delboy and is out of a Kilbride Farm Bantry dam Corlesmore Frances Rose. €1750 was the sale price of this young heifer to Seamus Leddy, Kinalceek, Co. Cavan.

Other notable prices in the normal section included:

€6300 to Fergal Dohery, Letterkenny for Bighill Klassy Honey Pie sired by Dermotstown Delboy.

€4500 to John Niland, Curry, Ballymote, Co. Sligo for Bawnclover Jackie sired by Cloondroon Franco.

€4100 to Paul McArdle, Castleblaney for Broomfield Klassic Vintage sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon.

In the draft section there was a selection of heifers from the Lissadell, Raceview & Clonagh Herds. Topping the trade as highlighted above was Clonagh Jubilant Fabulous. Next highest again for Garrett Behan was Clonagh Krystal Rubystar selling at €10000, This September `18 born heifer was sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon and is out of a Clonagh Tiger Gallant cow, Clonagh Flashy Rubystar. She joins the Backmiur Herd based in Keith, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Selling at €9000 for Kieran Mullarkey, Ballinful, Co. Sligo was Lissadell Kirstie ET. This October `18 born heifer is sired by Hillcrest Champion and is out of the Monaduff Snorter sired dam Tawley

Gretta. This heifer was purchased by Ian Clarke, Rosses Point, Sligo of Sunbrae Simmentals. Ian also purchased a full sister to the above heifer Lissadell Karoline ET at €5100.

Another full sister Lissadell Klassic Girl ET born in September `18 sold at €6500 to the Backmuir Pedigree Herd in Scotland.

Selling at €5200 for Garrett Behan was Clonagh Leix Grace to Clive Houdley, Manorpark Simmentals in Lockerbie, Scotland. Sired by Manorpark Hansome and out of a Clonagh Direct Debit dam Clonagh Grace Venus this heifer was born in January `19.

Hitting the €5000 for Peter & Marion O`Connell, Mallow, Co. Cork was Raceview Lady W Nicolette. This January `19 born heifer is sired by Kilbride Farm Delboy and out of a Glen Podge dam Raceview Wynn Nicolette and was purchased by Gavin Hayes, Lisburn, Co. Antrim.

Also hitting the €5000 mark was Clonagh Java Klassic Girl for Garrett Behan. Born in August `17 this in-calf heifer was sired by Kilbride Farm Dragon and was purchased by Conor Kirwan, Dunleer, Co. Louth.

In summary the heifers achieved an 82% clearance with an average price of €3673 which was up €986 on the corresponding sale last year.