

Clearance Rates up at Simmental Premier

The Simmental Society Premier Spring Sale at Roscommon on Saturday March 16th recorded higher clearance rates for both bulls and heifers on 2018 but with the average prices back on the 2018 levels.

In the bull section the Senior Bull Champion went to Woodhall Invincible 17 exhibited by Joe & James Kelly from Ballynacally, Ennis, Co. Clare. This September `17 born bull is sired by Islavale Frontier and is out of a Raceview All-Star KK ET sired cow Woodhall Daphne. The Judge, Norman Robson, from the Kilbride Farm Herd in Co. Antrim selected this bull as the winner of the first class and went on to be selected Overall Senior Bull Champion and sold for €3000 to Matthew Cuning for his Pointfarms Herd in Co. Antrim.

Taking the Reserve Senior Bull Award was Garrett Behan from Ballyfin, Portlaoise, Co. Laois with Clonagh Jims Jameson sired by Bruchag Glenfiddich. €4000 was the selling price to KMB Farms, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway for this October `17 born bull who was out of a Dovefields Gallant cow Cloneygowan Shania Babe.

Lissadell King VIP was tapped forward as the Junior Male Champion for Kieran & Paul Mullarkey from Ballinafull, Co. Sligo. This January `18 born Kilbride Farm Delboy sired bull was out of a Milnafua Graduate dam Corbally Eires VIP. €4000 was again the selling price here to Eamon McCloskey, Co. Derry for his Drumagarner Herd.

Lyndsey Behan from Ballyfin, Portlaoise exhibited the Reserve Junior Bull Champion, Jennalyn Kentucky Rose. Sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon this January `18 bull is out of a Banwy T-Rex dam Jennalyn Elegant Rose and sold to Winston Langrell, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow for €2600.

Selling for top male price of €4500 was Clonagh Kango again exhibited by Garrett Behan. This February `18 born twin bull is sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon and is out of another Dovefields Gallant dam Cloneygowan Tia Edel and joins the Knocanroe Herd of Liam Martin, Templederry, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

Next up selling at €4300 was Fearna Jackpot ET for Gerry Neenan, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo. Sired by Dermotstown Delboy this December `17 born bull is out of Fearna Regal by Hillcrest Champion and was purchased by Innes Farms from Morayshire, Scotland.

Selling at €4100 for Sean Brady, Shantonagh, Co. Monaghan was Kilkitt Jager Bomb. This September `17 born bull was sired by Dermotstown Delboy and out of a Clonguish Cluck sired dam Broomfield Fifi. Jager Bomb joins the Kilbride Farm Herd in Co. Antrim having been purchased by the Judge Norman Robson.

Emmanuel O`Dea from Esker, Athenry, Co. Galway received €3100 for Koilescaul Jebediah an October `17 Dirnanean Telstar sired bull who was out of a Hillcrest Champion cow Ranfurly Weikel 15th with Ciaran Jennings of Ballindoon, Boyle, Co. Roscommon buying.

In summary the bulls recorded a clearance rate of 66% with an average price of €2780.

The Champion Female Award went to Noel & Keith Jagoe from Drinagh, Co. Cork with Dermody Joyce. This December `17 born heifer is sired by Milton Giovanni ET and is out of a Drumlone Anchor dam Dermody Diamond. €2300 was the selling price for this maiden heifer to the Bearna-Dhearg Herd of William O`Halloran, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

The Reserve heifer Farm Jenny was exhibited by Brian Flanagan, Williamstown, Co. Galway and this Auroch Deuter sired heifer was unsold in the ring.

Jim Campion from Knockaroo, Borris in Ossory recorded the top price of €3200 in the ordinary sale section when selling Knockaroo Jenny an October `17 born heifer sired by Banwy T-Rex and out of a Hillcrest Champion dam Knockaroo Fancy. Enda Costello from Kinvara, Co. Galway purchased this heifer for his Martello Pedigree Herd.

€5900 for Corbally Vintage Katie ET was the top price in the Corbally Draft Sale for James & Fiona Browne, Glanworth, Co. Cork. Vintage Katie is 12 years old and this Raceview King cow has a proven breeding record and is due to calf in April to Cairnview Snazzy and joins the Clonagh Herd of Garrett Behan.

Selling at €4500 to Gavin Hayes, Lisburn, Co. Antrim was the in-calf heifer out of Vintage Katie Corbally Goddess ET. This Hillcrest Champion sired heifer was in calf to Antrim Bodybuilder.

Corbally Kerrys VIP a five month old heifer calf sold for €3000 to Joe & James Kelly of Mount Simmentals, Ballynacally, Co. Clare. This Dermody Butcher sired calf is out of another Raceview King dam Corbally VIP Katie ET.

€4000 was the selling price for Corbally Hope and her bull calf at foot by Hercules. Hope is by Milnafua Graduate and out of another Raceview King dam Corbally Dixie and this team was also purchased by the Mount Herd.

Corbally Klassic VK ET another six month old heifer calf and her recipient dam sold for €3000 to Chris White of the Dermotstown Herd in North Dublin. This Curaheen Gunshot sired calf is also out of the cow Corbally Vintage Katie ET.

Over the females recorded a 79% clearance rate with an average price of €2450

Finally the two embryos auctioned for charity realised €900 each. These embryos were put for auction by Co. Monaghan breeder Paul McArdle who is raising funds for Cancer support in Monaghan in memory on fellow breeder Noel Woods who founded the Brookwood Herd.

The next Simmental Sale is Friday Evening April 12th in Tullamore.