

Dovea Genetics National Simmental Calf Finals 2022

Strokestown Show was again the venue for the Dovea Genetics sponsored National Calf Finals. Splendid sunshine and a friendly welcome greeted all the exhibitors for what turned out to be very highly contested finals.

Placed with the task of selecting the winners was William Ferguson from the Sperrin View Simmental Herd, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.

Taking the National Senior Heifer title was Rathnashan Neptune Empress ET exhibited by Nigel Hogan, Co. Carlow. This December `21 born heifer calf is sired by Mullyknock Gallant and is out of a Auroch Bullet dam, Seafort Empress. Taking reserve in this class was Declan Oates, Co. Leitrim with Tawley Nikkita, again December `21 born and sired by Linde Gíneral P.

The Junior Heifer Calf title went to Co. Limerick with Seamus Aherne's Towerhill Panama coming out on top. This Auchorachan Hercules February `22 born sired heifer is out of a Delfur Decider dam Towerhill Georgia. Mark Neenan, Co. Galway took reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion with Limehill Precious sired by Curaheen Gunshot.

In the Senior Bull Calf Class, Martin Glennon, Co. Roscommon showed the winning bull Marsha Paddington ET. Born in January `22 this Kilbride Farm Delboy sired bull is out of a Celtic Comet P dam Celtic Dancer. Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf went to Nigel Hogan with Rathnashan Pablo ET sired by Miullyknock Gallant.

Junior Bull Champion went to Moorglen Panda exhibited by Shane Silke, Co. Roscommon. This February `22 born Tawley Jaguar son is out of a

Cairnview Snazzy sired dam Moorglen Latte P. The Reserve Junior Bull went to Co. Sligo with Rathlee Paddy exhibited by Gerry Lenehan and sired by Seepa Fionn,

The final class was the National Polled Calf and victory here went to James Kelly, Co. Clare with Mount Nespresso P. Born in December `21 this Curaheen Evolution P sired heifer is out Mount Lindor by Curaheen Gunshot. Reserve Polled calf went to Rathnashan Nigel P exhibited by Nigel Hogan and sired by Omorga Volvo.

The Irish Simmental Society would like to conclude by thanking our sponsor Dovea Genetics, all exhibitors for exhibiting top quality calves, Strokestown Show for hosting the finals and William Ferguson for judging on the day.