

## **Young Farmers 2024**

**DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, (March, 20<sup>th</sup>) sold 41 Young Farmers over-wintered cattle at their annual sale**, Show kindly sponsored by John Munro Butchers, Craiglands Quarry, Rumenco, J. P Clark, Kinnahaird, A. P. Grant Haulage, Animal Health, ARL Agri (Galloway & Macleod), J & B, McCallum, Mountrich and Highland Leisure Sport also a special prize from the Scottish and Northern Charolais Cattle Society for best animal sired by a Charolais. Thanks again to our judge David Murdo Wright

**Bullocks (27)** averaged 325.0pp and sold to 372.0p per kg and £1,900 gross for the Overall unaltered champion, unaltered bullock champion and 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Purchased unaltered Bullock a 525kg Charolais cross from Callum Maciver, 9 Ordale, Muir of Ord.

**Heifers (14)** averaged 389.6p and sold to 973.0p per kg and £3,600 gross for the Supreme Overall Champion, Homebred Champion, and 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Homebred Haltered Heifer a 370kg Limousin cross from Adam Mackillop, Cairnglass.

“Dingwall Mart’s annual Young Farmers Show and Sale saw an increased entry of cattle and participants this year with over three times the number of cattle forward than last year. The new format which was introduced last year has seen the competition go from strength to strength. A mammoth crowd gathered at the pre-sale show on Tuesday night as this year’s judge, the renown showman from the Ardgour province, Mr. David Wright. David had his work cut out placing all the classes with quality in abundance. It wasn’t until the final class of the evening however, where he found his Overall Champion. Enter the arena Mr. Adam MacKillop whose roan home-bred heifer oozed class and style, catching the eye of everyone who had gathered in the show hall. Roll onto the sale and this classy lassie was privy to a ferocious frenzy of bidding, setting a new centre record price for a young farmers beast, being knocked down to Mr. Kenny MacIver for £3,600, who plans to show her on the Norths summer show circuit. Reserve Champion was found in amongst the heavy haltered purchased heifer section, a Charolais cross heifer consigned by Mr. Fergus Forbes. This powerhouse of a heifer not only took home the Reserve Champion ticket but also walked away with two new awards. Firstly, kindly donated by the Scottish and Northern Charolais Society, a breed gilet for the best Charolais sired by a registered bull. Fergus also won the events most important award, the best profit margin which was £860 for his winter as his heifer was knocked down at £2,200 to the judge. Fergus also walked away with a new trophy, a cup for the best profit margin kindly donated by Craigiebank Farms. Young Mr. Callum MacIver swept the board in the unaltered cattle sections, winning both the Champion and Reserve Champion tickets with a Charolais bullock and heifer respectively, continuing on from last year’s success. Best daily live weight gain was awarded to Miss Aimee Campbell as her Limousin bullock gained 235kgs from its purchase weight.”

### **Unaltered purchased bullock (401kg +)**

- 1 - Callum MacIver, £1,900
- 2 - Michael Matheson, £1,550
- 3 - Carrie Hamilton, £1,550

### **Unaltered purchased bullock (400kg -)**

- 1 - Michael Matheson, £1,450
- 2 - George MacEachen, £1,600
- 3 - Keira Lockhart, £1,250

Unaltered bullock champion - Callum MacIver, £1,900

Unaltered bullock reserve - Michael Matheson, £1,450

### **Unaltered purchased heifer (401kg +)**

- 1 - Callum MacIver, £1,400
- 2 - Ross MacKenzie, £1,450
- 3 - Robert Marcus, £1,300

### **Unaltered purchased heifer (400kg -)**

- 1 - Duncan Munro, £1,250
- 2 - George MacEachen, £1,300
- 3 - Keira Lockhart, £1,100

Unaltered heifer champion - Callum MacIver, £1,400

Unaltered heifer reserve - Ross MacKenzie, £1,450

OVERALL unaltered champion - Callum MacIver, £1,900  
OVERALL unaltered reserve - Callum MacIver, £1,400

**Haltered purchased bullock (401kg +)**

- 1 - Fergus Forbes, £1,700
- 2 - Shayne MacKay, £1,700
- 3 - Bruce Forbes, £1,550

**Haltered purchased bullock (400kg -)**

- 1 - Jessie Bisset, £1,400
- 2 - Jamie MacKay, £1,150

Haltered bullock champion - Fergus Forbes, £1,700  
Haltered bullock reserve - Shayne MacKay, £1,700

**Haltered purchased heifer (401kg +)**

- 1 - Fergus Forbes, £2,200

**Haltered purchased heifer (400kg -)**

- 1 - Carrie Hamilton, £1,400
- 2 - Esther Grant, £1,550
- 3 - Shayne MacKay, £1,900

Haltered heifer champion - Fergus Forbes, £2,200  
Haltered heifer reserve - Carrie Hamilton, £1,400

OVERALL haltered champion - Fergus Forbes, £2,200  
OVERALL haltered reserve - Carrie Hamilton, £1,400

**Homebred Haltered bullock**

- 1 - Duncan Munro, £1,450
- 2 - Rachel Forbes, £1,600

**Homebred Haltered heifer**

- 1 - Adam MacKillop, £3,600
- 2 - Ellie Mann, £1,150

**Homebred unaltered bullock**

- 1 - Stephanie Anderson, £1,700

Homebred Champion - Adam MacKillop, £3,600  
Homebred Reserve - Duncan Munro, £1,450

**Best stock person - Carrie Hamilton**

**Best daily live weight gain - Amiee Campbell**

**Best profit margin**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Fergus Forbes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Carrie Hamilton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Esther Grant

**SUPREME OVERALL CHAMPION - ADAM MACKILLOP - £3,600**

**SUPREME OVERALL RESERVE - FERGUS FORBES - £2,200**