

Two Bulls Purchased by A.I. at Simmental Premier Show & Sale

The Simmental Premier Show & Sale at Roscommon Mart on Saturday saw the increased demand for the Breed reflected in the fact that two bulls were purchased for A.I. with both NCBC and Dovea Genetics adding to their Simmental offering.

The highest priced bull of the day at €8200 went to the Junior Champion, Curaheen Giant, exhibited by David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin. This January 2015 born bull is sired by Curaheen Drifter and out of a Kilbride Farm Merville cow, Delfur Poppy. The purchaser of this 15 month old bull was the Judge, Stewart Stronach, to join his Islavale Herd in Banffshire, Scotland.

Next up at €6300 was Clonagh Frosty King ET a Banwy T-Rex son sold by Garrett Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise. Born in December 2014 this bull is out of Clonagh Temptress Posh a Kilbride Farm Newry bred cow. He was purchased by the National Cattle Breeding Centre to join their A.I. Stud.

Selling at €6000 was Curaheen Gold Digger again for David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin. At just 13 months this Curaheen Drifter sired bull is out of a Cloondroon Nugget dam, Marsha Wanda, and was also exported joining the Innerwick Pedigree Herd of Dorothy Moffat in Dunbar, Scotland.

Dovea Genetics purchased the youngest bull in the catalogue, Grianan General, at €5000. Exhibited by Anselm Fitzgerald, Mount Temple, Moate, Co. Westmeath this 11 month old bull is sired by Kilbride Farm Delboy and out of Raceview Bounty Royal a Kilbride Farm Newry dam.

The Reserve Junior Champion, Tonrevagh Gallant, exhibited by the Swanick Family, Castlereagh, Co. Roscommon sold for €4300. Also at 13 months of age this bull is sired by Clonagh Tiger Gallant and out of the Hillcrest Vicar dam Beechhill Clodagh. He was purchased for the Livetside Herd in Scotland by Alister MacKintosh.

The Senior Champion, Littlerock Firecracker, was exhibited by Benny McNamara, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare and sold for €3750 to Paul Cryan, Keash, Ballymote, Co. Sligo. Sired by Kilbride Farm Newry this September 2014 bull is out of Corlesmore Carla Harriet a Curaheen Vio bred cow.

Hitting the €3500 mark was Cloondroon Franco sold by Michael Prendergast, Claremorris, Co. Mayo. Sired by Cloondroon Calling and out of a Knockane Superstar dam Knockane Wilma this August 2014 bull was purchased by Joe & Marie Murray, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Also selling at €3500 was Clonagh General Almighty for Garret Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise. At 13 months this Kilbride Farm Dragoon sired bull is out of a Hillcrest Naughty dam Cloneygowan Tia Naughty and sold to Martin Doherty, Ballymena, Co. Antrim.

John & Barry Duffy, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan sold their Glebefarm Tyson sired bull Duff Felix at €3100. Out of a Kilbride Farm Newry dam Bridgemount Abby this October 2014 bull was purchased by Emmet Tarmey, Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon.

Other notable prices included the following:

€3000 for Bridgemount Fletcher a Seaview Tommy sired bull exhibited by William O` Riordan, Rathcormac, Co. Cork and purchased by Willie Dorgan, Mallow, Co. Cork.

€3000 for Clonagh Four Leaf Clover sold by Garret Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise this Banwy T-Rex bull was purchased by John & Lilian Simmons, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

€3000 to William O` Halloran, Cahir, Co. Tipperary for Bearn-Dhearg Frontier, a Curaheen Wakeman sired bull purchased by Stephen McCann, Randalstown, Co. Antrim.

€3000 for Shiloh Forever Royal ET exhibited by Hugh Murray, Moate, Co. Westmeath. This Cairnview Snazzy sired bull was purchased by John McInerney, Granard, Co. Longford.

€3000 to Gerard & Niall Dempsey, Geashill, Tullamore for Killerary Gilmore, a Kilbride Farm Newry sired bull.

€3000 to David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin for Curaheen Geromino sired by Hillcrest Champion and purchased by Catherine Maloney, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.

€3000 for Bighill Giovanni sold by Fergal Doherty, Carrigart, Co. Donegal. Sired by Curaheen Tyson this bull was purchased by Denis Maher, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

€3000 to James Browne, Glanworth, Co. Cork for Corbally Groover. This Kilbride Farm Bantry sired bull was purchased by Roger Satchwell, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Overall the bulls averaged €3200 which was down €150 on 2015 but with a clearance of 68% which was similar to 2015.

In the Female Section, 22 out of the 23 heifers offered for sale, sold to an average price of €2955, which was up over €700 on the corresponding sale last year.

The Overall Female Champion and top female price of the day of €6000 went to first time exhibitor Patrick Connolly, Cumber, Tuam, Co. Galway with Pollacossaun Georgina. This heifer just short of 12 months of age was sired by Kilbride Farm Newry and was out of a Banwy T-Rex dam Clonagh Dixie Princess J. She was purchased by Paddy & John Mannion to join their Marbelhill Herd, Kilasolan, Mountbellew, Co. Galway.

The Reserve Champion went to Garret Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise, with Clonagh Glitzy Rubystar sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon. At just 11 months this heifer was out of a Dirnanean Jacob dam Cloneygowan Ruby Star and was purchased at €5500 by Joe Kelly, Ballynacally, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Selling at €4300 for Shane Silke, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon was Moorglen Fig Roll a December 2014 born heifer sired by Delfur T-Bone. Paddy & John Mannion were again the purchasers here of this heifer who is out of a Monaduff Jewel dam Monaduff Vickie.

Garret Behan also realised €4150 for Clonagh Groovy Chick, a 12 month old heifer sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon and out of a Banwy T-Rex dam Clonagh Bee Bee. This young heifer was exported to the herd of David Hyslop, Biggar, Scotland.

Hitting the €4000 mark for Peter & Marion O`Connell, Mallow, Co. Cork was Raceview Gracefull Wynn, a February 2015 born heifer sired by Cairnview Snazy and out of a Glen Podge dam Raceview Wynn Nicolette. Maurice Darcy, Boyherstown, Navan, Co. Meath was the buyer.

€3900 was the selling price of the youngest heifer in the catalogue Jennalyn Glamour Rose sold by Lyndsey Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise. This 11 month old heifer is sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon and is out of a Raceview King dam Jennalyn Scarlet and was purchased by Philip Shore, The Paddocks, Cutenclough, Co. Kilkenny.

Maurice Darcy was again the buyer of Lot 94, Clonagh Golden Cream, again exhibited by Garret Behan. €3600 was the price of this January 2015 heifer who was sired by Clonagh Bart Man.

The next Simmental Society Sale will take place in Tullamore on Saturday April 16th.