

Strong Export Demand Drives Trade at Simmental Premier Sale

The Irish Simmental Cattle Society held its Autumn Premier Show & Sale at Roscommon on Saturday November 1st and one of the largest entries of animals for many years were met with strong demand resulting in high clearance rates. Judging this large entry was Mr. John Hughes from the Overhill Herd in West Lothian, Scotland.

Topping the sale in the bull section at €7000 was Lot 39, a November 2013 bull put forward for sale by David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin. Curaheen Emanuel P is sired by Hoeness and out of a Monaduff Lord dam Curaheen Angel. Hector McCaskill from Dunbar, Scotland was the buyer to add this bull to his Woodhall Herd.

The Junior Champion, Clonagh Edels Stud Muffin, was next highest priced bull at €5700 for Garrett Behan, Ballyfin, Portlaoise. Also born in November 2013 this bull is by Clonagh Bart Man and out of a Raceview King cow Clonagh Truly Scrumptious. This bull was earlier in the year judged as the Weanling Bull Champion at Tullamore Show and was purchased by Richard Pettit, Banffshire, Scotland for his Spey-Bay Herd.

Selling at €5400 for Keith Vickery, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork was another November 2013 born bull Carbery Edenvale. Sired by Kilbride Farm Bantry and out of a homebred Samark Superman cow Carbery Amy this bull which was placed second to the Junior Champion and joins the Harestone Herd of Neil Barclay, Aberdeenshire, Scotland

The Senior Champion, Auroch Elvis, was exhibited by James & David Wall Jnr, Newcastle, Co. Dublin and sold to James Alexander, Randallstown, Co. Antrim for €4400. This August 2013 bull is sired by Clonagh Tiger Gallant and is out of a Hillcrest Champion dam Auroch Charisa.

James Alexander was also the buyer of the Reserve Senior Champion, Bighill Eye Catcher, at €3000. Exhibited by Fergal Doherty, Carrigart, Co. Donegal and born in October 2013 this bull is sired by Antrim Bodybuilder and out of a Camus Vibrant dam Dripsey Willow Lady.

The Reserve Junior Champion, Bearna-Dhearg Edgar, was exhibited by William O'Halloran, Chamberlainstown, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. Sired by Dermody Butcher and out of Ballyduff Breda a Curaheen Texas dam this December 2013 bull was purchased by Timothy Hamilton, Port Logan, Scotland at €3700.

Hitting the €4400 mark was another Antrim Bodybuilder sired bull exhibited by Fergal Doherty. Bighill Excel was born in September 2013 and was purchased by Aidan Linnane, Bellharbour, Co. Clare.

Clonagh Easy Rider, a Banwy T-Rex son exhibited by Garrett Behan sold to W H Robson & Sons, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim for the Kilbride Farm Herd at €3600

A 65% clearance figure was recorded in the bull section with an average price of €3200.

The Female section started with the Senior Champion and top priced heifer at €8000 Seepa Daffodil first into the ring for Paddy & Elaine Hennelly, Rossespoint, Co. Sligo. This March 2012 In-Calf Heifer is sired by Hillcrest Jerome and is out of a Milton Lord Tiffany dam Seepa Aster and was purchased by Richard McCulloch for his Overhill Herd in West Lothian, Scotland.

The Reserve Senior was exhibited by Hugh & Sarah Murray, Moate and sold to Eamon Donoghue, Glasson, Co. Westmeath for €4700. This August 2012 heifer, Shiloh Dazzling Royal, was also In-Calf and was sired by Omorga Murray and out of a Kilbride Farm Newry dam Shiloh Amazing Royal.

The second highest price of the day at €7400 went to Francis Maguire, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim for the Junior Heifer Champion, Fohera Emma. Sired by Glebefarm Tyson and out of a Ballingar Trendsetter dam Fanerange Avril this March 2013 heifer was purchased by Padge Mulhare, Cloghan, Co. Offaly.

The Reserve Junior Heifer, Feenagh Elite, was exhibited by Patrick Nerney, Ballymote, Co. Sligo. Doran Auctioneers, Oak Road, Dublin 12 purchased this Sheestown Tsar sired heifer which is out of Moyle Patience, a Moyle Jack dam at €3500.

Clonagh Exquisite Triffle a September 2013 heifer was the Yearling Champion for Garrett Behan and sold for €3900. By Banwy T-Rex and out of a Derrough Majestic Dam, Knockatee Trifle, Paddy Mannion, Kilsolan, Mountbellew was the purchaser for his Marbelhill Herd.

Peter & Marion O`Connell, Mallow, Co. Cork exhibited the Weanling Heifer Champion, Raceview Eureka Velvet. Born in December 2013 this twin heifer was sired by Kilbride Farm Newry and out of a Raceview King dam Raceview Velvet Jade. €5000 was the selling price here to Richard McCulloch.

Other notable female prices included:

€4000 to Keith Vickery, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork for a September 2013 heifer. Carbery Elyssa by Kilbride Farm Bantry sold to Noel Kilpatrick, Banbridge, Co. Down.

€3700 to Peter & Marion O`Connell, Mallow for a Seabank Flint heifer Raceview Eimer Witty born December 2013 from Thomas Fahy, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

€3500 to Ray Bracken, Daingean, Tullamore for Cruithill Elliot, a Curaheen Wakeman sired December 2013 heifer from Kieran Mullarkey, Ballinfull, Co. Sligo.

€3400 for Ceannaboe Freda a Curaheen Vio 10 month old heifer exhibited by John Conway, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim from Eamon Greene, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary.

Overall there was a super trade for heifers with an 81% clearance resulting in an average price of €2680.