Roscommon Premier Show & Sale Report November 5th 2011

Corby Family from Newtowngore set new record at Simmental Society Sale

The Simmental Society November Premier Show & Sale at Roscommon was one of the best ever with a packed ringside staying right to the very end to see a new Society female record price when the Corby Family, Newtowngore paid €17000 for the last lot in the catalogue "Auroch Banshee ET"

Top price in the bull section of €6100 went to David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin for his July `10 born bull "Curaheen Buck ET". This class winner sired by "Curaheen Warrior" and out of a "Cloondroon Nuggett" sired dam "Marsha Wanda" was purchased by James Alexander, Randlestown, Co. Antrim for his Jalex Herd.

Second highest price bull went to James & David Wall Jnr, Newcastle, Co. Dublin their "Lamhoj Supery" sired bull "Auroch Bullet" at €5200. By the "Dirnanean Jacob" sired dam "Curaheen Tatiana" this bull went to join the well known "Seafort Herd" of James Costello, Dromard, Co. Sligo.

The National Yearling Bull Champion which was judged on Saturday at the Sale went to John Brady, Swinford, Co. Mayo with his Sept `10 born bull "Rabawn Bruce Almighty". Judge David Lowry from Scotland selected this "Kilbride Farm Newry" son out of a "Freighduff Brendan" dam "Seepa Patricia" from a very strong class of bulls and he sold for €4000 to Garry Agnew, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh.

The reserve National yearling Champion went to Garrett Behan, Ballyfin, Co. Laois with his "Banwy T-Rex" sired bull "Clonagh Bmw". Born in November `10 this bull was purchased by well known Teagasc Monitor farmer, Martin Lenehan, Ballinful, Co. Sligo at €3750.

Third in the National Yearling Championship went to Lyndsey Behan with "Jennalyn Brigadier Rose" sired by "Banwy T-Rex". Tomas Kerin, Belharbour, Co. Clare purchased this bull at €4200.

In the weanling bull section the champion went to Seamus Aherne, Cappamore, Co. Limerick with his January `11 born "Glebefarm Tyson" bull "Towerhill Christy". Gerald & Morag Smith Drumsleed Simmentals, Aberdeenshire, Scotland secured this lot at €5100

Other bull prices included:

- €4600 to James & David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin for their "Exodus" sired bull "Auroch Blood ET" from Robert Young, Bagnelstown, Co. Carlow.
- €4500 to Angela & Gerard Brickley, Coolrain, Portlaoise from John Dunne, Portharlington, for "Celtic Bentley" sired by "Celtic Starbuck"

- €4400 to Ray Bracken, Tullamore, Co. Offaly for "Cruithill Bullseye" sired by "Curaheen Wakeman" from Timothy Hamilton, Port Logan, Scotland.
- €3900 to David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin from Alan Clarke, Clonberne, Co. Galway for "Curaheen Buckshot" sired by "Hillcrest Butcher"
- €3200 to Angela & Gerard Brickley, Coolrain, Portlaoise from Patrick Collins, Williamstown, Co. Galway for a "Curaheen Tyson" sired bull "Celtic Biffo"

Overall there was a clearance rate of 68% on the 45 bulls entered with an average price of €3111 which was up by €140 on 2010 with a greater number of bulls sold.

In the female section which included a draft of five heifers for James & David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin, bidding was brisk with many of the top lots staying at home in spite of strong competition from N.Ireland, Scotish & English buyers.

Top price of the year of €17000 went to James & David Wall for Lot 115 in the catalogue "Auroch Banshee ET", a January 2010 born heifer. Sired by "Hillcrest Champion" and out of the "Raceview King" cow "Raceview Merle Beauty" this heifer is a full sister to "Curaheen Tyson" the record price bull sold at €20000 in November 2006, "Curaheen Vio" the top Eurostar index bull across all breeds in the ICBF index and National Yearling bull in 2008 and "Curaheen Bandit" the champion at this years spring sale when selling to Stewart Stronach's Islavale Simmentals, Scotland for €10400. The Corby family from Newtowngore, Co. Leitrim secured this heifer after stiff competition from a UK bidder and will start their new "Padoro" Simmental herd with this foundation female. Second highest price of the day also went to James & David Wall for "Auroch Belle ET" at €8000. This July `10 heifer is a full sister of the top priced bull "Curaheen Buck" sired by "Curaheen Warrior" and out of "Marsha Wanda". This heifer joins Padge Mulhare's "Hillcrest Herd" in Cloghan, Co. Offaly.

The Senior heifer champion "Corbally A1 Katie ET" was exhibited by James & Fiona Browne, Corbally, Co. Cork. This "Raceview King" heifer out of a homebred "Kealod Desmond" sired dam "Corbally Katie" was sold to Kenneth Veitch, Lisbellew, Co. Fermanagh at €7750.

The reserve senior heifer "Derrough Amy" was sired by "Derrough Samual" and sold for €4600 to Declan Callan, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan

The Junior heifer champion was shown by John Brady, Swinford, Mayo. "Rabawn Beauty" was sired by "Derrough Samual" and was purchased by Aidan Barnett, Rosenallis, Co. Laois for €2600.

"Curaheen Bathsheba" by "Curaheen Warrior" was placed as the reserve Junior heifer. Exhibited by David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin this heifer was purchased by Catherine O'Connell, Banagher, Co. Offaly at €4100

Denis O'Halloran, Tulla, Co. Clare exhibited the Yearling Heifer Champion "Tulla Blossom" Sired by "Kilbride Farm Newry" this heifer sold at €4900 to Fergal Doherty, Carrigart, Co. Donegal.

"Clonagh Betty Boo" exhibited by Garrett Behan, Ballyfin, Co. Laois was judged as the reserve yearling. This "Banwy T-Rex" heifer sold to the Corby Family, Newtowngore, Co. Leitrim at €4100.

The weanling heifer champion "Shiloh Cherry" was exhibited by Hugh Murray, Moate, Co. Westmeath. Sired by "Seaview Tommy", Gavin Hayes, Lisburn, purchased this heifer at €5100.

"Shiloh-Farm Classy Lady ET" the reserve weanling heifer was shown by Helena & Sarah Murray, Moate, Co. Westmeath. By "Cairnview Snazzy" this heifer sold at €5100 to Gavin Hayes also.

Other female prices included:

- €6400 to James & David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin for "Auroch Bonanza" sired by "Curaheen Warrior" to Thomas Briody, Navan.
- €5150 to Joe Jordan, Bonniconlon, Co. Mayo for "Carralavin Bell" sired by "Seafort Troy" from Aidan Barnett, Rosenallis, Co. Laois.
- €4000 to James & David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin for "Auroch Bakula" sired by "Omorga Regan" from Patrick McGann, Lavally, Co. Galway.
- €3700 to Noel Woods, Castleblaney for "Brookwood Autumn Sunshine" by "Milton Lord Tiffany" from Paul McLoughlin Clonmany, Co. Donegal.
- €3650 to Joe Jordan, Bonniconlon, Co. Mayo for "Carralavin Bessy" sired by "Hillcrest King" from Stephen Millar, Newtownstewart, Co. Tyrone.
- €3600 to Mary Casey, Thurles, Co. Tipperary for "Benson A Star" sired by "Camus Frontier" from O'Dea's Esker Pedigree's, Athenry, Co. Galway.
- €3600 to David Wall, Newcastle, Co. Dublin for "Curaheen Beyonce ET" sired by "Hillcrest Butcher" from Mary O'Halloran, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

Overall in the heifer section there was a 92% clearance of the 60 heifers on offer with an average price of €3280.