

## **Top of €12,500 at Simmental Premier Sale**

The Simmental Society Spring Premier Sale took place at Roscommon Mart on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>. With the corresponding sale last spring cancelled, it was great that this sale went ahead with both exhibitors and customers observing strict covid guidelines. A lot of uncertainty regarding sales from both a sellers and buyers perspective led to a lot of pre-sale activity which resulted in a lot of animals catalogued not appearing. This is a common trend across all pedigree sales over the last few weeks.

Topping the sale at €12,500 was Lissadell Mr Mullarkey VIP for Kieran & Paul Mullarkey, Ballinfull, Co, Sligo. This 12 month old bull is sired by Dermotstown Delboy and out of a Milnafua Graduate dam Corbally Eires VIP. After a hard fought on-line bidding, Auctioneer Denis Barrett finally came to a standstill at €12,500 for the second youngest bull in the catalogue.

Next up at €7,200 was Fearna Legend P ET selling for Gerry Neenan, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo. This September `19 born bull is sired by Curaheen Gunshot and out of Fearna Vienna, a homebred dam by Raceview King.

Selling at €5100 was lot 29 Treen Mark for Myles McHale, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This 14 month old Curaheen Gunshot sired bull is out of a Cloondroon Calling homebred dam Treen Heather Seepa.

Hitting the €5000 mark was Clonagh Lucky Handsome Lad for Garrett Behan, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. Born in December `19 this bull is sired by Manor Park Handsome and is out of Clonagh Hazel Eyes ET, a homebred Kilbride Farm Dragoon dam.

Barry Fleming from Athy, Co. Laois received €4100 for his September `19 born bull Theswan Levi who is sired by Keeldrum Capone and out of a homebred dam Theswan Fantasis by Curaheen Vio.

Selling at €3700 was the second bull into the ring Big-Red Lollipop for Donal Byrne, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo. Another Curaheen Gunshot son this August `19 bull is out of a Clonagh Diamond Rock sired dam Pollacossaun Holly.

The €3500 mark was reached 3 times and first up at this price was Fohera Michaelangelo ET for Francis Maguire, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim. Sired by Curaheen Wakeman this 13 month old bull was out of a Ballingar Trendsetter dam Fanerange Avril.

Next at €3500 was lot 36 for Garrett Behan Portlaoise, Co. Laois. Again at 13 month Clonagh Mighty Handsome ET is out of Manor Park Handsome and out of a Kilbride Farm Newry dam Cloneygowan Temptress Posh.

Finally up at €3500 was Tulla Max P for Denis O`Halloran Tulla, Co. Clare. Again at 13 month old this Auroch Deuter PP sired bull is out of Tulla Hilltop a homebred Keeldrum Capone sired dam.

In summary the bulls recorded a clearance rate of 66% with an average price of €4000 which was up over €1200 on the 2019 sale average.

In a smaller than usual female section which again suffered the same fate as the bulls with a number of lots sold prior to the sale, a brisk trade was witnessed resulting in a top price of €2950, with an average of €2390 which was down €60 on the 2019 figure. The clearance rate was of the females was 74%.

Topping the female section at €2950 was the youngest heifer in the catalogue Dungimmon Maizy at under 12 months of age. This heifer was sold by Martin Sheridan, Mounnugent, Co. Cavan and is sired by Clonagth Just A Dream and is out of a Sacombe Wishful Thinking dam, Hillcrest Jewel.

The figure of €2600 was reached three times and selling first at €2600 for Barry & John Duffy Ballybay, Co. Monaghan was their November `19 born heifer Duff Lone Star. This Glebefarm Tyson sired heifer is out of a homebred Islavale Cracker dam, Duff Fabia.

Next up at €2600 was Mainview Lady Honey exhibited by Stephen Treanor, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan. This 15 month old heifer is sired by Curaheen Earp and is out of a Dermotstown Delboy dam Scribby Farms Honey.

Finally selling at €2600 was lot 64 Bridgemount Luna for William O`Riordan, Rathcormac, Co. Cork. Again at 15 months this Kilbride Farm Delboy sired heifer is out of a Samark Superman sired homebred dam Bridgemount Ebony.

The next Simmental sale will take place at Tullamore Mart on Friday evening April 30<sup>th</sup> .