

Balla Mart Report.

On Saturday the 2nd of Feb the sale was held at Balla. It was a great sale but numbers were back due to the weather conditions of the morning. There was a smashing sale for bull weanlings and bulling heifers, AA bullocks the right age 18-19mts for export met with strong buying.

Bullocks 300kg to 400kg averaged 2.12p/kg. A 370kg CHX sold by a Tulrahan - Claremorris farmer born April '18 at €940.00 or 2.54 p/kg. Good store bullocks 400kg to 500kg averaged 2.24 p/kg...the best a 485kg CHX born Mar '17 sold by a farmer from Manulla - Castlebar at €1220 or 2.52p/kg, While heavier bullocks 500kg + averaged 2.00 p/kg. A farmer from Cloonamna - Kilmovee had a smashing 675kg CHX bullock born Mar '17 sold for €1,500.00 euro or €825.

There was 200 Heifers on offer this week & were a better trade than last week. Heifers up to 400 kg averaged €2.46 p/kg this week. A CHX heifer born Mar '18 weighing 375kg sold by an Logaphuill - Castlebar farmer made €1100 or €2.93p/kg. Heifers 400kg to 500kg averaged 2.43 p/kg with the weight. There was a 490kg LMX heifer for export born July '17 sold by a Liscarney - Westport farmer for €1,645.00 or 3.36 p/kg. While 500kg plus averaged farmer at 2.22p/kg, the best a 665kg CH heifer sold by a Glenisland - Castlebar farmer for €1,600.00 or 2.41 p/kg.

This week there was just over 60 cows. The best dry cow an animal born mar '10 at €1,500.00 euro sold by a Keellogues - Ballyvary. While in the springers the best was a 635kg 1st calving LMX Cow due mid feb sold by a Ballymoney - Dunmore farmer at €1,500.00.

There was a special sale of weanlings this week selling after the bullocks in ring 1. They met with a fine trade...with some keen competition among the bull weanling buyers. The really nice Belgian Blue stock were an "unreal & a mad trade" as described by some buyers.

Bullocks:

280KG HEX €655 @ 2.34 P/KG
370KG CHX €940 @ 2.54 P/KG
485KG CHX €1220 @ 2.52 P/KG
590KG LMX €1365 @ 2.31 P/KG
675KG CHX €1500 @ 2.22 P/KG

Heifers:

290KG CHX €880 @ 3.03 P/KG
375KG CHX €1100 @ 2.93 P/KG
*490KG LMX €1645 @ 3.36 P/KG
595KG CHX €1440 @ 2.42 P/KG
665KG CH_ €1600 @ 2.41 P/KG

Weanling Bulls:

280KG BBX €885 @ 3.16 P/KG
345KG BBX €1130 @ 3.28 P/KG
425KG BBX €1500 @ 3.53 P/KG

Heifer Weanlings:

330KG LMX €830 @ 2.52 P/KG
385KG LMX €1015 @ 2.64 P/KG

The next sale will be on Saturday the 9th of Feb with booking on Wednesday the 6th of Jan at 09:30 am for the Bullocks & Heifers & 11:00am for the cows.

While the booking for the Weanlings will be on Thursday the 7th at 09:30am. Booking will be taken on 0818-301-401. It is now an option for sellers to get paid by EFT payment to their Bank Account.

If interested please get the necessary form from the mart.

Also all cattle must have two tags & be properly de-horned when presented for sale.