

Balla Mart Report....

On Saturday the 22nd of February the sale was held at Balla. There was a good trade for most stock. A lively trade which is great to see with many extra buyers around the ring especially from the north and Donegal areas. Bullocks 300kg to 400kg were well up and averaged 2.52p/kg. Store bullocks 400kg to 500kg averaged 2.39 p/kg...the best sold by a farmer from Manulla - Castlebar who had a 480kg LMX that made E1280 or 2.67p/kg, While heavier bullocks 500kg + averaged E2.16 p/kg.

There was a large sale of heifers with over 450 this week. Heifers up to 400 kg averaged 2.53 Euro p/kg. Heifers 400kg to 500kg averaged E2.34p/kg with the weight. While 500kg+ averaged 2.17p/kg.. the best a Char heifer weighing 735kg sold by a farmer from Cloghans - Ballina who had some lovely stock that made E1,680.00.

This week the cow numbers were just over 180 lots for sale. The best dry cow was sold by a farmer from Ballyhip - Louisburg that weighed 840kg and made E1,730.00 euro. While in the springers there was a June '12 incalf cow due end of March sold by a Barnagurra - Keltimagh farmer at E1630.00.

In the weanlings there was a small sale in general prices remain steady. Light Bull weanlings 200kg to 350kg averaged 2.62p/kg. Bulls 350kg to 450kg averaged 2.23 p/kg.