

Balla Mart Report....

On Saturday the 14th of March a huge show of over 1300 cattle. The restriction on access due to COVID-19 worked well and the cooperation of all farmers is appreciated. An excellent trade for the quality lots and last weeks prices were well maintained despite present conditions with buyers coming from the north / Donegal and midland areas. Bullocks 300kg to 400kg averaged 2.44p/kg. Store bullocks 400kg to 500kg averaged 2.27 p/kg...the best sold by a farmer from Tibohine - Castlerea who had a 400kg CHX that made E1220 or 3.05p/kg, While heavier bullocks 500kg + averaged E2.10 p/kg. the best there a 735kg LMX @ E1,600.00 sold by a farmer from Hollyhill - Castlebar who had some nice bullocks at 2.18p/kg.

A big sale of heifers with over 800 booked which was sold in the first ring. Heifers up to 400 kg averaged 2.47 Euro p/kg. Heifers 400kg to 500kg averaged E2.35p/kg with the weight. While 500kg+ averaging 2.32p/kg.. the best a LMX heifer weighing 650kg for breeding sold by a farmer from Claddaghduff - Clifden at E2,480.00 or 3.82 p/kg.

This week the cow numbers were just over 140 lots for sale. The best dry cow was sold by a farmer from Annaghdown - Galway that weighed 1005kg and made E1,840.00 euro. While in the springers there was a May '16 incalf cow due in 2 weeks sold by a Dromard - Sligo farmer at E1700.00.