

Balla Mart Report....

The sale was held in Balla today the 14th of May with just over 900 lots on offer a big sale for the time of year. There was a fine trade and some quality beef cattle both heifers and bullocks are getting dearer and reached prices well in excess of 3.00p/kg. With online factory and northern buyers pushing things along and making them dearer. Bullocks were well up on last week. Bullocks 300kg to 400kg averaged 2.87p/kg. Store bullocks 400kg to 500kg averaged 2.86 p/kg...While heavier bullocks 500kg + averaged 2.86p/kg with the tops making over the 3.10p/kg. A farmer from Cloonmore - Tuam had a AAX bullock weighing 705kg that made E2,270.00 or 3.22p/kg with the weight and another lighter 600kg char made E2,010.00 or 3.35p/kg. from a Lehinch - Hollymount farmer. In the heifers this week there was nearly 350 lots on offer. There was some nice quality store animals that met with a good clearance. Heifers up to 400 kg averaged 2.75 Euro p/kg. Heifers 400kg to 500kg averaged E2.80p/kg. Heavy heifers were up and the average for the first time was actually over the 3:00p/kg at 3.05p/kg. There was a Char 700kg that made E2,430.00 or 3.47p/kg and another 695kg CHX that made E2,380.00 or 3.42p/kg.

The third ring was in operation for the cows and as usual cow numbers remain large with a record number of dry cows. Dry cow prices were up due to the presence of some Northern Ireland and online buyers. A Char dry cow 880kg born May '12 that made E2,450.00 or 2.78p/kg from a farmer from Aughagower - Westport and another Sim 810kg that made 2,420.00 or 2.99p/kg. . In the springers the best a 615kg lim cow born Mar '19 with its heifer calf at foot that made E2,200.00 sold by a farmer from Straide - Foxford. There was weanlings sold this Saturday as the special weanling sales on Tuesday evenings have come to an end. Bull weanlings 200kg to 350kg averaged 2.91p/kg. Bull Weanlings 350kg to 450kg made 2.59p/kg. And bull weanlings 450kg+ made 2.59p/kg. There will be another sale next Saturday the 21st with booking as usual on 0818-301-401.