

Balla Mart Report the 2nd March

A cold harsh morning that would discourage the rounding up of cattle but a good number turned up.

The sale commenced with a minutes silence in respect of Michael John Walsh former manager of Balla Mart from 1990 to 2007 who passed away unexpectedly last Sunday the 25th.

Light store bullocks were a good trade with a lot of farmers buying and heifers especially breeding types made exceptional prices. But in general prices are sticking well with all averages over the 3.00/kg with the tops making over 4;00/kg.

Bullocks 300kg to 400kg averaged 3.26/kg. Store bullocks 400kg to 500kg averaged 3.16p/kg. While heavier bullocks 500kg averaged 3.13/kg. Quality Heavy bullocks 600kg+ were making between E3.03 to E3.16/KG or up to 1500 with the weight. A CHX bullock weighing 670kg made E2,180.00 or 3.25/kg.. While a lighter example weighing 350kg made E1,680.00 or 4.80/kg.

The heifers as always were selling well and anything nice got a good price. Lighter store heifers 300 – 400kg averaged 3.28/kg. Heifers 400kg to 500kg averaged 3.09/kg. While 500kg+ averaged 3.13p/kg. A smashing limousine breeding heifer with good colour/shape weighing 605kg made E2,920.00 or 4.83/kg sold by a farmer from Mace - Claremorris.(see video clip below).

It was a good sale of dry cows with large numbers on offer. Prices been pushed on by online Northern buyers using the farmers Journal apk 'MartBids'. A 810kg CHX dry cow made E2,490.00 or 3.07/kg.

And in the springers a farmer from Foxford had a limousine springer that sold for E2,480.00...

Bull weanlings sold after the bullocks and those 200 to 350kg averaged 2.88/kg. Those 350 to 450kg averaged 3.18/kg.

While bulls 450kg+ averaged 3.14/kg. Prob the best being a 390kg Char that made E1,400.00 for a local Balla farmer.

Booking as usual for Next Saturdays sale the 9th of March will be on Wednesday next the 6th at 9:30am for the bullocks, Heifers & Cows at 11am phone 0818-301-401. On Thursday they will be taking bookings for the Tuesday Evening Weanling sale which will be on Tuesday the 12th.