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This time last year, in the landmark 100th edition of the Aberdeen-Angus Review, we spoke about the period of change we were navigating. We stressed the Society's commitment to creating the best environment possible for members and consumers alike, continuing to spearhead the industry as the world's leading breed society. A year later, we have seen our Society take great strides, continuing to grow and lead as our breed should. As with every year, faced both positives and negatives and would like to start by expressing our gratitude to all our members. You are the people who live and breathe Aberdeen-Angus and we thank you for continuing to fly the flag and supporting our breed at all times.

As we enter 2019, we look to celebrate another great year which has been packed with exciting and successful events. We've seen the introduction of a new look to a lot of the Society collateral and I've received a very warm welcome as Chief Executive, for which I'm very grateful. In line with our overall vision to drive the Society in a modern and industry-leading way, we present the 101st Aberdeen-Angus Review with a progressive design, there's also wealth of technical and useful content for all members to read, enjoy and keep for many years to come. We hear from a selection of new breeders covering the length and breadth of the UK and Ireland. We also look back at another wonderful year for our Youth Development Programme which is becoming increasingly renowned as one of the most valuable and effective programmes of its kind.

We take great pride in the breed's position as the world's leader in its industry. We will continue to lead from this position, providing members with the platform they need to continue to work as effectively as possible. At the same time, we'll also provide consumers with the assurances and confidence they need and expect when dealing with a brand of the stature of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.

Barrie Turner, Chief Executive

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# The year ahead

## From the CEO perspective

**This is a report written by the CEO, but really it comes from each person on the team who contributes to the Society's wellbeing and smooth running on a day-to-day basis. It is the office staff who run everything, while, as the CEO, I must head up the team, keeping everyone motivated and on track to deliver our shared responsibilities to the membership. So from now on, in this opening report the word "I" will not appear, as there is no "I" in team!**

After almost a year of operations, and a whistle stop tour of the country nearly completed, there has finally been some time to spend in the office reviewing what we need to do as a society over the next year. Based on inter-team discussions we are considering the ways we do things to make them even better. We want to make the working environment for the team at Pedigree House as safe, secure and comfortable as possible, while improving efficiency to make work more of a pleasure than a pain.

What are we going to focus on for the benefit of the breed over the next 12 months?

The new marketing material has been well received by members, with the fresh look to be fully adopted, including on our website, which itself needs attention. Redesigning the website will not only make it easier and faster to use, but it will pay for itself in two years thanks to lower running costs. Statistics from our website monitoring indicate this is something we need to do to maintain an exchange

of information between the Society, members, and researchers.

We also have plans to interact with retailers, restaurants, and caterers, with a consumer website. Done right, this too will be self-funding; playing an important role in creating demand for Aberdeen-Angus beef and ultimately bull sales from the marketplace to feed the market. This will add a new dimension to our marketing, forming a key part of our re-development of the CAAB scheme and bringing it up to speed with the world "beyond the farm gate". Hopefully there'll be further news on this by spring 2019 following council consideration in December.

The sire verification scheme database is continuing to be built up. With imported "Angus" and "Black Angus" beef already appearing on the shelves in the UK, verification will help protect our home market post-Brexit. Our partners at Identigen can help us police this, if they have a comprehensive database of registered Aberdeen-Angus bulls. At cost to the Society, we have fast-tracked this process by DNA-profiling many of the 2015/16 bulls working now. However, we need to keep up the momentum to maintain traceability of Aberdeen-Angus beef. This will allow testing of meat on shop shelves and restaurant plates to ensure that it comes from your British and Irish farms. Help us help you, by DNA-testing and registering everything male that you sell going forward. The cost has been greatly reduced so that you need pay as little as possible to help protect the UK market place from being invaded by the world meat trade.

Brexit will present new challenges too and there are several factors in the spotlight now. Both farm support and the export of females to European partners may well be under threat. This could have a huge impact on the beef industry in general and Aberdeen-Angus in particular. We

must have plans in place to ensure we can demonstrate Aberdeen-Angus cattle can produce beef profitably on low-cost systems. We must make all commercial enterprises aware that the Aberdeen-Angus female is a very good suckler cow and that demand for pure females is high. We are working with ABRI again to progress the Maternal Index, which will be another useful tool in the box to aid sales of females in our home market.

There are opportunities we hope to bring out this next year in the field of **Beef Feed efficiency** work that will hopefully help us test and provide evidence for the theories that we are the most efficient meat producing breed in the UK and Ireland today. This has been around for a while and we hope this year to find the best and most economical way forward to undertake this work. Again, putting science and figures behind what we already know; that we have the most efficient and cost-effective beef-producing breed available.

We have a busy year ahead of us to deliver the projects above and many others that will benefit the Aberdeen-Angus breed, both behind and beyond the farm gate. This will ensure, in the ever-changing environmental and economic climate, that Aberdeen-Angus retains its place as the breed and brand of choice.

The Review has several articles which cover the above topics in more detail, as well as all the roundups of 2018 from across our areas and regions, and we hope that you enjoy the read.

*Barrie L. Turner*  
Chief Executive Officer

## President's Focus



Angela and the other judges at the 2018 final.

## So much more to Aberdeen-Angus than the premium

Having been born into the Aberdeen-Angus world, growing up I remember thinking how unfair it was that we were penalised for producing the cattle that produced the best beef in the world. The beef was still sold at a premium, but the cattle were not fashionable and were discounted. It was about not following fashion but looking at what we are trying to achieve - profitable beef production, focussing on exploiting the assets of our

**magnificent breed. There is so much more to Aberdeen-Angus than the premium.**

It has been a hugely positive year for the breed, with great demand for stock bulls and females, plus the bonus of the export market keeping heifer prices at a premium. The commercial breeder and the marketplace realise that the consumer desires our product, and this has led to noticeable demand, with carcase premiums in excess of 40p/kg during some months, driving sales of pedigree bulls to high clearance rates and averages. It is no longer just about size. It is size, for an age and weight. High-growth bulls; efficient convertors and those that will produce medium sized proficient females for breeding. The Aberdeen-Angus cow is one of the best maternal animals. The message we need to continue to put out there is to consider replacing your commercial cows with pure; it reduces feed cost and depreciation; gives control over selection and delivers a more desirable uniform product at the end. The pressure on carcase weights works to our advantage, but we must not become complacent. Other breeds will adapt their breeding

and finishing to compete. What they cannot change is the name, and our name we must safeguard.

Over the past couple of years (with some 30,000 miles travelled up and down the country!), I have grown to have a huge appreciation for the value of the show ring. Those of you who know me, know I talk figures, but the effort and passion involved in showing must be commended and I am more than slightly envious of what you achieve! That is where you see the true art of sportsmanship and the community that is the Aberdeen-Angus world. I am in awe of those of you who dedicate the time (and money) to showcase the Aberdeen-Angus at the different venues across the country. Congratulations to you all, your work does not go unnoticed.

This year we introduced Barrie Turner to you as our new Chief Executive. He has covered the of the country in his year in office, getting out there and meeting as many members as possible. It is a long, never-ending process learning everything that is to do with our Society. Barrie is very approachable and listening to membership is a skill he possesses which





will prove advantageous going forward as he adds ever more to the business of the breed. As always, the ladies in the office have gone above and beyond in helping him settle in and learn the many processes and procedures currently in place.

The past few years have seen the Society deal with many issues and we have had to consider policy and procedure a great deal. A remuneration committee has been formed, Directors' training and updates on policy have been put in place, as has the return of annual brokers meetings, all putting the Society in a better position moving forward.

Promotion of the breed is to be more directed in future. We had our first open day for several years at Longford Farms by kind permission of Lord Radnor. A huge effort by Robert Huxely made it a truly successful and tremendous event. We were fortunate to have Minette Batters (NFU President) address those attending, where she said: "Aberdeen-Angus is to the beef world what John Deere is to the tractor world!" Thanks here also go to Barbara Webster and Linda McKendrick who put on a great scanning demonstration; to Gayle Bersey for coordinating the stock judging and the Council members who made it all happen. An open day is now part of the diary going forward and plans are afoot for the next one. Council agreed with targeted investment into Wales and the direct targeting of likely customers prior to bull sales, along with the markets in which they are held. The publication of The Cud and The Field Report were well received this year, and an early summer, commercially-focussed publication will be produced in 2019 and feelers are already out for case studies.

The largest development this past year was the introduction of the

Sire Verified Scheme which is about improving traceability of authentic Aberdeen-Angus beef. We have been working hard getting DNA costs down to an affordable level and saw the introduction of free testing on a low-density chip for sire verification and myostatin testing. The uptake of this was very positive and showed that breeders now feel traceability in the marketplace is an advantage and a tool they can use for breeding. Council have now decided that, as part of the registration process, all bulls born from 2019 onwards will be sire verified and myostatin tested at point of registration. This is at no additional cost to the member. As you can imagine, this is a huge investment for the breed, but will give us a vast marketing advantage going forward, both in giving breeders information on sires, but also protecting the brand that is Aberdeen-Angus. We get paid a premium for our name, so let's ensure we do everything to look after it. Our market is ever changing and threats from imports loom. Sire Verified Aberdeen-Angus will lead to full traceability for registered Aberdeen-Angus bulls from the UK or Ireland and enhance the demand for OUR product.

The Society has also embarked on a hugely exciting benchmarking initiative with M&S, Scotbeef and Identigen. This looks at the efficiency of sires and certain eating quality traits. As it is a benchmarking project, it can potentially be used to the advantage of all members. It is however, in its infancy and very much a trial, but it's exciting nevertheless to be involved.

I have been a part of the YDP committee for 6 years and have seen changes in the way the intermediates and seniors think. They are very focussed and knowledgeable, asking pertinent questions about industry and learning from one another. The Future Leaders Course was introduced as the next step in our Youth Development Programme. Gayle Bersey did a tremendous job developing the initiative, attracting very high-calibre participants that are full of energy, knowledge and drive to become future leaders in the beef industry. In addition to this, the senior conference was held in Southern Ireland, plus 15 workshops throughout the UK and

Ireland attracted over 300 participants. This programme goes from strength to strength every year and the calibre of participants at this year's final was exceptional. It is about so much more than just showing and Aberdeen-Angus, but the breed is making an impression on those that attend. I would encourage you to get involved wherever possible, it is truly inspiring.

I am indebted to all the staff in the office and our Youth Development Coordinator who have helped me, as they have past presidents, through changing times in the Society. Their hard work, knowledge and determination to get the job done is why we have one of the most successful Breed Societies there is. Special thanks to Alex Sanger for continued support, Alan Cheyney (Junior Vice President) and Paul Jeenes (Senior Vice President), whose professionalism, insight and knowledge is immeasurable. Time on Council is a positive experience and thank you to those Council members that give up their time unconditionally. It is not about your own progression or business, but is for anyone who wants to see the breed advance and be number one in the country. I have learnt more about industry and science, but mainly about people. I thank all of you that I have met and who have welcomed me to their part of the country, and a huge thanks to those of you who have supported me and the Society in the past couple of years; a friendly word at a show or sale goes a long way.

The passion and enthusiasm for our breed is unlimited. I wish everyone success for 2019.



# Highland Area Club

## Show herd of the year

1<sup>st</sup> Kilmaluag  
2<sup>nd</sup> Raddery  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wester Fearn

## Pedigree Herd of the year 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Varis and Lingieston  
2<sup>nd</sup> Isauld  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quanterness

## Stock bull of the year 2017

Balaldie's Galawater Gaffer  
Geronimo J585

## AGM

We welcomed newly elected Society President Angela McGregor as our guest speaker. She was accompanied by the Society's new CEO Barrie Turner. Angela gave a very informative talk with insight into how the council operates and the vision the Society has under its current leadership. Barrie introduced himself to the members and his enthusiasm for his new role and the breed was clear. Many of our members have enjoyed visits from Barrie this year and we enjoyed his company at the Black Isle Show - along with a wee dash of Highland hospitality!

We extended a warm welcome to Elizabeth Whittome who had given us a very generous donation towards hosting our Northern Exposure day at Dingwall Mart during the World Forum. Paul Spencer and Ian Tolmie from Dingwall and Highland Marts were the guests of honour and we thanked them and their staff for their help and effort behind the scenes and on the day itself. Dingwall Mart was presented with an honorary life membership to the Club.

Our thanks went to the Herd of the Year judge Harold Murray who kept us entertained with his witty poetry and by keeping the results secret right up until he made his announcements, built the tension in the room!

The Club then paid our grateful thanks to our outgoing Chairman/Treasurer,

Donald MacNeill, who, as well as leaving his post, was also heading for pastures new in the Borders, with his wife Gill and family. We wished them well and presented them with a beautiful set of specially designed 'Northern Exposure' drinks glasses to show our appreciation.

Another very sad farewell was made to our stalwart club secretary AnnMarie Munro who had decided to retire from the position following many years of service. AnnMarie, however, was not showing the same emotion as the rest of us and hardly stopped grinning all night! With her husband Finlay playing a huge supportive role behind the scenes, the Club took great pleasure in presenting them a similar set of drinks glasses and gifts to show our gratitude. With the vacant posts filled our new Chairperson, Karen Grant brought a very hectic night to a close with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

## Club Caravan

We were successful with our bid for a new caravan purchased at an implement sale at Dingwall and extend our grateful thanks to the Society for supporting its purchase. Thanks go to the helpers who man the caravan at all shows and provide the food and drink! At the Black Isle Show we welcomed the South West Scotland club to our caravan and we look forward to offering Highland hospitality to any visitors in the future.

## YDP

By kind permission of David Walker, Galcantray Farm, Cawdor, the YDP held a very successful workshop on 12th May. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended and the club were thrilled when one of the attendees, April Forbes, Lochdhu, Nairn was crowned junior handler at the recent YDP final - well done April!

## Show and Sale Season

HAAAC members continued to enjoy huge success around the show circuit and would like to congratulate all members who competed at events throughout the year - your training and hard work is admired. Highland herds also enjoyed success around the marts at the commercial sales. Well done to all.

## Club Trip

In October we headed for an overnight stay in Perth, involving some 'Club bonding' at a local eatery where we were delighted our host farmers were able to join us. Our trip then started with a short drive to Fordel, by kind permission of David Ismail, where we saw a fantastic display of cattle. David and his team had taken time to bring four groups to in-bye fields to show us a selection of calves to different sires. David also provided interesting data for each unit and we got an insight into how his breeding decisions were shaping his business.

We then headed to Moncur by kind permission of Russell and Nancy Taylor, where we were treated to another amazing show of cattle prior to their 2018 dispersal. The members enjoyed fantastic hospitality from Nancy and Russell for which we thank them very much, in an emotional visit as they prepared to say farewell to their beloved herd - we wish them a happy retirement.

The Club has enjoyed another successful year and we would welcome any new members to come and join the fun!

*Gill MacGregor,  
Club Secretary*





## Central Scotland Club

**The beginning of 2018 saw the Fraser family of the Idvies Herd win overall champion at the February bull sales.**

This continued into the year at local shows. A few of our club members had their share of success at each show they entered. Well done to those involved.

Success also at The Royal Highland Show for Stephanie Dick who won the Overall Aberdeen-Angus championship with Richard & Carol Rettie taking Reserve Overall



Championship. A good week for The Central Scotland Aberdeen-Angus Club.

During the month of July, we had two great visits for the Central Club to the Newcairn Herd owned by Angela McGregor then onto the Deveron Herd owned by Hamish and Margaret Sclater. The visits to both herds were fantastic and the weather couldn't have been better, with the sun shining and making the cattle look perfect on the day. Thank you to both hosts for looking after us so well.

We didn't get to mention in last year's review about our donation to The Doddie Weir Trust at the October bull sales due to it being late on into the year. Between our Christmas dinner raffle and donations from Central Club members we were able to hand over a cheque for £500 to John Jeffrey to kindly pass onto the charity.



Some of our youngest members have also been doing well in the YDP events and shown great potential at local shows this year also.

That rounds it up for our Central Club news for this year. We are always on the look out for anyone who would be interested in joining our club so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

*Elaine Smith,  
Club Secretary*

## South-West Scotland Club

**South West Scotland Aberdeen-Angus Club Celebrates 40 years.**

Sunday 29th April 2018 saw members past and present attend Trump Turnberry Resort to celebrate 40 years of the South West Scotland Aberdeen-Angus Club. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

### **Show Season**

The show season was kicked off in May with a fair turnout to Ayr County Show. Duncanziemere scooped the champion with West

Drums taking reserve. Thanks to all who participated to keep our local show going. Next up was the Drumdown herd winning native champion and reserve overall beef at Stranraer Show in July.

### **Annual Club Trip**

In August, 10 members headed for the Black Isle Show for our annual trip. Great hospitality was received by the North of Scotland Aberdeen-Angus Club.



*Helen Brown,  
Club Secretary*

# Border Club

## Bull Walk

This year's walk was spread over two days due to numbers and distance. Sunday the 21st February saw members visit both Thrunton and Humbleheugh (Stouphill) at Alnwick in Northumberland. The quality on display was quite exceptional, which was confirmed at Stirling both in the show and sale rings. Many thanks to Mrs Allen for providing lunch, in particular the Scotch eggs which are highly recommended!

The following Wednesday a large group started the day at Rulesmains, continuing to Upper Huntlywood (Linton Gilbertines, now Gordon), Haymount, Roxburgh Mains (Rawburn) and finishing at Eastfield. The gathering saw a number of excellent, well-presented cattle who would go on to feature in the prizes and top prices in the upcoming sale.

The Border bull walk continues to be well supported, not only giving potential buyers the chance to view the cattle on offer in their own surroundings, the dams and cow families, but also provides the bulls with the chance to view a gathering of people – part of the training process for the fortnight to come. Many thanks to Joan Elliot at Upper Huntlywood for providing a much-appreciated lunch.

## AGM

The Club held its AGM in March, which was well supported, and with business conducted quickly, members then enjoyed supper which was followed by the herd competition prize-giving and the introduction to many of the Society's new Chief Executive, Barrie Turner. Ian Watson was elected Chairman of the club for a two year term, following on from the outgoing Chairman Andrew Hodge.



## Club Visits

With the full calendar last year, 2018 was bound to be quieter, and we have experienced a difficult year with regards to away days and local visits. A heavy workload due to weather conditions with members taking every opportunity to make hay/silage, bale and move straw meant planning an away visit proved very difficult. However, a small number made the trip to Balmoral Show in May, which was greatly enjoyed by those attending from the Borders.

Unfortunately, the local visit also had to be cancelled, due to the drought conditions experienced over the summer. The committee hope to get back to a full agenda for 2019, weather permitting.

## Bull Sales

Thrunton topped the February 2018 sales at Stirling at 15,000gns for Thrunton Panther followed closely by Wedderlie Gordon at 14,000gns. The run of good prices continued with a bid of 12,000gns for Stouphill Ramon, followed by 10,000gns for Linton Gilbertines Profile and 10,000gns for Belhaven Burladero.

The October 2018 sale at Stirling saw Andrew and Emma Hodge's senior and overall champion, Rulesmains Egbert selling for 10,000gns. Topping the sale at 22,000gns was Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse for the Gordon Brooke Trust. Also, young member Ben McSporran was in the money with Eilean Extra selling at 7,500gns.

## Shows

Stouphill Millie Princess T178 won the yearling heifer class and Stouphill Patsy won the two-year-old heifer class. Andrew and Emma Hodge won the January-March young bull class, along with junior male champion, with Rulesmains Egbert. The Gordon Brooke Trust took both first and second spots in the youngest bull class with Linton Gilbertines Elgin and Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse. Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse went on to the Yorkshire Show to be reserve male champion.

At the Border Union Show, the two-year-old bull class was won by the Gordon

Brooke Trust's Cragg Lord Leviathan, with Rulesmains Egbert winning the yearling bull class, both bulls having had a great track record throughout the summer.

The cow with calf at foot was won by Andrew and Emma Hodge with Rulesmains Karen, while the Allen family won both the two-year-old heifer and yearling heifer classes with Stouphill Patsy and Stouphill Millie Princess, respectively. Rulesmains took the overall championship with Rulesmains Karen, with Stouphill Patsy standing in reserve place on this occasion.

The Berwickshire County Show was well supported with the Hodges' Rulesmains Karen being selected as overall Aberdeen-Angus champion and Rulesmains Egbert winning the male championship and reserve overall. The day was made complete when Rulesmains Karen was selected as overall show champion. Food and catering for the hospitality was provided by members and the club is most grateful for these contributions. The Border Club are most grateful to Richard Rettie and Graham Fraser for taking the time to judge the Border shows this year.

## Club Herd Competition

The judge of our herd competition was John Morton from Gretnahouse. In the heifer calf category, first was Kersquarter, second Rulesmanins and third Stouphill. Borewell took first in the bull calf section with Rulesmains second and Kersquarter third. Rulesmains came first in the group of three cows with Kersquarter second and Stouphill third. Hallington Edition of Rulesmains came first in the stock bull section, with Stouphill second and Rulesmains third.

## YDP

This year's workshop took place at Morebattle Tofts, home of the Tofts Aberdeen-Angus herd, courtesy of the Playfair-Hannay family. The event was well-attended and thanks must go to everyone who assisted in any way.

*Natalie Cormack,  
Club Secretary*

# PENWAC Club

2018 has been a challenging year for all our members due to late turnout for the cattle and poor summer crops, luckily the autumn weather has addressed the problem and the cattle have survived well. The year started with the AGM at Garstang. Barrie Turner and Angela McGregor attended. This was the first time many members met Barrie, as he gave us a run down on his past history with everyone finding him to have a very friendly and warm personality. Angela brought us up to speed with council business and her farming enterprises. We were also joined by Christine Knipe and the cattle team to talk about the Summer National Show to be held at Westmorland Show in September.



Henry Rowntree of the Ribble Herd.

We attended Cheshire Show with the exhibition trailer and our new marquee. Cattle numbers were well down but after conversations over the summer hopefully we shall be back on track in 2019. Owen Tunney was the winner with his home-bred heifer taking the Aberdeen-Angus Championship, Morpheus Rosebud S028. She then went on to become the Native Breed Champion and also the Overall Reserve Supreme Beef Champion. Well done Owen!

The Herd Competition was held over 3 days in August. The judge with the challenging task was Mark Pilcher from the Gear Herd in Cornwall. Many thanks to Mark for taking time to judge the Herds. Arriving at Manchester Airport, he was driven to Lancashire, Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Cheshire, driving from dawn till dusk to complete the task. Mark's comment was: "It was a pleasure to see such fine animals". The cattle were all looking well and were all presented well by their owners. All participating members must be congratulated. Everything went well due to participant members' time and effort, without this the competition would not take place. Henry and Mo Rowntree's Ribble Herd was the overall winner.

The Summer National at the Westmorland Show on 13th September was a great day

with many entries coming from far and wide. The weather was great too which always helps. The night before, the Society hosted a BBQ with help from Barrie and John Hadwin, and at very short notice, Ken Howie. Andrew Shufflebotham brought delicious cream scones from his farm shop. The evening was helped along by The Brailes Herd's Richard Hassall and Rachel Wylie who treated us to Prosecco and Sloe Gin cocktails. The Overall National Winner 2018 winner was Donald Rankin with Kilmaluag Eriskay, aptly brought out by the Rettie team.

September saw the largest dispersal - 390 head of Mo & Henry Rowntree's Ribble Herd. This was a first for Skipton Market, really putting it on the map as a sale venue, and what a sale it was. People travelled far and wide - 57 different bidders. The club will very much miss the Ribble Herd and Henry and Mo Rowntree's enthusiasm for the breed.

## PENWAC Herd Competition Results:

**Large Herd:** Henry & Mo Rowntree, Ribble Herd

**Medium Herd:** David Isherwood, Airedale Herd

**Small Herd:** Andrew Shufflebotham, Cheerbrook Herd

### Stock Bull:

1<sup>st</sup> Henry Rowntree, Rulesmains Jimo Eric R666

2<sup>nd</sup> David Isherwood, Airedale Kasper S451

3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Hamnett, Clover Likeable (IMP) EA39

### Bull under 2 years:

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Shufflebotham, Cheerbrook Luther T090

2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Rowntree, Fordel Bishop Monkton T780

3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Jackson Pilsbury Egmont T362

### Cows and Calf:

1<sup>st</sup> Owen Tunney, Morpheus Rosebud and Morpheus Rosie U040

2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Rowntree, Ribble Passionetta and Ribble Picadilly U867

3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Jackson, Pilsbury Cery's Black and Pilsbury Cery's Black U422

### Heifer under 2 years:

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Shufflebotham, Cheerbrook Miss Essence T101

2<sup>nd</sup> Owen Tunney, Morpheus Rosebud T035

3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Jackson, Pilsbury Cherry Bun T368

Mary Hamnett,  
Club Secretary



Richard Jackson of the Pilsbury Herd with judge Mark Pilcher.



## North-East England Club

**The highlight of the year for the North East England Club was the annual calf show which took place at Thirsk auction mart and was judged by Mr Jim Courts. The results from the event were as follows:**

### **Bull born in 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> Retties Lord Harvey T406  
(Reserve Senior Champion)

### **Heifer born in 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> Retties Pam T420  
(Senior Champion)  
  
2<sup>nd</sup> Blackrodian Evita T190  
  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tree Bridge Polly Perkins T699

### **Bull born in 2018**

1<sup>st</sup> Cragg Lord Laurence U152  
(Reserve Junior Champion)  
  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lowhill Emperor U098  
  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yearsley Ezra U322

### **Heifer born 2018**

1<sup>st</sup> Retties Evita U005  
(Junior Champion)  
  
2<sup>nd</sup> Blackrodian Evita U205  
  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yearsley Royal Lady U301

The club would also like to say a huge well done to the Retties for taking the interbreed championship.

*Ashleigh Fenwick,  
Former Club Secretary*

## East Anglia Club

**The year started with the club's annual dinner and AGM in January, which was held at the Mulberry Tree in Attleborough. Mrs Jill Graves of the Gladstone herd was elected chairperson with Mrs Jess Musk of the Park Wall herd elected as vice chairperson. We were very kindly given a talk by one of our club members who is also a vet, Mrs Laura Stephen from the Wretton herd at Stoke Ferry, telling us all about AI and embryo work.**

In early May on a very hot and sunny day, the Briston herd held our area's Youth Development Programme workshop, with all of the cattle and equipment being supplied by the Jeary family as well. With a few changes to the assessors and trainers and many new participants coming from lots of different breeds and



backgrounds, it was great to see such enthusiasm right throughout the day.

Congratulations to all our members who had success in the show ring this season. It has been a long one. Starting at the South Suffolk back in May and taking some of the members right through until mid-September at Newbury.

At the Royal Norfolk Show the club had a breed stand in the lines and members enjoyed a BBQ in the evening after all the judging had finished for the day.

On a lovely sunny weekend in mid-July, the club held its annual herd competition,

which was kindly judged by Adrian and Penny Johnson of the Yearsley herd. The presentation day was held at the Overbury Hall herd in Suffolk by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Nik Reid. Club members had a trip around the herd followed by a 'guess the bull weight' competition, the results presentation and a lovely lunch, kindly supplied by the hosts.

The best overall large herd winners were the Hawstead Lodge herd, Bury St Edmunds, and the best overall small herd winners were the Overbury Hall herd, Hadleigh.

**The large herd class winners were:**

**Best stock bull:** Briston herd with Meadowbrook Playboy N100

**Best cow:** Shadwell Estate with Shadwell Jayne Erica L506

**Best heifer born in 2016:** Hawstead Lodge with Hawstead Lodge Vincenta S808

**Best heifer born in 2017:** Shadwell Estate with Shadwell Pam T941

**Best heifer calf born in 2018:** Lilac herd with Lilac Elena U808

**Best bull born in 2017:** Shadwell Estate with Shadwell Empire T004

**Best bull calf born in 2018:** Hawstead Lodge with Hawstead Lodge Karlos U977

**The small herd class winners were:**

**Best stock bull:** Fenland herd with Fenland Endurance S005

**Best cow:** Gladstone herd with Dunesk Elizabeth M053

**Best heifer born in 2016:** Gladstone herd with Gladstone Missy Essence S024

**Best heifer born in 2017:** Overbury Hall with Overbury Hall Plumbago T053

**Best heifer calf born in 2018:** Parkwall herd with Parkwall Rosebud U015

**Best bull born in 2017:** Overbury Hall with Overbury Hall Peregrine T048

**Best bull calf born in 2018:** Brae herd with Brae Jethro Eric T492

In mid-September the club held a coach trip to visit the Warrenho herd of the Bishop family at Wokingham, Berkshire

and the Rosemead herd of Angus Stovold at Godalming, Surrey. This was a very long day (with a very wet start!) but was enjoyed by all present.

September was a busy month for five of the club's young members as they took part in the finals weekend in Shrewsbury of the Youth Development Programme. Megan Atkins, Robbie Moore, Annabelle Howell, Archie Jeary and Mason Moore were all participating and the club extends a big "well done" to them all, with special congratulations to Megan for winning the overall senior title. Also, well done to Annabelle for winning the presentation section of the intermediates and to Archie for winning the ringcraft section of the juniors.

*Tracey Jeary,  
Club Secretary*

## South-East England Club

**In 2018 the Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary. On a very snowy Sunday in March we had a celebration roast beef lunch in conjunction with our AGM which was held at Cross Farm Shackleford. We thank Bob and Pat Stovold for allowing us to use their excellent meeting room and catering facility. We were pleased that Barrie Turner was able to be with us on this special occasion. John Coultrip proposed a toast to the Club and Bob Stovold replied. Both are founder members.**

Richard Mortimore of the Pottage Herd hosted The South East England YDP workshop in April.

Also in April we held a Showing preparation demonstration for Club members new and old. This was hosted by Paul Carter at Shefford with the tuition given by Ruth Perry and Rob Bishop. Paul provided us with some nice quiet cattle.

On a hot day in July we went to Wiltshire to Angus Neish's Rodmead herd. This relatively new herd has already enjoyed success at shows and sales. After tea we had the use of the swimming pool which was much appreciated by our younger members.

Our biannual herd competition was judged by James Ludgate who had to cover a lot of miles in our area to visit the thirteen herds that entered. Our thanks to James for all the time he put in. Results reported below.

We had the show stand at Edenbridge

Show on a very wet Sunday and lovely sunny bank holiday Monday and also at the Royal County of Berkshire Show at Newbury.

At the beginning of October we visited Sally and Quinten Bissett's Crossfield Herd. After enjoying the tea that Sally and family provided the prizes for the Herd Competition were presented.

Several members have been out showing their cattle this summer but numbers have been down generally. We must congratulate the Bishop family for supporting most of the shows in our area and for their many successes.

**Herd Competition Results 2018:**  
Judge – James Ludgate (Thame)

**Large Herd**

1<sup>st</sup> Angus Stovold - Rosemead Herd

2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Carter - Standlynch Herd

3<sup>rd</sup> Rycote Park Farm - Rycote Herd

**Medium Herd**

1<sup>st</sup> John Coultrip - Wingfield Herd

2<sup>nd</sup> AE & CR Bishop - Warrenho Herd

3<sup>rd</sup> S Maiklem - Perrywood Herd

**Small Herd**

1<sup>st</sup> M & J Spooner - Kingwood Herd

2<sup>nd</sup> P Carter - Shefford Herd

3<sup>rd</sup> McClemens Herd

**Best New Entrant – Bissett Trust****Best Bull Calf**

Shefford Prince Edmund U210

**Best Heifer Calf**

Rosemead Erica U956

**Best Stock Bull**

Eastfield Jockey R820 (Wingfield Herd)

*Mike Spooner,  
Club Secretary*

## South-West England Club

**Our AGM was held in April at the Devon Hotel where we were joined by Barrie Turner and Angela McGregor, who members were keen to meet. Richard Ashenden remained as chairperson, Gill Quinn treasurer and Lisa Frain as secretary.**

We had stands at Bath and West show and Devon county, with enquiries for pedigree bulls in the South West remaining strong. Royal Cornwall show was a highlight for the club, the Society stand was out in force and it was a first outing for the new branding which went down very well, achieving a silver merit. The Society had asked the club to participate in the Prince's Trust Parade which took place to celebrate Prince Charles's 70th birthday. We decorated a Society banner with black, green and gold balloons and ribbon. Various members of the club took to the main ring and walked behind the banner – a wonderful sight and great honour.

Our calf show took place in October at Sedgemoor Market by kind permission of Greenslade, Taylor and Hunt. Thank you to Judith Denning who organised the event which saw several calves out and the classes well supported. Judge Matt Stoker was impressed with the quality of

the animals forward. Our calf champion came from the Kingsbrompton herd of Colin Hutchings in Kingsbrompton Evelynross. Reserve went to Mr Symonds's New Grove Eager U650 with Ian Dowlman at the halter. Thank you to those who attended and made the show a success, it was lovely to see competitors from West Mercia Club there too. Thank you to Bob Quantrill for commentating, Brenda Wear for posting results and photos to the Society Facebook page and to all sponsors.

We had three great YDP workshops in Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. Thank you to Gayle Bersey for putting them on and to the hosts, Brymore School, Dudley Luxton and family and Philip and Oliver Laity as well as all trainers. The South West had a strong section qualifying for the final at Shrewsbury and all acquitted themselves very well and came home with a variety of prizes.

This year over 30 entries to our biannual herd competition which was judged by Gayle Bersey. The Bersey family have been the backbone of the South West Club for well over 40 years now and it was a great honour to have Gayle judge for us this year.

The results were announced at our dinner on 24th November. In the small herd section, Mr R Tratt's Otter herd were

first, Jake Sayer's Sayer herd second and TWT and MR Dawe's Foxcombe herd third. The Westwilder herd of MR & SK Westcott and Son were first in the medium herd section, with Mr & Mrs Collins' Trewavas herd second and BS & VJ Fry's Colhayne herd third. Large herd was won by the Hele Barton herd of Messrs Champman with Mr H Morley's Calstone herd in second and the Watton herd of Mr & Mrs R Tully third. Best stock bull was Nightingale Proud Justjim M637 of MWT & MR Dawe with best heifer calf going to Rodmead Evening Tinge U870 of Mr A Neish. Best bull calf was Rodmead Poseidon U8933 of Mr A Neish with best group of 2017 heifers going to BS & VJ Fry.

The Club/Society also had a stand at Agrifest in November, a major event not only for commercial cattle but for pedigree calf classes too. Thank you to Temple Farm (Andrew and Judith Denning) for supplying the cattle on the stand and to Richard Tully for helping set up. 2019 will see us hosting some herd walks in the spring and summer and we'll attend the Three Counties Show. We welcome new members at any time and would encourage anyone interested to get in touch. Here's to a happy, healthy 2019!

*Lisa Frain,  
Club Secretary*

## Connaught and Leinster Club

**The AGM was held in April and Gerry Lynch remained in the chairman's role, with Shea Feeney being voted in as club secretary.**

Club members had some major successes this year with 2 of them winning the top awards at the Irish National Livestock Show in Tullamore in August. Pat and Finbarr Cahill of the

Shankhill herd, winning the supreme Aberdeen-Angus senior championship with Drumhill Lord Harry R635, and John McEnroe of the Liss herd winning the junior championship with Liss Kim S641.

The Club tour took place in the last week of July with 15 members travelling from Cavan, Meath and the surrounding counties to the south to visit a number of herds: John & Catherine Sullivan's Thornhill Herd, Albert & Jennifer

DeCogan's Mogeely Herd, Eustace & Deirdre Burke's Clontead Herd, Shane Murphy's Mercury Herd, John & Kate Tait's Westellen Herd, Ben & Elaine Ryall's Fellfort Herd and Edward Dudley's Castlelough Herd. The club members were mightily impressed with the standard of stock on display and equally with the excellent hospitality and refreshments provided at each location. Club Chairman Gerard Lynch thanked each herd-owner for their time and efforts in making their cattle



available to view and for such a warm and friendly welcome.

Our herd competition was held in September and is going from strength to strength, with an increase in both the number of entries and number of categories judged. This year's judge was Mr Robin Lamb of the Richhill Aberdeen-Angus herd, Co Armagh, Northern Ireland, who spent 3 days visiting the members' herds and remarked upon the high calibre and standard of cattle that he had the privilege of inspecting and judging.

Small Herd was won by Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford with Dermot Lynch and

Josephine Byrne's Tomriland and John Brady's Lisnafanna in second and third respectively. Michael Smith's Lawsons Ford was first for Medium Herd followed by Louis Byrne's Tomriland and Sean Smith's Aitabhaile in second and third. John McEnroe's Liss Herd won Large Herd with Malachy Tighe's Tara in second and Mrs JM Bird's Dunlever in third. Barry Smith of Lawsons Ford's Lady Hadow family won best cow family with Malachy Tighe's Luddenmore Kalossal taking best stock bull. Best bull born between 1st Sept and 31st Dec 2017 went to John Brady's Lisnafanna Dustin with John McEnroe's Liss Miylo taking best heifer. Finally, best

bull calf was Michael Smith's Lawsons Ford Evaluator and heifer calf was Dermot Lunch and Josephine Byrne's Tomriland Esmerica. Congratulations to all!

We thank all members for taking part in the herd competition and for their participation throughout the year. If there are any potential new members, please get in touch with us either through the Society or via our Facebook page "Connaught Leinster Aberdeen Angus".

*Shea Feeney,  
Club Secretary*

## Northern Ireland Club

**2018 was another busy year for the Northern Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Club. The AGM was held in March when Alan Morrison was unanimously elected chairman and Stephen Wallace vice-chairman, with Catherine O'Hara elected secretary. Later in March members of the Club had an evening at the races at Dunmore Greyhound Stadium, Lisburn. The event was well attended and was a departure from the traditional club dinner. It proved to be thoroughly enjoyed by the members.**

The summer show season kicked off with the Royal Ulster at Balmoral Park outside Lisburn. Most of the shows enjoyed glorious weather and big crowds. As usual there was an exodus from Northern Ireland to the Highland Show; with the highlight being the Aberdeen-Angus champion bred by Samantha Allen and Allen Shortt at the Crew herd in Co. Tyrone.

30% of the membership took part in the Herds Competition which held

in mid-August generously sponsored by Northern Counties Co-operative Enterprises Ltd. Swatragh. Our judge this year was Matthew Goulding from Tralee, Co. Kerry who took a week out of his very busy schedule to visit herds the length and breadth of Northern Ireland. The results were announced at our annual BBQ and Charity Auction in Dungannon Rugby Club on 8th August 2018.

Once again, Robin Lamb won the large herd section with his Richhill herd. Ian Browne's Clougher Valley herd won the small herd section and Jackie Martin of Lisola herd was successful in the medium herd section. The Birches herd's Lady Jane cow family took first place and Alan Cheney of the Lana herd was the proud owner of the best stock bull - Blackhaugh Edwin R569. In the calf section Freddie Davidson's bull calf, Ember Daniel and Adrain and Graeme Parkes's heifer Coolermoney Rose took top spots. Hilda Mills and Brian Johnston's Futurity heifer, Coltrim Diana, scooped the last prize in the competition. The charity auction was held after the prize giving and further donations received later raised £2,260 for the Northern Ireland Air Ambulance.

A YDP workshop was held at Sydney Cromie's Prospect herd on his farm near Banbridge, Co. Down on 25th

August 2018. It was well-attended and the young people reported a very informative and rewarding day. The Club organised a trip to the National Summer Show at Westmorland County Show. The show was enjoyed by everyone as were the visits to Chapleton and Rosslayne herds, along with the impressive Ribble herd only days before it was dispersed.

A stock judging day was held at the Baronagh Herd of the Wallace family near Garvagh on 8th September 2018. Members enjoyed the stock judging followed by a tour of the herd at grass. The Club would wish to express a very big "thank you" to all the Wallace family for the warm welcome we received and the generous refreshments they provided.

Our annual Calf Show was held at Dungannon Farmers' Mart which was kindly lent for the event by the Wylie family to whom we owe a "thank you" along with all sponsors. The club is always seeking to add new members to our tally of approximately 90 and anyone involved with or interested in Aberdeen-Angus cattle would be most welcome to join the club in 2019.

*Catherine O'Hara,  
Club Secretary*

# Munster Club

2018 was another eventful and productive year for the Munster Aberdeen-Angus Club with a whole host of activities successfully completed over the last 12 months. The Club will be aiming to build on all of these events into 2019 and another jam-packed yearly schedule will be discussed in full at our annual AGM in February. All interested parties are encouraged to attend our meeting, with new members particularly welcome. For more details, please contact Club secretary, Edward Dudley on 0863 559210.

## High Health Status Bull Sale

This year's sale proved to be a bit of a mixed result with the average price up €110 on last year to €2,860 but with the clearance rate dropping to a pretty disappointing 45%, partly due to the incredibly difficult weather conditions that had ravaged the country throughout the early part of the spring. The sale leader came from Denis O' Riordan, Inchisine, Toames, Macroom, Co. Cork who sold the 19-month-old bull, Inchisine Niall for €3,400. This was one of the oldest bulls offered for sale on the day and carried a five-star replacement breeding index as well as a calving ease figure of just 1.9%. Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork sold Mogeely Flack S490 for €3,000 whilst John & Kate Tait, Westwood, Rostellan, Midleton, Co. Cork also realised €3,000 for their bull, Westellen Duke S809 to share in the joint second highest price of the sale.

## Youth Development Day

Very big thanks to John & Kate Tait who once again put themselves at the disposal of the club and very kindly agreed to host this year's Club Youth Development Day. A lot of hard work and preparation went on behind the scenes in the lead-up to the event and the club is most grateful to the Tait family for hosting this year's event. A good turnout of youngsters was reported on the day, with a very enjoyable time had by all. Also thanks to Gayle Bersey and her ever-willing team of volunteers for putting on such an informative and enjoyable workshop.

## Club Tour

Under the enthusiastic leadership of new chairman, Billy Fitzgerald, along with the support of a hard-working and committed group of helpers, a trip to Northern Ireland took place in the early days of August. It was the first time in several

years that the Munster Aberdeen-Angus Club had embarked on a tour and it turned out to be a resounding success, not least because of the incredibly warm welcome and generous hospitality that the club received at each of our host farms. The Club visited six herds in total and travelled quite a distance across the length and breadth of the province, with very high praise for all of the cattle viewed at each and every stop. The Club would like to once again extend its most sincere thanks to each of the breeders (and many helpers!) who hosted our group over the duration of the trip and we look forward to announcing details of our 2019 tour later in the spring.

## Herds Competition

The annual herds competition took place in mid September with Mark Wattie from the Tonley Aberdeen-Angus Herd, Scotland, taking on judging duties this year. Whilst entry numbers were a little lower than previous years, the entire event went off smoothly, with a very well-attended and enjoyable prize-giving ceremony held in conjunction with the club's Open Day on September 8th. Mark, along with his cousin Callum, proved themselves to be very pleasant and amicable guests and the club would like to thank Mark for his time and efforts in judging this year's competition and congratulate all of the winners which are listed below:

### Small Herd Section

1<sup>st</sup> Edward Dudley – Castlough Herd

### Medium Herd Section

1<sup>st</sup> Tim & Sheila O' Brien  
– Carraig Dubh Herd

### Large Herd Section

1<sup>st</sup> Albert & Jennifer DeCogan  
– Mogeely Herd

**Best New Entrant:** Jerry Donovan – Ballydoorlis Herd

**Best Heifer Calf:** Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Mogeely Blackbird T542

**Best Bull Calf:** Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding Role Model

**Best Cow Family:** Tim & Sheila O' Brien's Carraig Dubh Bonnie family

**Best Stock Bull:** Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535

## Munster Calf of the Year Competitions

The second-ever Munster Aberdeen-Angus calf championships took place in Dualla Show on the last weekend in August. The finals, which involved five different qualifying shows in the region, were this year kindly sponsored by Barrett Agri and Southern Fuel & Farm Supplies Ltd who are one of the leading merchants of agricultural feeds and supplies in the province. Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork won both calf championships for 2018, taking the male title with Mogeely Jerry T544 and the female title with Mogeely Diane T540.

Also well done to Albert & Jennifer DeCogan who secured the annual Munster Provincial Trophy which was held at Dungarvan this year, with their senior cow, Knockadranan Blackbird P599.

Finally, well done to all of the exhibitors from Munster who showed cattle at both local and national level with much success during the 2018 show season. A full report of all the major shows and sales from the past 12 months can be found elsewhere in the Review.

*Edward Dudley,  
Club Secretary*



## North-East Scotland Club

**The North East of Scotland Club year began with our Annual Dinner and Prize Giving at Morris's Hotel, Oldmeldrum in February. Our speaker for the evening was Jim Hatter, local photographer. Along with the trophies from the Black Beauty Bonanza 2017, we also presented our 2017 Show Herd Competition trophy to Graham Willox, Meikle Pitinnan, Oldmeldrum (Cardenwell Herd) and the trophy for the highest-placed home-bred animal to the Wattie Family, Tonley, Alford (Tonley Herd).**

At the open meeting prior to our AGM in March we enjoyed the opportunity to meet Barrie Turner, CEO of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society. Those present welcomed him to his new role and enjoyed hearing about his life prior to taking up his role with the Society.

The club held a very informative New Handlers Afternoon with venue and cattle being kindly supplied by former Chairman Willie Ritch and Graham Willox. All participants felt they had learned many new skills and enjoyed the opportunity to learn from fellow club members. Some of them have been on the show circuit for many years and were keen to pass on hints and tips to encourage new exhibitors to join them at the summer shows. During the afternoon participants of all ages were involved in practicing many skills from washing and clipping to preparation and ring craft. We look forward to holding this new event again in the future.

We were very grateful to David Walker of Galcantry, Nairn for hosting the North East Scotland and Highland Youth Development Programme day in May. It was great to have so many participants

taking part, many of which were new to the event, with all in agreement that it was a fantastic day and that they learned a lot from the trainers who gave up their time to teach our next generation of cattle enthusiasts.

Our summer activities and show season kicked off with the Royal Highland Show where many North East breeders joined a very large entry of cattle, many taking prizes home with them. The shows in the North East circuit were well attended overall this year with many competitors going on to have success in the interbreed classes also. Our show caravan was present at Echt, Banchory and Turriff Shows.

Turriff Show was our compulsory show for our Summer Herd competition with a very good entry of animals going forward on the day. The points from Turriff, along with points gained at two other local shows of the exhibitor's choice go towards the results of the Herd competition. The winner of this and the best home-bred animal will be announced at our club dinner in February. The local show committees put so much work into organising their

events, so it is important we show support to ensure that the Aberdeen-Angus breed is represented at these shows in the future.

The year slipped past very quickly and rapidly moved towards the Black Beauty Bonanza. This is reported separately but it was fantastic to see an entry of over 108 calves and yearlings entered from 29 different herds from Sutherland to the Central Belt. We are very grateful to Glenrinn Estates Ltd who continued their main sponsorship once again. Many positive comments were received on the day regarding the quality of animals being shown with our judges being very impressed by the show. A mention must go to the junior showmanship classes; it was encouraging to see our youngsters taking part with such excitement and enthusiasm, many of whom have not shown often before.

We look forward to the coming year and, as ever, would be delighted to welcome new breeders to the club, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

*Janelle Anderson,  
Club Secretary*





## Our Youth Development Programme and its participants go from strength to strength

**Wow – over 300 participants signed up for our activities in 2018! Despite the addition of the Senior Conference and the Future Leaders Course which seem to attract different people, our summer workshops are still the main draw for participants to the programme. I'm not sure whether it's the great hands-on experience, the making friends, or the thought of competing for our massive cash prize fund at the final that attracts them, but hopefully everyone leaves our events having had a great experience.**

Our workshops cater for all abilities, so it doesn't matter if you've never touched an animal before or you are a multi-winner in the show ring; there is something for everyone to learn thanks to our amazing team of trainers. After ten years in the job I still love meeting everyone at the workshops and seeing how they improve during the day and year on year. For those with little experience the workshops serve as their own reward, and for those who regularly gain prizes in the show ring it's a chance to try and get through to our final. A few years ago, we added assessors who attend each workshop to assess the participants and fill out a score sheet. This sheet serves two purposes: firstly it can give valuable feedback to help the participant improve and secondly the top scorers get invited to compete at the final. We do not rank the participants in order at the workshop, no one knows whether they were first or last. The sheets are only so that each individual can improve their own

performance year-on-year and anyone can see their own score sheet if they want. The score sheets are split into five sections: three of the sections are on the participant's ability, how well they do each task like showing and dressing cattle. The other two sections are on attitude and enthusiasm, how well they participated in the day, how respectful the participants were to the trainers and fellow participants and how much effort was put in to all activities. It doesn't matter what you do at shows during the summer the score is only on your day with us – even if you have been a finalist for the last five years, you still need to put in a great performance each year to get through to our final.

The YDP is a massive team effort and we are indebted to all the hosts, farmers and trainers who give up their time to get involved and make these events enjoyable as well as informative.

*Gayle Bersey, Youth Development,  
Programme Co-ordinator*

**Mason Moore, aged 11**

"I really enjoy attending the final as it's a chance to meet up with people from far away and make new friends. I have made many and we meet up at shows and it's really nice. The day is long but enjoyable as I learnt how to auctioneer this time and it's something I never thought about as a career, but mum says I have the gift of the gab, whatever that means. New career possibly!"

**Hannah Haistead, aged 15**

"The YDP has made me gain so much confidence around my cattle and the skills it has taught me are amazing. I can now put what I learnt into reality at shows. I really liked how understanding the people were, as I'd never been to anything like this before and the support was amazing. I felt so confident around cattle by the end of it. It is such an amazing opportunity to learn new skills and to gain new friends within and outside the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society."

**Jo Quantick (Joseph's mum)**

"I'd like to add that it was really well organised. The instructors were very knowledgeable. Age and ability were considered when grouping children, it suited complete beginners and those more experienced and it was very hands-on. Safety was considered too as Joseph was helped with showing with someone walking round with him explaining what to do, but letting him actually do it himself. Your emails and organisation were great and appreciated too! He wants to join in again next year and I think his older brother may be interested too."

**Joseph Walsh Quantick, aged 9**

"In terms of what I gained, I had never handled a cow before and I learnt lots, like how to wash one, cutting and brushing its 'fur' and putting a halter on. I liked brushing them to get them ready for a show and leading them at the end. I'd recommend YDP because it was fun and I did things I haven't tried before. You get to show cows at the end and I came first!"

**Alfie Waker, aged 14**

"I have gained knowledge and relationships with other young handlers which has led me to gain further handling experience. I liked everything about the YPD days, there is nothing I can say I didn't like or enjoy. I would recommend the programme to others because it gives you great experience and you meet knowledgeable volunteers who want to help you be successful, and it's a great step into the farming community if you are not from a farming background."

**Robbie Moore, aged 17**

"Very pleased if I get through to the final as I have got mates from nearly 6 years ago from my first final who, like me are very stock-orientated and it's good to catch up with what everyone's been up too. The seminars this year were very good, from making sausages to the nutrition one which, now I'm older, is very interesting and taught me a lot which I've implemented back in farm. Always a good crack... very strange to see us moving up to the next level and it's us becoming the role models for the younger ones, when it wasn't long ago I was looking up to the past Seniors."

**Joe Mallon, aged 12**

"I have gained some great tips for leading animals and some very useful skills like halter making and the quick release knot. What I liked the most was meeting new people outside of my school and local community, both adult trainers and breeders and people my own age. I would recommend it to others because it is a great way to get started at young handling and build up your confidence dealing with livestock."

**Charlie Waker, aged 9**

"It gave me a great first experience with cattle and I can't wait to take part in more YDP events. I liked getting to know new people and meeting the helpers who were really nice to me as I had never done anything like this before. They helped teach me so much about the cattle through the different stages of the day. I would recommend it to others because it's a great way to learn if you don't have your own cattle or farming background and the days are great fun with really nice people."

**Dylan Carreras Bennett, aged 11**

"I gained lots of knowledge and understanding and confidence. I enjoyed the fact that I was taken through it step by step as it was very new to me. I would highly recommend it, especially as I had never done anything like this before."

**Lois Taylor, aged 12**

"I love YDP and making so many new friends, everyone is so friendly and always want to help us learn more about our cattle. Everyone should get to YDP. See you next year!"

**Godfrey Neal Young Stockman's Bursary**

Every year, the Society receives applications for the Godfrey Neal Young Stockman's Bursary and this year saw a magnificent standard of applicants entering. The fund is a sum of money given to the Society to help further develop youngsters in the cattle business who can demonstrate potential to benefit greatly from the extra training and funding provided. Congratulations to the three successful applicants from 2018:

**Alistair Bland | John Hunt | Barry Smith**

Applications for the 2019 bursary are currently open and do not close until the official deadline of 31st July 2019. It's never too early to enter so please do not delay and send your applications as soon as possible. To enter, simply write to the Society or send an email to Chief Executive Barrie Turner on [barrie@aberdeen-angus.co.uk](mailto:barrie@aberdeen-angus.co.uk) with the subject titled The Godfrey Neal Young Stockman Award. Tell us how you would plan to use the funding if selected and how it could help you with your career plans, and the Godfrey Neal Young Stockman's Bursary might be able to help.

# The 2018 Weekend Event and Finale

**A big team effort is definitely how you could describe the 2018 Weekend Event and Finale, as we needed plenty of people involved to get all the activities done this year.**

Shrewsbury Auction Centre was the venue and Jonny Dymond from Halls Auctioneers was a fabulous host with nothing being too much trouble, and he's keen to welcome pedigree breeders to the sale centre.

The Weekend Event is not all about competition. It's also a place to learn some things and mix with like-minded people. Young people spend so much time on their phones that it's great to get them chatting and having fun – mixing is easier when you know you have something in common even if it's cows!

Thirty six young people came from all over the UK and Ireland and Friday night is always about getting people mingling. The participants are split into groups and do all sorts of entertaining activities from speed dating to putting a cut up banana back together! It's nice for the juniors to have fun with the older participants as they do look up to them and it's great to see the Seniors encouraging the Juniors to participate in everything.

Saturday morning started with the usual seminars, it's a mixture of fun activities and learning a few things that might help them in later life. All of the sessions were greeted with rave reviews from participants and we're

very grateful to Andrew Shufflebotham (YDP Chairman) and Cheerbrook Farm Shop for doing a great workshop on sausage making with different ingredients added and then cooked up at the end to see how they tasted. Jonny Dymond of Halls Auctioneers for doing a great session on auctioneering and valuing. Thanks to Mark Price from Wynnstays for doing a seminar on feeding cattle of various ages and Jim Barber for coming and doing a workshop on eye muscle scanning and EBVs which everyone found really interesting. Throughout the morning the Seniors were put through their paces in the Panel Interview conducted by Society President Angela McGregor and Cogent Beef specialist Boomer Birch.

The afternoon was a bit like a military operation! Ideally, we needed thirty two cattle to make life easy and let every finalist have an animal each, the minimum we needed to run the full schedule of competitions was twenty but sadly all we could muster was fifteen; five of which travelled a long way from Cornwall so we could put on as good a show as possible. We didn't have enough cattle for the Intermediates to clip heads, but we are very grateful for the cattle we had. A big thank you must go to Paul & Kirsty Westaway, Messrs Symonds (Paul Dowlman), Owen Tunney, Kian Frain and myself (I happened to have two TB tested and one I managed to break in four days, but behaved like a dream) for the loan of their cattle, and we were very grateful to Davey's Livestock Transport for bringing most of the cattle to the event.

So, whilst the Seniors clipped and dressed a beast each, the Intermediates did their presentations to a panel of judges and the Juniors did some stock judging. Our fabulous team managed to wash and dry the animals between each class so everyone could dress and show something, create enough time in the schedule, and have cattle ready for each age group to stock judge two classes and give reasons on one in between all the other classes. The cattle, judges, finalists and YDP team were fabulous as it was a tremendously long and tiring day and luckily everyone managed to rally for the presentation dinner in the evening. I think this was the closest finale we have ever had with over 80% of finalists going away with a least one prize and it was great to see some new names on the finalist lists too.

Like I say the Weekend Event is not just about the competition it's also about learning new skills and working in teams and the Sunday morning activity was all about that. Each group was given a random object, for which they had to come up with a sales pitch and advertising video. The videos brought some new stars to the fore with Oscar-worthy performances and it was very entertaining watching them on the big screen!

We would always welcome anyone who would like to come and see what we do at this event, as the enthusiasm of these youngsters is infectious. Then you might understand why I rave on about them all the time!

*Gayle Bersey,  
YDP Co-ordinator*





# 2018 Youth Development Programme Results

## Juniors:

### Stock judging:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ruby Simpson, Blairgowrie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Avril Crowe, Mohill
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Forbes, Nairn
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lois Taylor, Chipping Campden

### Cattle Dressing:

- 1<sup>st</sup> April Forbes, Nairn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bea Hooper, Bude
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ali Wareham, Heathfield
- 4<sup>th</sup> William Ashworth, Bolton

### Ringcraft:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Archie Jeary, Briston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Forbes, Nairn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruby Simpson, Blairgowrie
- 4<sup>th</sup> William Ashworth, Bolton

### Overall Junior Winner

April Forbes

## Intermediates:

### Stock judging:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Westaway, Dymock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kerris Richards, Hayle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Archie Hill, Cheddar
- 4<sup>th</sup> Edward Scott, Glamis

### Cattle Dressing:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Westaway, Dymock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robbie Moore, King's Lynn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Donald MacLean, Eastleigh
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sam Matchett, Portadown

### Ringcraft:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Donald MacLean, Eastleigh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Hamill, Belfast
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robbie Moore, King's Lynn
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kian Frain, Launceston

### Presentation:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Annabelle Howell, Dereham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Smyth, Navan
- = 3<sup>rd</sup> Kerris Richards, Hayle and Ellie Westaway, Dymock

### Overall Intermediate Winner

Ellie Westaway

## Seniors:

### Stock judging:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jake Sayer, Bridgwater
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Adam, Glamis
- = 3<sup>rd</sup> Maddie Clarke, Blairgowrie and Isla Shaw, Salen

### Cattle Dressing:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Wattie, Alford
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maddie Clarke, Blairgowrie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Adam, Glamis
- 4<sup>th</sup> Meg Atkins, Briston

### Ringcraft:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Meg Atkins, Briston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> George Wareham, Heathfield
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Maddie Clarke, Blairgowrie
- 4<sup>th</sup> Isla Shaw, Salen

### Panel Interview:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Meg Atkins, Briston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jake Sayer, Bridgwater
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Adam, Glamis
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mark Wattie, Alford

### Overall Senior Winner

Meg Atkins

## Dennis Gall, Dressing judge:

"To the Aberdeen-Angus YDP. I would like to thank them for asking me to be part of the judging team for the finals at Shrewsbury market. What a great experience it turned out to be for the thirty two finalists, all competing with each other in their age categories and trying to impress the judges in the individual tasks. The standard of workmanship was extremely good and will be great experience for them in their future. Therefore, on the day to be a winner they had to be exceptional, and I congratulate the three class winners. Finally, I would like to thank Gayle and the background staff for their hard work in making this such an enjoyable weekend for the youngsters, one they won't forget. Thank you."

## Mary Reynolds, Ringcraft judge:

"It was my great honour to judge the ringcraft section at the YDP finals, what talent abounded. I was looking for students who presented the animal to me first and themselves second, who had looked at the animal and analysed its good and bad points, and consistently presented me with the good points without fuss. Top showmen make it look effortless and my three section winners did just that. Many congratulations to all the finalists, the future is safe in their hands."

# Youth Development Programme: 2018 Senior Conference comes to Ireland



**The annual Senior Conference, organized and run by the Youth Development Programme under the expert guidance of Gayle Bersey and backed with the continued support of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society was staged in Ireland this year.**

The three-day event hosted participants from the United Kingdom as well as host country, Ireland, with a packed itinerary of diverse and informative workshops, farm visits, speakers and events throughout the course of the weekend.

Newly appointed CEO of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, Barrie Turner, and recently elected President of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, Angela McGregor, were both in attendance for the event and congratulated the Youth Development Programme on an excellent weekend and complimented all of the youngsters involved.

The tour began at Ballard Organic Farm, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath with a detailed look at the mechanics of a successful organic enterprise. Host farmer, Pat Lalor, operates a 300-acre farm, split between tillage and beef. Pat grows winter oats, which are used for his own brand of high-end porridge oats, sold under the Kilbeggan Organic Foods label. Pat realises a harvest of 2.5 tonnes of oats per acre and as well as his successful line of porridge oats, he is currently diversifying his product portfolio to include other oat-based products such as cookies. Pat also operates a beef finishing unit with commercial youngstock being fattened



for organic beef. Weanlings are sourced off-farm and fattened on an organic diet of grass, red clover silage and wheat cereals, and subsequently sold under the organic beef label. The commercial Aberdeen-Angus cattle perform exceptionally well under this low-input system and is the breed of choice for this type of farming system.

The second farm visit saw the group stop at the Teagasc-run 'Grass on the Bypass' project just off the N52 on route to Tullamore. This project focuses on optimizing best grassland management practice in order to maximise the use of grass for commercial beef production. Teagasc is the biggest agricultural research body in Ireland and is currently conducting trials on this farm in order to facilitate the ongoing research into grassland management. The effective utilization of grass is one of the main drivers of efficiency and profitability in a commercial beef system and this visit provided much food for thought for everyone present.

Finally, the last farm visit took us to beef farmer Mark Maxwell, Ballynagore, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath who is a participant in the BETTER farm programme. This suckler-to-beef farm system is calving between both autumn and spring with all youngstock finished to beef. A stand-out participant of the BETTER farm scheme, Mark is currently achieving a 357-day calving interval for his beef cow herd with all progeny being slaughtered between 20-26 months with an overall aim of achieving a profit margin of €1,000/ha. This visit was particularly important to all involved in the Senior Conference as the efficient production of quality beef is the cornerstone of the continued success of the Aberdeen-Angus beef brand.

Aside from the educational and practical visits to farms, the senior conference itself took place at the Central Hotel, Tullamore with exceptional line-up of distinguished speakers from a variety of agricultural disciplines.



Ciaran Costello of the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation, the body responsible for collecting and evaluating data from beef and dairy cattle in Ireland, gave a very detailed overview of the national beef herd and the newly launched Beef Genomics Data Programme (BDGP). Ciarán gave the group tips on breeding 'the ideal suckler cow' through the effective use of both maternal traits (fertility, milk, docility) and terminal traits (carcase quality and conformation). The BDGP scheme of 'stars' used in Ireland is slightly different to the typical BreedPlan figures used in the UK and provided much discussion amongst the students present.

Rob Farrell of the popular supermarket chain, Aldi, gave a synopsis of the retail trade in Ireland and spoke of the continued rising demand for premium, quality beef. In the first six weeks of 2018 alone, demand for beef has increased more than any other form of fresh meat (fish, poultry, lamb, pork etc). Rob commented that premium beef is often viewed as breed specific, (mainly Aberdeen-Angus in the Republic of Ireland) and that this was a huge benefit for the breed in a commercial sense. In fact, 27% of total beef sales in Aldi come from specialist branded Aberdeen-Angus beef and this is testament to the world famous premium beef brand that has been successfully marketed and built up over the last few years.

Louise Denvir of the Irish Farmers' Journal, the leading agricultural publication in Ireland, gave a very interesting and topical report on the rise and impact of social media on agriculture. Louise spoke about the various social media platforms and how to best use each one whilst also showing how social

media can be used to help bring awareness and resolution to pressing and serious agricultural issues. Louise cited the online social media campaign, Save Our Sucklers (SOS), which was launched by the Irish Farmers' Journal earlier this year and aims to secure a support payment of €200 per cow for suckler farmers. The campaign was almost entirely run through social media and has recently been discussed in Dáil Éireann (the Irish Parliament) with favourable cross-party political support emerging for the scheme.

Joe Dooley, a newly-qualified vet from the local Tullamore area gave a very detailed speech on the complex animal health issue of antimicrobial resistance. Joe spoke about the rising resistance animals are showing to antibiotics and the concern about the potential damage excessive use of antibiotics is having on the national herd. Joe promoted prevention and best animal practices as the most effective ways to minimise use of antibiotics and outlined many practical ways in which to promote good herd health in the modern day beef herd.

The conference was rounded off with the keynote speech from Paul Nolan of Dawn Meats. Dawn Meats is one of the biggest factory groups operating in Ireland and deals with many markets and has a diverse range of customers who all seek different specifications of beef. Paul spoke extensively about beef production from a commercial meat factory viewpoint, including emphasis on carcase specifications, meat quality, and factors affecting the demand for

premium Irish Aberdeen-Angus beef in particular. Many of the participants come from a commercial beef background and this seminar proved to be one of the most popular talks provided by the conference.

In addition to all of the elements of the weekend already mentioned, all of the attendees also had an opportunity to chat, relax and renew friendships, with most catching a glance (or two!) at the Six Nations Ruby matches, which provided much good-natured merriment between our Anglo-Irish grouping. The social emphasis of the YDP programme is an integral part of the programme and is central to its continued success and popularity amongst the youth membership.

The Society would like to thank all of the speakers, host farmers and contributors for a really worthwhile, enjoyable and informative weekend. The Society would also like to pay tribute to our long-time sponsor, Dawn Meats, who are central to putting together the YDP programme each year. Particular thanks are also due to Sarah Haire of Dawn Meats who was instrumental in organising the event alongside programme co-ordinator Gayle Bersey. We are sure that each of the participants learnt a great deal from the weekend and that it will prove to be of great benefit to their future farming careers.

**If you would like to get involved with the Youth Development Programme, please contact us on [YDP@aberdeen-angus.co.uk](mailto:YDP@aberdeen-angus.co.uk) for the dates of any upcoming events in your area.**



# Leading the way: The Society's first ever Future Leaders course

There's no doubt that our Society is leading the way in young people's development. The YDP is renowned for its practical activities, raising skill levels and confidence with cattle and imparting knowledge to help within the beef industry. All of this attracts nearly 300 young people to sign up each year. Whilst these events serve the purpose of getting young people to love working with cattle and meeting new people, the YDP saw that there was a real need within the beef industry to help young people with other skills like business and leadership. Skills that would make a real difference if they are wishing to run the family farm or gain influential jobs within the industry. The aim of the course was to help individuals to improve their performance by unlocking their own potential through coaching from experienced industry experts.

The course was aimed at young people aged 20 to 30 who play an active role in the beef industry (farming or related industry), are or have an aspiration to be in a leadership position and could demonstrate high motivation to join the course, and we certainly got attendees with passion and enthusiasm for everything farming related. The idea was to keep the course to a maximum of 12 people so that they could gain the most out of the sessions and activities. A smaller number is a more effective group size and everyone has to interact with the speakers and each other, and the mentoring system offered by some of the speakers would not work with a much bigger number. A small group size and a focus on the beef industry also made it very different from any university courses or other wider reaching programmes. It was important to have an application process to ensure that the participants understood and were 100% committed to the programme.

A lot of time was taken to get the best possible list of speakers. They needed to be well respected in their field, willing to mentor outwith the course, able to get the participants to think outside the box and get their message across to youngsters just starting out.



The event was split into two two-day sessions, each block having three sessions with an overnight stay with a dinner and inspirational speaker. We started the first day with Leadership and Management brought to us by Andy Johnson of From The Front Consultancy. Andy has had many major roles in the British Army which made him a great person to learn about leadership from. Andy's session covered things like what is the difference between leadership and management, why it is important, influencing and the use of power, motivational models and team

leadership. It was great to have real-life examples from Andy's background in the army to reiterate the points making it a fascinating day.

The first after-dinner speaker was Thomas Martin, also known as 'Farmer Tom', who now runs his family farm after working away in the film industry. Tom is passionate about getting the farming message out. A great public speaker, he delivered a workshop on this topic at the 2016 YDP Weekend Event and Final. This time his speech was entitled '25 things I wish I knew when I was 25' and had all

sorts of advice with great stories and anecdotes to illustrate the points. It was very entertaining and much of this advice was brought up again throughout the course.

The second day started with a very inspirational session about Human Resource Management by Heather Wildman. Heather is Managing Director of Saviour Associates and is an expert in the field of staff management and motivating teams. Heather was great at getting everyone to look at their goals, to find clear vision and communicate ideas. We also went through how to attract and keep a good team of staff and different skills in dealing with awkward or difficult situations.



Farmer Tom speaks to the course participants.

We ended the first block of the course with Business Strategy brought to us from Natwest's Senior Agricultural Manager Matthew Duckworth. In this session we covered a lot. From what a bank does and Brexit, to the UK's reliance on subsidies and how in uncertain times there is a need for more efficiency. We also took a look at accounts, SWOT analysis and a start on business planning. This sounds like a heavy seminar, but it was full of discussion and activities and it was really interesting looking at matters from a bank's investment perspective. Matthew set some homework for the group to bring back in a month's time at the next session.

We reconvened a month later and we started with Innovation and the Supply Chain with Sandra Callwood, Director of Research at Promar Consultancy. We took a look at what new ideas have come into play in the beef industry in the last few years, how to innovate and the process of how to get new ideas off the ground. One of the activities was a Dragons' Den type scenario where the participants worked in groups to put together a pitch to ask the Dragons (myself and Sandra) for money. These ideas were great and there were three very well thought-out ideas put before us with a lot of thought and detail. We then moved into the supply chain and how to keep good relationships with suppliers and customers to keep getting the best deal for your business. Some of the figures of money lost through products not hitting the right specifications are unbelievable and we had great discussions in this seminar.

In the afternoon we welcomed back Matthew Duckworth, Senior Agricultural Manager at NatWest. This session covered business planning with the group splitting up and Matt helping them to write a business plan covering everything from mission statements to competitor analysis. We also looked at diversification as a way to increase profitability on family-run farms.

Unfortunately, our original after-dinner speaker was unable to make it due to personal circumstances but a friend of a friend came up trumps and we welcomed John Stott from the Milk Sheep Company. John had a really fascinating story, from what could've been a disaster when the farm lost its milk contract, to the business growing into a cooperative selling cheese to America! John had some great stories to tell along the way and it was a very enjoyable evening.

We finished the course with a session on marketing and the speaker Catherine Broomfield from Broomfield Solutions really came at this from a different angle. Catherine, who regularly writes in the mainstream and farming press as well as advising on marketing for several businesses, took us back to basics and

we looked at how we would like to be remembered and portrayed. In a world of 'spin' where social media and other communication channels can be easy to misuse, we heard how important it was to have integrity throughout our businesses and ways in which this can be done. Catherine also explained ways in which we could gain the attention of the press and get stories and articles printed. The attendees split into three groups and then worked on a pitch to the press with all doing a fabulous job with the ten minutes of research time they had. The marketing sessions finished with a talk by Peter and Henri Greig from Pipers Farm, Devon. These guys run an ethical and sustainable farm that sells direct to customers through the internet and were a prime example of a business that has a reputation for integrity.

Gayle Bersey,  
YDP co-ordinator

**"Not only did I thoroughly enjoy the course I also learnt so much about myself. It pushed me to think about myself as a leader and think about business plans to help with all aspects of my future career. Everyone on the course was extremely welcoming and I felt very humbled to be surrounded by such an inspirational bunch of young people. I really couldn't praise the course enough."**

Hannah Trestrail,  
Participant, Aberdeen



## Review of the European Aberdeen-Angus Forum 2018 in Estonia

**The summer of 2018 was certainly one of the most memorable ones over the years for Estonian Aberdeen-Angus breeders. Within five days, we had the honor of hosting 40 Aberdeen-Angus breeders and enthusiasts from nine different countries. We were given two years and it seemed enough time to make all the necessary and thorough preparations – but looking back, these were the fastest two years ever for the management committee!**

The participating farms were quite different in terms of their activities, size and number of animals, and therefore they formed a pleasantly comprehensive overview of Estonian Aberdeen-Angus breeding. We are glad to see that more and more young farmers from all over Estonia are choosing the Aberdeen-Angus beef cattle for breeding and we wanted to show our fresh thinking to the rest of Europe. For us breeders, such an event was a huge opportunity to get feedback for our activity from the most experienced breeders in Europe. The feedback gave valuable information for each farm to decide whether they are moving in the right direction and what could be the future steps towards farming better main cattle.

In Estonia, genetic material is bought from Scotland, Denmark, Finland, the Czech Republic, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland, and it mainly originates from Scotland, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Each farm has adopted its own breeding trend and selected the main cattle animals that

best suit the farm's land resources. Altogether we visited nine farms and the insemination centre of the Animal Breeders Association of Estonia, where we were introduced to young Aberdeen-Angus breeding bulls on winter feeding trial as well as other beef breeds and dairy bulls. Every autumn, young promising bulls are gathered in the test farm to observe their growth and development, as well as animals with different genetic backgrounds to feed them with the same ration, to regularly weigh them and to analyse the data. In spring, the young bulls are sold to the Estonian herds or abroad.

In addition to mainland Estonia, we visited Saaremaa, where animals were shown both in coastal areas and on a small islet. Western Estonia is popular among beef and sheep breeders due to the possibility of using coastal pastures. This pasturage ensures their maintenance and, as a result, Estonia is the favorite resting/nesting site for many migratory birds. The programme also paid attention to the historical background of Estonia, visiting the Kuressaare castle, Kaali crater and Angla windmills. In the university city of Tartu and the capital city Tallinn, we took a bus tour and a walk in the Old Town.

The day of the Forum began with a technical meeting at which we jointly established the European Aberdeen-Angus Secretariat. The parties hope that this initiative will make the cooperation between the European Aberdeen-Angus breeders and the associations even more effective. Being part of organizing this establishment was a complete pleasure. The day continued with informative presentations by all the participating countries, which

introduced the Aberdeen-Angus breeding and its developments in each country in more detail. The Estonian Aberdeen-Angus farmers acknowledged the fact that we still have plenty of room for improvement, admitting that certain activities, such as youth development programmes, auctions and weekly cattle shows will probably take place further in the future. However, we can certainly be satisfied with the general infection-free status of our animals, the interest of young breeders to breed an ever-higher quality beef, and favourable prospects for science-based cooperation with countries that are more experienced in Aberdeen-Angus breeding.

The European Angus Forum ended with a festive dinner along with gratitude, gifts and a celebration of the active and diverse week. The next European Forum will take place in Germany in two years, where we will come together to exchange knowledge and enjoyment again. The most memorable comment for me in this evening came from an Irish breeder, who sat at the same table with me. The comment was: "You are heading in the right direction because you have a certain sixth sense and "rational thinking" for doing things the right way". This was the best feedback from the entire week.

It is very positive to note that after the Forum, the Estonian Aberdeen-Angus farms have been revisited by the same Germans, Danes, Croatians and Slovenians, with some of them already having made their first animal purchases from Estonian farms. Guests are always very welcome in Estonia! The emergence of new markets and enthusiasts confirms that we have chosen the right breed and it has been bred purposefully.

*Sanna Turru,  
Estonian Angus Association*



# WORLD ABERDEEN-ANGUS BREEDERS GATHER IN URUGUAY IN MARCH 2019

The next WORLD ANGUS SECRETARIAT will be held from 18th to 29th March 2019 in Uruguay, located between Argentina and Brazil, two giants with more than 200 million inhabitants. Uruguay has only 3 million inhabitants but more than 12 million head of cattle, using 84% of its territory for farming, of which 13 million ha. are native pastures with more than 250 breeds.

Uruguay's main income derives from farming produce. It is the 7th most prominent beef meat exporter in the world with access to 150 markets, producing 1 million tonnes of live weight per year. Of this, 70% is exported, representing 5% of the meat volume exported worldwide.

Aberdeen-Angus is one of the main beef breeds in Uruguay, with more than 130 years of history in the country. Beef production is carried out under open skies and hormones or growing aids are prohibited. Additionally, a 100% compulsory traceability system, which is unique worldwide allows continuous follow-up of the animal until slaughter.

The World Angus Secretariat will allow breeders from around the world to enjoy a great learning opportunity for the agricultural industry as a whole. We look forward to welcoming many attendees to our shores to showcase some of the very best that Uruguay has to offer and hopefully build some great mutually beneficial relationships for the future.

17th March

Arrivals

18th - 23rd March

Tour around the major Aberdeen-Angus studs in the country

25th - 26th March

International level conferences and countries' presentations for the World Secretariat Assembly (Punta del Este Convention Center)

27th - 28th March

Cattle and stud show – judging and sales - commercial and services exhibition and dinner in Convention Center

29th March

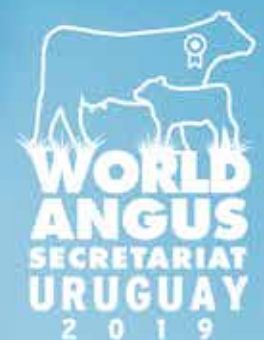
Closing dinner at Enjoy Hotel Punta Del Este

We will have keynote speakers of international pedigree, such as Professor Keith Belk from Colorado State University who will be dealing with aspects of meat safety and quality, Dr Dan Moser from Angus Genetics Inc., lecturing on genomic evaluation, and other speakers on topics including genetics and global marketing.

This will be a great opportunity to get to know the Uruguayan production system, generate good business and discover the quality of our Aberdeen-Angus meat.

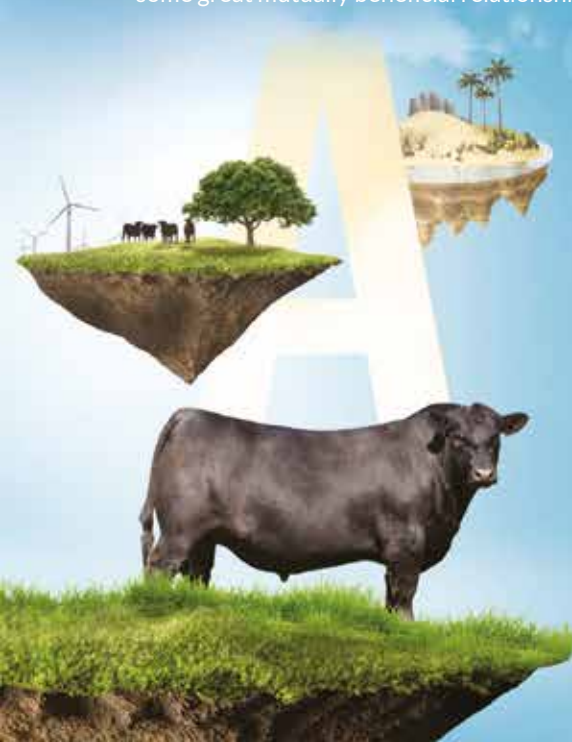
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Punta del Este, Uruguay

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to meeting you





# Carbon Cowboys

## Could Aberdeen-Angus cattle save the planet?

Rob Havard

**Cows are bad, or so we are told endlessly as another new report comes out of a distinguished research body claiming that cattle are the biggest part of the biggest problem that faces mankind today – climate change. The narrative is that livestock, and in particular cattle, are bad for the environment. It's a narrative that is gaining traction in the media, but it is a narrative that is fundamentally flawed.**

My perspective on this is not just from the cattle standpoint. I've been working professionally in ecology and conservation for over 15 years. I've led national conservation charities and earned my environmental credentials throughout my professional career while building the farming business at home. All through that time, livestock, particularly native breeds of livestock, have been the most important tool in the management of our habitats for the benefit of wildlife. This benefit is one that rarely gets talked about in the media, but without them hundreds if not thousands of species would be lost from the countryside. Countryside that has been managed for hundreds of years by the people who live and work in it.

While there are a few bad news stories around at present I think it is really important to keep being positive about our industry and look at the opportunities we have to demonstrate the valuable contribution that livestock, particularly cattle, make to our environment.

Since I came into the farm business here at Phepson, our focus has always been to maximise the ecological gain on the farm without compromising profitability. Aberdeen-Angus cattle are central to that. Nearly all of our pastures are species-rich meadows but crucially they are also productive. Forgotten species like Meadow Foxtail give us fantastic growth in February and November – the most valuable grass we grow - and most of our wildflowers are well above 18% protein, something you won't hear from a grass seed salesman. The tannins in wildflowers like bird's foot trefoil, among others, help prevent bloat and makes life much more difficult for internal parasites. Research has also shown that the diversity in the rumen has an

antibiotic effect, increasing rumen efficiency in much the same way that antibiotic growth promoters are used in other parts of the world. Crucially, the health of the soil is also improved by this diversity, as well as by the holistic grazing method we've been using for the last five years. We have soil organic matter levels consistently above 12% while some of the local arable soils would be struggling to reach 3%. That organic matter is vital. It is the engine of our fertility and production, but it also stabilizes the soil making it more resilient to damage and drought. No one thought we could outwinter here on our clay soils, but our soil is no longer clay. An extra 10% organic matter changes it into a dark "chocolate cake" loam structure that drains well and holds up the cattle even in wet times – right through the winter.

The organic matter has other attributes. It is essentially carbon, drawn out of the atmosphere and into the mineral soil structure by the process of photosynthesis and the plant's symbiosis with the soil life. How often do you hear of a new technology hoping to capture carbon out of the atmosphere? The truth is that we already have that capability through proper management of permanent pasture.

The potential here is huge. Just to give you an example; if the whole of Europe was to increase organic matter in its agricultural soils by 1% then that would remove from the atmosphere more carbon than mankind has emitted into the atmosphere since the start of the industrial revolution. It is a fabulous opportunity for our industry to put to bed the fake news we hear about our cows and to demonstrate that we are part of the solution, not the problem.



## Methane

The soil carbon potential is one thing but we also hear a lot about methane and how cows emit this into the atmosphere. This is what drives so many of the scare stories but at its heart it is a flawed theory for two fundamental reasons:

1. It fails to account for the carbon stored in the soil when cattle are managed well on pasture. This is part of the process of production and should not be removed from the equation. When this is included in the calculation many grass based systems will be sequestering carbon as they go about their business. It is a shame that the industry as a whole has been so slow to promote these facts, and even worse promoting research that makes this fatal error as the AHDB has done in the past.
2. Failure to acknowledge the difference between “black carbon” securely stored deep below the surface of the earth that is dug up and burned into the atmosphere, and “green carbon” that is part of the natural carbon cycle and always cycling around our planet. Our cattle eat plant material, mainly grass and sometimes some grain (also a grass). These plants (grass and grain) grow through a process of photosynthesis fixing carbon out of the atmosphere and into plant material. If cattle only eat this plant material, then the only carbon they can emit into the atmosphere in the form of methane is that which has already been fixed out of the atmosphere. There is no net carbon increase in the atmosphere. Granted, grain takes a fair amount of fossil fuel to grow but if we add in the sequestration of well managed pasture, I’m confident that our industry is at least carbon neutral and even has the potential to provide the solution that everyone is looking for.

As more and more research comes online it is becoming clear that the consensus on cows and methane is wrong and I think as an industry, and perhaps alongside other breed societies, we should make this clear. The research is now there and if we don’t act then policy could move against us. The Pasture Fed Livestock Association (PFLA), of which we are members, is doing sterling work on this. They are a very fast-growing membership group who already have a certification scheme for grass-fed production (although you don’t have to be 100% grass-fed to be an ordinary member). It would be great if the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society worked with them in this area.

## The Future

Times are changing in agriculture and in the cattle business. Subsidies look like a thing of the past and if we look at other parts of the world that have gone through similar change we see a focus on efficiency of production and low-cost systems. New Zealand is a prime example of this. Grass efficient cattle are at a premium when there is no subsidy to support capital intensive production. Pedigree Aberdeen-Angus sales in NZ regularly achieve top prices on animals that never see grain, and the seed stock producer has to manage their cattle under truly commercial conditions or lose customers. No more feeding for the show ring – it’s no longer relevant over there.

The Aberdeen-Angus cow is perfect for this kind of system but she must be managed under truly commercial low-cost conditions. Here at Phepson, we give our cattle no help - they must work for us not the other way around, or they are culled. There is no creep feed at all, and the only feed they get is grass and hay. That way we know our cattle provide what commercial producers really need; a long-living, problem-free suckler cow, that produces calves that grade. But there is more to it than that. It’s not just about profit and reacting to the inevitable changes that will come, it’s also about improving our environment and being recognized as the stewards of the land that we have been for generations.

Can a cow achieve all of that? I think so. Looking ahead the Aberdeen-Angus breed is ideally placed to be the future of this industry providing high-quality, nutritious food, without costing the earth.

*Rob Havard  
November 2018*

**For more information on Rob’s cattle and farming system go to: [www.phepsonangus.com](http://www.phepsonangus.com)**

**For more information about grass-fed production go to: [www.pastureforlife.org](http://www.pastureforlife.org)**





## Hot topic: Sire Verified Aberdeen-Angus

### What is it?

Sire Verified Aberdeen-Angus is all about improving traceability of authentic Aberdeen-Angus beef. This will be done by providing retailers, restaurants and trading standards with the means of proving that the beef sold as UK and Ireland reared Aberdeen-Angus has genuinely been sired by a UK and Ireland Aberdeen-Angus bull.

### Why is it important?

This initiative is a “must-do” for the Society, and in consideration of making the Certified Aberdeen-Angus Beef Scheme more robust, is a great step forward in the eyes of the Council. The use of science to protect our breed and brand going forward is groundbreaking. There may be some unforeseen implementation processes to overcome, but we have made a start. There may still be a few bridges to cross on the journey of keeping the brand at the top of the wish list when buying beef, but these steps help greatly.

Traceability of food has never been more important to retailers, and with stories of some beef and cattle being marketed as Aberdeen-Angus with questionable authenticity, and limited means to prove the claim, the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society has taken the initiative to address any potential future situations by introducing the Sire Verified Aberdeen-Angus beef scheme.

The more Aberdeen-Angus bulls to be DNA-tested that are used in the production of commercial Aberdeen-Angus beef, the greater the opportunity for a piece of beef to be traced to its actual sire.

In order to start the process, the Society sponsored the testing of bulls born in 2015 and 2016. Having negotiated over a two-year period, the Society has been able to offer testing of 2017 and 2018-born bulls at £15 for the 200k SNP test and £25 for the 54k SNP test. The 200k SNP test, at Identigen, provides sire verification and myostatin tests, including for the nt821 and F94L variants. The 54k SNP test, at either of our partners, provides the opportunity to test for genomic analysis, and if the breeder wishes at extra cost, genetic defects, in addition to sire verification and myostatin. The 54k SNP test is required for stock bulls producing pedigree offspring.

The Council of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society agreed at the December 2018 meeting to go the extra step and introduce a new policy by providing the members with the 200k SNP test free for male calves at the point of registration. All male calves born in 2019 onwards that are being registered will be tested at the Society's expense on the 200k SNP test. However, if breeders choose, they can have their male calves tested on the 54k SNP at either of our DNA testing partners at the subsidised rate of £15.

Breeders are able to test their female calves at any time at their own expense, at the original £15 and £25 test rates.

Are there other benefits?

- The opportunity to test for genomics, genetic defects etc.
- Greater accuracy and breed integrity.
- Removes the need to separately test when submitting bulls into Society sales by having tests completed at a much younger age.

### How do I test my cattle?

We are doing everything we can to make the process as easy as possible. Simply submit the DNA tissue samples in the normal way to Identigen. We will access these samples and arrange the DNA testing when you submit your registration. The DNA sample should have been submitted to Identigen by the time you apply for registration. The 200k SNP test will be included - if you opt for the bigger 54k test we will invoice you for the difference which will be £15. The DNA reference and the MYOSTATIN result will be printed on the Certificate of Pedigree.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Caroline, Fiona or Yvonne in the registrations department at the Society office in Perth.

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# Raising the Bar

## in Aberdeen Angus Beef

It's in our DNA!

There is a general view that ensuring the integrity of the Aberdeen Angus brand is in the interest of ALL stakeholders. The growing popularity of Aberdeen Angus beef means that this is continuously under threat.

Since 2012 the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society has worked with identigen and supplier partners to underpin Certified Aberdeen Angus Beef's status as the No. 1 British and Irish beef brand.

Recognising the growing demand for Aberdeen Angus Beef, The Society identified the need to further strengthen brand integrity and differentiate its certified beef programme through IdentiGEN's DNA TraceBack® programme.

IdentiGEN's DNA technology has been widely adopted by leading international food businesses to verify authenticity and traceability of meat products. DNA samples collected in the supply chain can determine

if the animal meets the requirements for Aberdeen Angus genetics and by linking DNA identity to the animal's production history, farm to fork traceability is assured.

The development by the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society of a DNA database of ALL Herd Book registered Aberdeen Angus Sires to verify Aberdeen Angus claims at point of sale, will provide an invaluable resource to safeguard the brand for the longer term and ensure consumer confidence is maintained in the integrity of UK Aberdeen Angus beef.

It will provide a more comprehensive and direct verification of the Aberdeen Angus claim made on products within the supply chain and at point of sale to the consumer.

This initiative has received wide support from leading retailers and food businesses.

*"We believe that transparency and integrity of raw material supply are the foundations of any meaningful food business. The recent council decision to support comprehensive testing of new registrations is to be welcomed and should help underpin the overall integrity of the Aberdeen Angus beef brand."*

— Steve McLean,  
Head of Agriculture &  
Fisheries Sourcing,  
Marks & Spencer



DNA TraceBack® gives breed associations and farming groups the required tools to confirm the exact source and genetic background of their best and worst performing animals. It also provides retailers and meat processors with vital supply chain insights which can be used to identify, enhance and standardize the production of high-quality meat products.

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# The American Dream for two Scottish hill farmers

**Driving onto 44 Farms, Cameron – the largest producer of Black Aberdeen-Angus cattle in Texas and fourth largest in the USA – was, for two Scottish hill farmers, the American Dream! The two-hour navigational nightmare of exiting Dallas Fort Worth and further two-hour drive paled into insignificance as we were completely in awe of the property unfolding before us – miles of red metal fencing enclosing undulating grassy paddocks, dotted with Black Aberdeen-Angus cattle.**

First Impression Officer, Lorretta Walthall, greeted us and showed us round the on-farm sale ring until farm manager, James Burks, arrived. Back in 1872, a young boy from Nolansville, Tennessee, S.W. McClaren (1869-1941), arrived with his parents in Milam County, Texas. However, it was not until 1909 when he first branded his cattle with the “44” stamp that the story and tradition of 44 Farms® really began. Today, four generations later, two great-grandchildren of Sherwood W. and Josie McClaren – Bob S. McClaren and Janet McClaren Salazar – are continuing with the same pioneering spirit. “The siblings have over the years bought back the lands, which had been passed on to various family members, with the intention of restoring the heritage of the “44” brand and creating a premier Black Aberdeen-Angus ranch,” informed James.

Bob McClaren was raised in Dallas and worked for his uncle Drayton McLane as General Counsel for McLane Company, Inc., a large supply chain services leader. Drayton, who owned the Houston Astros Baseball Club, asked Bob to be the President of Business Operations. His work continued until the sale of the franchise in 2010 for \$680 million – the second highest selling price for an MLB club in history. “It was during these years consulting with the Astros and representing NBA players, professional baseball players and coaches that Bob’s focus began to turn back to his ancestral roots and the Little River farmlands in Cameron.”

From registering 60 Aberdeen-Angus cows in 2003, the outfit now runs 6,000 head of cattle and grows 1,000 acres of cotton and 700 acres of sorghum. The cotton burrs are used as feed

and the sorghum is fed as silage. 44 Farms are bucking American trends by offering hormone, antibiotic and feed additive free meat. They instigated a 12-point animal welfare protocol – The RightWay Program – featuring a “never, ever” commitment. Supplemental hormones are used in about 95% of cattle production in the U.S. to synchronize cow reproductive cycles, control temperament and promote growth.

Since 2012, when 44 Farms launched 44steaks.com, the all-natural pasture to plate steaks have been a hit with chefs, restaurateurs and consumers across the USA. “We sell to 225 restaurants, from New York to Malibu, across 23 States. 50% is to the restaurant trade and the rest is retail.” The ranch runs five farm sales each year. “We sold 1,000 commercial females, 50 registered females and 300 bulls, which averaged \$7,500 a sire,” stated James as he drove us round paddocks of clone-like females.

“What is in a name? Identity? Power? Recognition? In the world of quality beef cattle and beef production there is no greater name than Aberdeen-Angus,” states the 44 Farms website. “The 44 Farms Angus Strong® program is about providing relevant genetics to cattle producers to assist them to be successful. We know our genetics work. We know they produce premiums and profits for producers. These genetics can help to build a strong foundation for prosperous businesses for our customers.”

Farmers and ranchers, who buy 44 Farms bulls, can partake in a calf buy-back program. Participants have to follow the RightWay animal health and welfare protocols, which will give each steer and heifer calf the best opportunity to qualify



for the 44 Farms all-natural branded beef program. Information, including breeding strategies, EPDs, advancement in genetics, breeding values and marker assisted EPDs, health protocols, nutritional planning, weaning procedures, market updates, feedlot performance data, harvest information and more is shared. Once certified that the RightWay procedures are met, weight standards are complied with and body conditions are acceptable then 44 Farms will buy those calves once weaned and pre-conditioned.

This program has been well received and increases the throughput of 44 Farms Steaks. “The 44 Farms bred cattle grade in the high 90’s per cent at choice or prime grade at the packers,” stated Warren White, manager of Mc6 Cattle Feeders. More recently Bob McLaren has been instigating a Prime Pursuits program with Walmart, to supply their stores with prime all-natural beef. 44 Farms in conjunction with Mc6 Cattle Feeders are looking to roll out their calf buy back process further to enable uniform, quality supply to Walmart by the summer of 2019. Several thousand cattle will be needed a week to meet nationwide demand. We drove on to our next Texan agricultural destination totally inspired.

*Eilidh MacPherson*



# Certified Angus Beef® turns 40

**Across the pond, 2018 has marked the 40th anniversary of Certified Angus Beef LLC. For these past four decades our counterparts in the US have been reaping the rewards of having a certified brand for their beef. Business is booming, and it's showing no signs of slowing down.**

The Certified Angus Beef® brand was established in 1978 as a group of Aberdeen-Angus farmers came together under a shared idea: "We can do better. We can produce beef that's extremely tender, juicier and always packed with flavour."

While back then the brand was focussed on establishing the standards which today still ensure its premium quality, in the modern marketplace, the brand has been doing more than ever to protect the prosperity of those whose beef carries its logo.

The brand recognises that the Angus name is everywhere these days. Used to cover all manner of sins in the form of beef. It has been the beef buzzword of the last couple of decades. However, by virtue of those uncompromising standards, the Certified Angus Beef® brand promises customers an eating experience "on an entirely different level," allowing the brand to thrive in an ever-diluted market.

Those trading on the Angus name have not been the only threat the brand has seen off. As the Global Financial Crisis

hit, consumers tightened their belts by eating in rather than dining out. However, they refused to sacrifice the quality of their eating experience, heading to the stores to purchase premium-quality beef to cook and enjoy at home. Brent Eichar, Senior Vice President recalls, "for every pound we lost in foodservice, we probably picked up two pounds in retail". And with that, the reputation of the brand had helped its members and partners navigate the worst economic disaster since the Great Depression.

There can be no doubt about the hard work and passion that has gone into overcoming each challenge and taking advantage of each arising opportunity. Life in Wooster, Ohio moves fast for the Certified Angus Beef® brand; the 145 men and women behind the scenes see to that. The hard work shows too, with the brand boasting record sales in every month of its 40th anniversary year and August being its most successful month in its history.

However, despite huge success, at a time for reflection such as the 40th anniversary the brand and its partners modestly attribute much to timely fortune. Before the billion-pound years and consecutive records it was like any other good idea trying to take root, and for reasons that have never been replicated by any competitor, it worked.

"Everything lined up," says Randy Blach, CEO of CattleFax. "Consumers had to understand the value of the brand, producers had to produce enough of it, and the economy had to be strong enough to support consumers' buying habits. All those stars had to come together."

It was a perfect storm, comprised of resilient leadership and ordained timing. Seen in another light, it was all just an accident, an entertained idea gone right. However, those on the inside, the



brand's closest confidants, know it was never predestined. It took time. From the early days in a house in West Salem, Ohio, lie remnants of the fertile soil where integrity was planted, and a good thing outgrew its roots.

While its new home in Wooster is a stone's throw from its roots, the brand has come a long way. Year on year, more breeders buy into the standards for their operations, tapping into a growing well of qualified cattle (up 25% in the last two years). Annual global sales have now reached beyond 1.2 billion pounds (0.54 billion kilograms) and the Certified Angus Beef® brand can only be described as dominant in the marketplace.

So, while at a 40-year milestone one might well pause to look back, we have a feeling the Certified Angus Beef® brand will be more focussed on the future. A future which, on the brink of its fifth decade, the brand views a lot like it did back in 1978: uncharted, yet highly anticipated.





## Aberdeen-Angus beef recipes with Catherine Fulvio

Renowned Irish TV chef, author and proprietor of the Ballyknocken House & Cookery School Catherine Fulvio provides us with her favourite Aberdeen-Angus beef recipes.



Photography by Gill & Harry Weir



### Moroccan Style Aberdeen-Angus Fillet

Serves 4

#### Ingredients:

800g Aberdeen-Angus beef fillet  
Extra virgin olive oil  
Tamarind and honey roasted turnip, beetroot and carrot wedges to serve  
For the spice rub:  
1 tsp ground ginger  
1 tsp turmeric  
1 tsp freshly ground black pepper  
½ tsp salt  
¼ tsp freshly grated nutmeg

#### Method:

Combine all the spice rub ingredients together in a small bowl. Heat a small frying pan over a medium-low heat. Add the dry spices and heat for 30 seconds, stirring all the time so the spices don't burn. Allow the spices to cool, then rub them over the beef fillet. Place the fillet on a sheet of parchment paper, wrap it up in the paper and then cover with plastic wrap. Place in the fridge to allow the flavours to infuse for at least 5 hours, or preferably overnight.

Take the meat out of the fridge 30 minutes before you're ready to cook it. Preheat the oven to 190°C/fan 170°C/gas 5.

Heat some oil in a large frying pan over a high heat. Sear the fillet for 2–3 minutes on each side to colour. Using tongs, transfer to a roasting pan.

Roast the meat for 20–22 minutes (rare), 26–30 minutes (medium) or 35–40 minutes (well done). Allow to stand for ten minutes before carving. Serve with the tamarind and honey roasted turnips, beetroot and carrot wedges.

# Aberdeen-Angus Beef & Stout Pies with Potato Pastry Topping

Serves 6



## Ingredients:

### For the filling:

Rapeseed oil, for sautéing  
 100g smoked bacon, sliced into lardons  
 1kg diced Aberdeen-Angus Beef braising or stewing steak  
 Plain flour, seasoned with salt and pepper  
 1 large onion, thinly sliced  
 500ml stout  
 1 red pepper, diced  
 400g tinned diced tomatoes  
 1½ tbsp tomato purée  
 2 tsp sugar  
 ¾ tsp English mustard powder  
 Bouquet garni (4 to 5 parsley sprigs, 1 fresh thyme sprig and 1 bay leaf, tied together)  
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper

### For the pastry:

170g plain flour, plus extra for dusting  
 ½ tsp salt  
 115g chilled butter, diced  
 ¾ tsp baking powder  
 150g steamed potatoes, pressed through a ricer  
 Cold water (about 3 tbsp), to bind egg wash  
 200g chestnut (or any of your favourite) mushrooms, cleaned and sliced  
 1 tbsp butter

## Method:

Heat some oil in a casserole dish over a medium heat. Add the bacon and sauté until crispy. Transfer to a clean plate and set aside.

Toss the diced Aberdeen-Angus beef in the seasoned flour and dust off the excess. Add a little more oil to the casserole dish and fry the beef in batches until browned on all sides. Place the seared meat pieces on the clean plate with the bacon and set aside.

Add a little more oil to the casserole dish and gently sauté the onion until just softened but not browned. Deglaze the pan with some stout.

Return the beef, bacon and their juices to the casserole dish and stir in the red pepper, tomatoes, tomato purée, sugar, mustard and bouquet garni and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Add the rest of the stout. Bring to the boil, cover, reduce the heat and then simmer over a low heat for about 1½ hours or until the meat is tender and the sauce thick, stirring from time to time.

Meanwhile, prepare the pastry. Sift the flour and salt into a large bowl. Add the diced butter and rub with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the baking powder and mix well. Stir in the potatoes and pour in just enough cold water to form a soft dough. Turn it out on a floured surface and knead very lightly. Wrap in clingfilm and leave to rest for 30

minutes in the fridge. (The pastry can also be made several hours in advance and stored in the fridge until you're ready to use it.)

During the last ten minutes of the filling's cooking time, heat a medium frying pan with a little butter, add the mushrooms with some salt and freshly ground black pepper and sauté for about four to five minutes. Then add to the casserole and simmer for three to four minutes. Check the seasoning, adding more salt and pepper if required. When you are ready to make the pies, remove the bouquet garni from the beef.

Choose six ramekins (or more, depending on their size). Preheat the oven to 210°C/fan 190°C/gas 7.

Carefully roll out the pastry on a floured surface – it shouldn't be too thin. Using a large cutter, cut out six or more discs 2cm larger than the ramekins. Spoon the beef into the bowls, brush the edges with egg wash and place the pastry discs on top. Crimp the edges. Re-roll the pastry trimmings and use to cut out leaves. Attach these to the top of the pies with egg wash. Make a small hole in the top of each disc for the steam to escape. Leave in the fridge to rest for about 20 minutes.

Then brush the pastry with egg wash and transfer the ramekins to the oven for about 18 to 20 minutes or until the pastry is golden and baked.

Rest for about 5 minutes before serving with a fresh garden salad.



# Aberdeen-Angus dominates in Canada

**Aberdeen-Angus is the dominant beef breed in Canada. More than 63% of Canadian beef cattle contain Aberdeen-Angus genetics. Aberdeen-Angus registers about half of all purebred cattle in Canada, with about 60,000 animals registered each year. In 2017, Canada registered 60,338 Red and Black Aberdeen-Angus cattle. Each year more than 2,300 memberships are sold.**

Calving ease, structure, docility, crossbreeding ease and marbling have all contributed to Aberdeen-Angus becoming the largest beef breed in Canada. There are more than ten million beef cattle and calves in Canada, with an average 169 beef animals per farm. Beef production contributes on average \$16 billion to Canada's GDP. This figure represents 1.9% of the world's beef supply. Canadian beef exports were valued at \$2.27 billion in 2016, the most recent year for which official statistics are available.

The Canadian Angus Association maintains, and has always maintained, a closed herdbook; "breeding up" and percentage cattle are not eligible for registration.



For those who wish to pursue some form of designation for their Aberdeen-Angus-influenced commercial cattle, we offer the Canadian Angus Identification and Performance Program (CAIPP). CAIPP allows producers to record information on their calves, get in-herd performance analysis of their calves for management and genetic selection purposes, and access marketing support through the Canadian Angus Association.

Canadian Angus is proud to have the world's largest tag programme. The Canadian Angus Tag Program meets all requirements for national identification and is based on a radio-frequency identification tag. Aberdeen-Angus tags are available to cattle with minimum 50% Angus genetics and one registered purebred parent. The tag visually and electronically identifies Aberdeen-Angus cattle and offers marketing opportunities and access to branded Angus beef programmes. 2018 was dubbed "The Year of the Angus Tag" and we are on track to see a 15% increase in sales this year.

2018 also marks 50 years of Red Angus registrations in Canada. The first record of Red Angus in Canada is the recorded importation of a red cow from Scotland in 1886. Rancher Matthew Cochrane imported red Angus from Scotland in 1889 for his ranch west of Calgary, Alberta.

Volume I of the Canadian Angus Herdbook was published in 1908. Red Angus females were included but red males were excluded. On 15th March, 1921, the CAA by-laws were amended and all Red Angus cattle were excluded. This decision would stand until 3rd April, 1968 when the Minister of Agriculture officially approved that Red Angus cattle be eligible for registration.

Although Red Angus were not eligible for registration in the Canadian herdbook, several breeders accumulated herds



of Red Angus cattle and registered them with the Red Angus Association of America after it was chartered in 1954. When red cattle were once again permitted in the Canadian Angus herdbook, the supply of Canadian-born Red Angus was very limited and breeders turned to the United States to find breeding stock.

When the Canadian Angus herdbook was opened to Red Angus in 1968, the Association offered to register all Red Angus cattle under the age of 24 months at the lowest price point, allowing Red Angus breeders an affordable opportunity to populate the herdbook and register their herds.

In 1972 a group of 12 Red Angus cattle breeders from Alberta and Saskatchewan formed the Canadian Red Angus Promotion Society to specifically promote Red Angus cattle. And in 1978, Don Mackenzie became the first Red Angus breeder elected to the Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors.

Thanks to the pioneering efforts of Aberdeen-Angus breeders dedicated to red hide colour, 50 years later, Red Angus account for more than 40% of Canada's national Aberdeen-Angus herd. The Canadian Angus Association is proud to recognize and applaud those efforts.

In 2019, the Canadian Angus Foundation, the registered charitable arm of the Canadian Angus Association, will launch a new history book. The book will be available at our annual national convention in June, and is the first comprehensive history initiative undertaken since 1985. The book will cover the origins of the breed, the growth of the Aberdeen-Angus breed in Canada as well as more than 350 Aberdeen-Angus operation histories submitted by member families.

*Tina Zakowsky,  
Canadian Angus Association*

# The 2019 Snapshot for Angus Australia

**The Angus Society of Australia (Angus Australia) will ring in 100 years as a cattle society in 2019, with the Centenary Celebrations kicking off in January and continuing throughout the year.**

Angus Australia was originally named the Aberdeen-Angus Herd Book Society and was founded by a tenacious group of Queenslanders in 1919, George Clarke from East Talgai, Macintosh Charles from the Gootchie Stud and RS Maynard.

The first meeting held by the future society had the aim of 'forming a society for the preservation of pedigrees' and took place in Brisbane on 12th August, 1918. The society however did not officially materialise until its second meeting on 9th May, 1919.

Angus Australia today is a far cry from the society it was when first formed in 1919.

When the first Herd Book was published by the society in 1922, there were 14 listed members from every state except South Australia. It included 65 bulls, 313 cows, a number of cattle in the appendices and listed the royal show winners from the previous years.

At the end of 2017 there were 3,590 registered Angus Australia members ranging from honorary life members down to junior members and a total of 67,034 calves were registered. The numbers nowadays show a vastly different society than that of its humble beginnings.

Over the course of 2019, Angus Australia will be looking back at Aberdeen-Angus through the ages and celebrating the achievements and highlights of the breed and the society members over the past 100 years.

The first major events kicking off the Centenary Celebrations will be the Thomas Foods International Angus Youth Roundup in Armidale NSW, 10th-13th January 2019 and the Sydney Royal

Easter Show Feature Show, 8th-16th April 2019.

Angus Australia will host a National Conference in Albury NSW May 23rd -24th, with the theme of 'Aberdeen-Angus Through the ages – building better Aberdeen-Angus Beef'. Angus Royal Show features are also set for Adelaide and Melbourne, with a number of rural shows across the country also featuring Aberdeen-Angus.

Angus Australia will continue the work of its research and development initiatives over the course of 2019 in order to continue to improve the Angus BREEDPLAN EBV information available.

2019 will see the latest cohort of the Angus Sire Benchmarking Program (ASBP), Cohort 9, come into fruition. The 2018 joining programme to produce the Cohort 9 calves is currently underway with approximately 1,350 cows across 5 co-operator herds being inseminated for the year.

22 new bulls have been selected into the programme from over 50 nominations, with each joined to approximately 60 cows to produce ~33-35 calves on average.

The ASBP will celebrate its tenth year in action in 2019, which celebrates a decade's worth of research in assisting in generating progeny test data on modern Aberdeen-Angus bulls, particularly for hard-to-measure traits such as feed efficiency, abattoir carcase measurement, meat quality attributes & female reproduction, generating data for the validation & refinement of Angus BREEDPLAN, and building a comprehensive phenotype and genotype database on Australian Angus for genomic technology validation, research and development.



**Bald Blair prize winners at the 1922 Sydney Royal Show.**

Angus Australia also employed Jonathan Faris, as Northern Development Officer in early 2018, joining the Strategic Projects department, whose role is to implement the Angus Australia Northern Development Program.

This programme is an important strategic project for Angus Australia for the development and implementation of a sustainable programme with the overall aim to increase demand for Aberdeen-Angus and Aberdeen-Angus infused cattle in the beef supply chain in northern Australia covering breeders, backgrounders, grass finishers, feedlots, abattoirs and exporters. Underlying initiatives will aim to benefit both Angus Australia members and the broader beef industry.

The Northern Development Officer will relocate to Central Queensland in 2019. This will allow him to continue his work within the Northern Development Program in the epicentre of northern commercial and seedstock producers who are directly influenced by this programme.

*Cheyne Twist,  
Communications Officer,  
Angus Australia*





## The Danish Aberdeen-Angus society

**The Danish Aberdeen-Angus Association, numbers around 200 farmers, both old and young.**

In Denmark, the name Aberdeen-Angus is becoming more and more popular with the dairy farmer, especially the Jersey farmers who are looking for great Aberdeen-Angus bulls for cross breeding, so they don't have to kill the bull calves. This is the main reason why we see semen sales going up here in Denmark.

Right now, there is a cross breeding programme running with Jersey and Aberdeen-Angus, and we are very excited about the results of this programme.

We also have our beef programme running, so the farmer can get some more value for the cattle they are selling. This programme has been running for three years now and has been running very well to date. We have also seen a much greater uptake of members in recent years here in Denmark.

In our country there have been some changes in the last year. Most notably, the rules about our cattle having to be outside in the winter time has been something that is discussed. This has

been seen as a negative for some of our new farmers, meaning they have to build barns to keep the cattle instead of letting them go outside.

So in the year 2019, we are going to be trying to greatly increase the presence of the Aberdeen-Angus breed in Denmark. We will try to get some new young farmers started to begin their life with the Aberdeen-Angus.

Looking even further into 2020, we have our 50th anniversary and we look forward to providing further information about this as the time approaches.

If any of you would like to come visit us in Denmark, please contact us. We would be happy to see you and you are always welcome.

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# Breed continues to build its reputation in Portugal



The breed has continued to consolidate its position in the pedigree and commercial market in Portugal, with registration numbers expected to surpass the 1,246 registered in 2017, as well as the growing number of new people getting involved with the Aberdeen-Angus. Breeders are getting more involved with genetic selection by using high-merit AI bulls as well as embryo transfer, sourcing the best genetics worldwide.

## Beef going Premium

The certified beef scheme includes the premium brand for 100% Aberdeen-Angus cattle, adding value to our members. A partnership was established with a local company (Angus Heritage) highlighting the eating quality of purebred Aberdeen-Angus beef. The whole programme maintains a sustainable growth with the first semester accounting for a 26% increase compared to 2017.

## Aberdeen-Angus Portugal joins BREEDPLAN

The Aberdeen-Angus Portugal Breeders Association has worked closely with the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society to implement the BREEDPLAN genetic evaluation programme, having the first evaluation published in February 2018.

As most of the genetics imported to Portugal are registered with the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society in the UK, there is a high genetic linkage between the populations and animal details. With the aim of having the programme as the reference for the genetic evaluation of the breed in Portugal, records have been collected since 2008.

Considering the genetic linkage, a third-party agreement was established between AAPT, A-ACS and ABRI for a monthly joint evaluation with the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society's database, which ensures that there is optimum accuracy for reportability of EBVs.

This is a landmark achievement for the breed in Portugal in joining an international livestock registration and genetic evaluation programme such as BREEDPLAN. It allows the breeders and



industry to utilise the features of the programme, which will accelerate the genetic selection and progression here in Portugal.

## First National Show

The Association held its first National Show during the Expomor Fair in Montemor-o-Novo on 2nd September 2018. Classes accounted for over 30 cattle from five members and former Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society President Alex Sanger from the Rosemount Herd in Scotland was invited to be the judge.

The event was a celebration of the Breed and by taking place at an import event, it brought together breeders, beef producers and people alike from the industry alike. Alex Sanger's comments were very encouraging towards the 10th year of the Herd book in Portugal, where breeders have invested in importing cattle and based selection criteria upon fitting with the environment and the market. Alex also commented on the uniformity of the animals and breed characteristics present in the show ring.

Claiming Overall Male Champion was Herdade das Silveiras Jungle Boy J8143, a January 2017-born bull. Jungle Boy is sired by Netherton Americano M703 and out of Lisduff Laura H782

(Cashelane Tidy Basil A308). He was described as being strong in breed character, very correct, showing very nicely and wide throughout.

Securing Female Champion and Overall Champion was the November 2016-born HS Duchess I8108 who is bred by Herdade das Silveiras. The heifer was described as having all the attributes desired in an Aberdeen-Angus heifer, with a great head, breed character, very appealing and showing with style and correctness, along with being very powerful. Duchess is a home-bred female, sired by HS Fabulous Red F1155 (Lisduff Dickie J849) out of HS Duchess G3018 (Luddenmore Knight K083). Grandmother, Liss Duchess H911, has consistently produced good calves at Herdade das Silveiras. Claiming these titles ensured that Herdade das Silveiras won best exhibitor at the show.

The show was also visited by James Arnott from the Coul Herd who also travelled from Scotland to be part of this event. The event ended with a lunch of Aberdeen-Angus beef being served, provided by Angus Heritage, along with Portuguese red wine - making the perfect match to celebrate the day.

Next March, the Association celebrates its 10th anniversary, with a lot to celebrate and an optimistic future to come.

*Paulo Costa, Breed Secretary,  
Aberdeen-Angus Portugal  
Breeders Association*

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# AAQB AGM 2018: Integrated Supply Chain delivers extra income down the line

**“One quarter of the producers supplying Aberdeen-Angus beef sold under the Tesco Finest label come from Northern Ireland. These producers belong to the farmer-owned co-op Aberdeen Angus Quality Beef Ltd (AAQB). More cattle are needed to satisfy anticipated increase in demand.”**

These were some of the opening remarks made by Hannah Donegan, Tesco Agricultural Manager, Beef and Lamb, at a packed AAQB AGM held recently in CAFRE's Loughry Campus Food Innovation Centre, Cookstown, Co Tyrone.

AAQB Chairman, Hugh McCollum, who farms near Limavady, told the meeting that self-help is the best help, especially in times of uncertainty on the eve of Brexit. He encouraged members to pay attention to detail and was able to report that over 97% of the cattle supplied met the required specifications to qualify for bonus payments.

Anne Morrison, in standing down as Company Secretary after 20 years, recalled the early meetings in 1995 that led to the formation of AAQB Ltd in 1998. She told the members that the Foyle Food Group was the only processor who shared the vision of creating an integrated supply chain at that time. Working with the Foyle Food Group for over two decades, AAQB members have supplied Aberdeen-Angus beef not only to Tesco, but to a number of other customers. This integrated supply chain has generated better business for all involved, from farm to fork. In handing over the role of Company Secretary to Charlotte Moore,

Anne said ‘With a loyal membership and Foyle sharing our vision, this food supply chain partnership has been very successful’. She encouraged AAQB to continue to innovate in order to stay ahead. Anne continues in her role as a Director of AAQB.

Eamon Kelly, AAQB Business Development Manager, gave a very positive summary of the past year's performance reporting that the throughput of Aberdeen-Angus cattle has more than doubled in the past four years. AAQB offers a real return from a premium market. Producers seeking a good future in Aberdeen-Angus beef production should contact Eamon Kelly on mobile 07813 176 939 to discuss marketing through the supply chain partnership.

The positive theme continued with guest speaker Hannah Donegan, Tesco Agriculture Manager, Beef and Lamb. Of the major UK retailers, only Tesco UK offer Aberdeen-Angus beef 52 weeks of the year. Tesco want a stable supply chain so that their customers know that Tesco Finest Aberdeen-Angus beef is always in stock. She stated that the prospects for Tesco Finest Aberdeen-Angus beef are excellent and they will continue to innovate and drive up standards working with their supply chain partners AAQB and the Foyle Food Group.

Chairman Hugh McCollum urged producers to keep improving their standards. ‘We have a true world-class gold medal winning product in our naturally produced, quality assured Aberdeen-Angus beef. Let us build on this success and grow AAQB which is a prime example of farmers benefiting from a fairer share of premium prices for a premium product’.

*Rodney Magowan*



Front, from left, William McIlroy, Anne Morrison and Hugh McCollum, Limavady. Standing, from left, new director Ray Elkin, Eamon Kelly, Business Development Manager, Tynan Roultsen, Charlotte Moore, Company Secretary, Hugh Keys, and Lowry Cunningham.



Hugh McCollum, Chair of the board, makes a presentation to Anne Morrison during the AGM.



From left Wayne Acheson, Foyle Food Group, Anne Morrison, AAQB, Hannah Donegan, Tesco UK and producer Hugh McCollum, AAQB Chair.

# Improving efficiency



## With beef, time is money

Subsidy change, environment pressure and changing consumer demands mean that the UK Beef Industry needs a clear strategy for the future. Like every business, the need to improve output and efficiency by looking at the unit of fixed cost, is the key area we have to focus on. This can only be achieved if you establish (and benchmark) where your current output is, set a target to aim for and look at the barriers against achieving this.

When gearing for the future, the key attributes of the Aberdeen-Angus breed in the beef industry are:

- Easy calving, short gestation
- Premium brand
- Both Terminal and Maternal breed
- Easy fleshing, suited to both intensive and extensive systems

## Heifers

When looking at increasing output per cow, the quickest win is lifting the weight of heifers and underperforming males at slaughter, without laying down excessive fat cover. While the larger framed females are generally being kept for replacements, the heifers, aimed at the food chain, should be where we focus to improve. Most herds breeding their own replacements are already looking to get the heifer off to the best possible start to life. These are the future of the herd, and attention to detail early on can make a huge difference to lifetime performance. Alongside nutrition, genetics and management dictate your future outputs. One of the key periods for nutrition is in the first twelve months of age. During this time, the balance of quality protein and dietary starch can make a huge difference to the development of frame size, so a planned nutrition programme is an important consideration. This will ensure your females are suitable for bulling at a

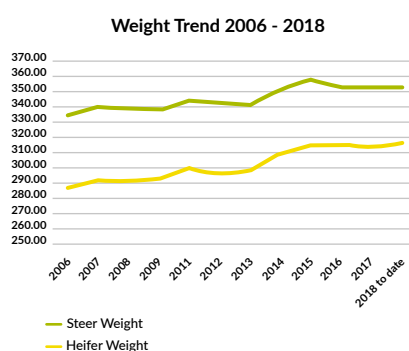
younger age, or if destined for slaughter, have a frame ready to utilise starch and achieve the best carcase weight output.

## Data

Abattoir data taken over the past number of years from one of the UK's largest processors of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, highlights a trend towards higher carcase weights. Significantly, this has been achieved without any detrimental impact on fatness, with the percentage of cattle in the 3 – 4L classes actually increasing slightly. The impact of weight is significant.

- Males averaged 335 kgs in 2006 up to 352kgs in 2017 at 729 days
- Heifers averaged 286 kgs in 2006 up to 313kgs in 2017 at 726 days.

The net increase in output between 2006 and 2018 is around 25kg, an increase in output of almost £100 per head. This sort of increase is essential to the survival of many suckler herds.



## Males

Not ignoring the retailer pressure on the upper weight of carcasses, the clear message for males is to aim to have the heavier end killed at a younger age, reducing the store growing / period. With the best genetics available today, there is a need to match correct nutrition at an early stage, to maximise their full potential for the producer, processors and retailer. Harbro have

recently run a number of on-farm intensive trials, where we are repeatedly seeing the top Aberdeen-Angus males achieving 2 kgs a day of live weight gain on new nutrition systems. Collectively, the bottom third of all cattle are where we put our particular focus on, and clearly where the biggest improvement in output gain will come from. Slow growth is less nutrient efficient, so it's likely that weight for age, is the best measure to focus on. This doesn't necessarily mean pushing growth at all cost as every farm should look to maximise performance whilst operating the system most suited to their geography and farm facilities. In many cases, looking at the bottom third gives the best opportunity to identify immediate focus areas in every business.

## Future

As we move forward we will need to challenge our systems to improve efficiency. Whilst we need to continue the focus on the key fundamentals, we need also to challenge new areas of science which could bring significant benefits. One of the most interesting areas is the developing science of epigenetics. Studies in humans and animals have demonstrated the ability to switch on, or off, key genes through specific nutritional interventions. This 'nutritional programming' has potential to not only impact the animal itself, but has been shown to influence gene expression through future generations. Areas such as epigenetics give a belief that through a scientific approach, coupled with data at each stage of production, we can make the improvements essential for the future. With a changing industry, we must get a handle on our current output and set a target of what can be achieved. It is imperative that the genetic decisions being made take into account the needs of the future market to ensure we have a sustainable supply chain.

*David MacKenzie,  
Harbro*



# Beef Monitor

## Measuring carcass characteristics on the hoof



Dr Gemma Miller,  
SRUC Beef Research Centre

Across the UK, and beyond, it is common practice for beef producers to select cattle for slaughter by eye. Although more farmers are beginning to see the benefits of regularly weighing their cattle it can be time-consuming and stressful for the cattle. In addition, if the cattle are weighed at different times relative to feeding, simple gut fill differences within daily rhythms may cause large variation in LWG estimates. The majority of producers either don't have the facilities, or indeed the time and man-power to regularly run their finishing cattle over a weighbridge.

All of these variations in estimating weight at slaughter along with subjective assessments of cattle fatness and conformation contribute to the "art" rather than the "science" of selecting cattle for slaughter. This contributes to the high proportion (~45%) of prime beef cattle carcasses which do not meet specified target grades at the abattoir. Sending over-weight cattle to slaughter not only incurs a penalty from the abattoir but also increases overhead costs (feed, bedding, etc.), as well as the lost opportunity to put those resources into producing another beast. The much lower price paid for carcasses outside of the specified fat and conformation grades makes selection for slaughter a potentially risky game. This is a clear inefficiency in the beef market, and one which precision livestock farming (PLF) can provide solutions to.

Precision livestock farming is the process of managing farmed livestock through continuous, real-time monitoring of individual animal health, welfare or growth using technology. PLF technologies are not intended to replace a good stockman but to be used as tools to make the job more efficient, less tedious and to allow farmers to put resources into the place they are most required. The data gathered can alert the farmer to health and welfare issues at an early stage, or inform them on performance of individual animals. PLF is a thriving area for both industry and research. The rise of 'smart farming' – using data to inform farm management

practice – and the adoption of PLF technologies present great opportunities for producers to increase the productivity, efficiency and profitability of their enterprises.

An InnovateUK funded, collaborative R&D project – Beef Monitor – involved SRUC working closely with industry partners (Ritchie Agricultural, Innovent Ltd, Harbro and Scotbeef) to develop practical and non-invasive PLF technologies to monitor the performance of individual finishing cattle and to take the guess work out of selecting cattle for slaughter. The project took a two pronged approach: 1) development of an automated weigh crate to track the growth of individual finishers, and 2) a 3D imaging

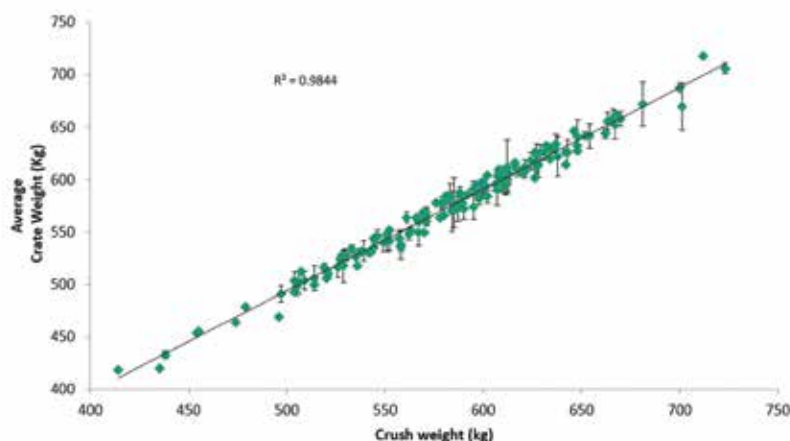
system which can predict the carcass characteristics of live finishing cattle.

### (1) The Beef Monitor crate

The automated Beef Monitor crate is simply a weigh platform joined on to a water trough and fitted with an EID reader and weigh head (Figure 1). Its purpose is to track the growth of cattle over their finishing period without the inconvenience of handling cattle and manually recording their weights. The system relies on all animals behind the system having EID ear tags to allow identification of individual animals. A weight is recorded for every visit to the water trough, giving on average five weights per head per day. To be effective the crate should be the only source of water for a pen of up to 50 animals.



Figure 1: The Beef Monitor Crate in action, and the latest version.



**Figure 2: Average weights recorded using the Beef Monitor crate are highly accurate when compared to empty weighing through a crush.**

The crate is now a commercially available product manufactured by Ritchie Agricultural. It was tested and validated at SRUC's Beef Research Centre and was found to weigh cattle highly accurately. A group of 39 bullocks were penned with the Beef Monitor crate over their finishing period. The bullocks were weighed empty through a crush once per week as per normal farm practice. The manually recorded weight was compared to the daily average weight recorded by the crate for individual bullocks and was found to be 98% accurate (Figure 2).

Ritchie have developed a management tool app which uses the day by day data from the Beef Monitor crate system to monitor the growth of individual animals and calculate liveweight gain (LWG).

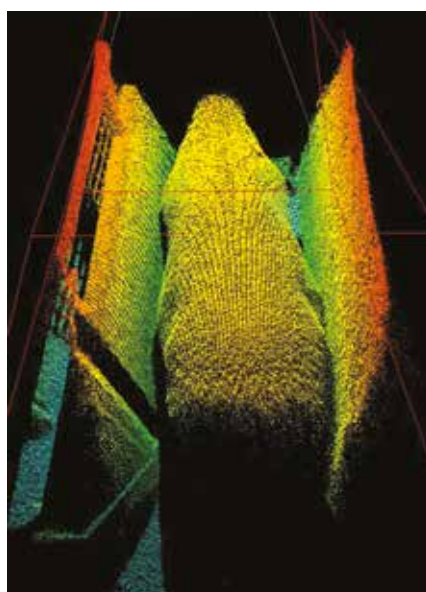
## (2) The Beef Monitor 3D camera system

Video imaging analysis (VIA) technology is increasingly being used in abattoirs to grade carcasses as it removes the subjectivity and human bias from the process. As the cost of imaging technology comes down, the potential for its use on commercial farms is becoming more viable.

Applications for both 2D and 3D imaging analysis have been explored – including estimating liveweight and body measurements and detecting welfare issues, lameness and behavioural problems in a variety of livestock species. 2D image analysis is already used to estimate the liveweight of finishing pigs, and a 3D camera system is commercially available to estimate body condition scores of dairy cows.

The Beef Monitor 3D camera system is being developed to predict saleable meat yield, cold carcass weight, fat grade and conformation grade. Images from a wide variety of breeds, bullocks and heifers on both research and commercial farms are being used to develop this technology.

The 3D camera is suspended from a frame fitted over the Beef Monitor crate. It captures a 3D image of beasts while they are standing on the weigh platform drinking (Figure 3). Software then automatically extracts measurements (heights, lengths, widths, surface areas, etc.) from the image. These measurements are linked to the EID and liveweight which are being recorded by the crate at the same time.



**Figure 3: A 3D image of a beast standing on a Beef Monitor crate.**

All of this information is fed in to machine learning algorithms which perform complex calculations and output estimates of carcass characteristics.

## Benefits of the system

The crate works well independently as an efficient and highly accurate means of continuously monitoring the growth and performance of individual animals. Farmers can use the information to make management decisions to ensure that cattle reach their optimum weight at the right time. Diets can be adjusted to ensure cattle do not become overweight, reducing the risk of penalties at the abattoir. Underperforming animals can also be identified at an early stage. Intervening to improve the health, welfare or nutrition of slow growing animals can increase their productivity and get them to finishing weight faster.

However, cattle liveweight is not an indicator of carcass grade and sending cattle at the optimum weight does not necessarily mean they will receive the best price. Farmers are particularly interested in a system that can predict carcass characteristics as this is the basis on which they are paid. The 3D camera system will enable farmers to send cattle to slaughter as soon as they hit the target grades specified by the abattoir. This is a win-win situation as abattoirs also benefit by receiving more carcasses within their specified range, allowing them to produce more consistent products for their customers.

Given the mounting financial pressures on beef producers due to ever-increasing overhead costs, reducing production costs is critical. Estimates of the production costs saved by adopting the Beef Monitor system are substantial at ~£36 per head, with roughly half being attributed to each technology (crate and 3D camera).

Overall the Beef Monitor crate is a neat PLF technology which is not only practical and simple but offers real opportunities to reduce inefficiency and increase profitability for beef enterprises. The 3D camera system is an exciting prospect which is close to market and will provide the farmer with accurate estimates of carcass characteristics on the hoof.

# Herd Health:

## Vaccination programmes



**Vaccination programmes are important and picking the right options for your herd is vital to prevent diseases hindering herd health, welfare and productivity. We asked Iain McCormick of Galedin Vets in Coldstream, Berwickshire, to give some information on some of the available UK ones, and also a reminder of the housekeeping around vaccines use to ensure their effectiveness is maintained.**

*As always please take your own veterinary advice from your farm vet who knows your herd's status and can recommend the right course of action for you.*

### BVD vaccines

There are now only two BVD vaccine options for your consideration namely Bovela (live) or Bovilis BVD (inactivated). Vaccinating against BVD is still vital tool in the control of this disease, along with knowing your herd status, regular monitoring of young stock and strict biosecurity protocols to prevent the introduction of, or the birth of, persistently infected (PI) animals.

MSD Animal Health manufacture Bovilis BVD which is an inactivated (killed) vaccine. It requires a 2ml intramuscular dose to be given twice, four weeks apart, followed by a first booster which has to be given 6 months after this primary course. It is then recommended to be given annually thereafter. If you additionally vaccinate against IBR, Bovilis IBR marker live can now be mixed together with the Bovilis BVD to be used concurrently as an annual booster, but only if the primary courses against both BVD and IBR have been performed separately as a younger animal. It is recommended that animals receive two doses of the primary course, with the second dose no later than four weeks before first service to prevent transplacental BVD infections.

Boehringer Ingelheim launched a BVD vaccine called Bovela some time ago. It is designed for the active immunisation of cattle against BVD type 1 and BVD type 2, helping prevent the birth of PI calves caused by the BVD virus crossing

the placenta during the first third of pregnancy. This novel vaccine is the first live BVD vaccine licensed in the UK. It is a double gene deleted vaccine, and is therefore attenuated so that bovine immune system acts as if it has been exposed to BVD infection, but without the deleterious effects of actual infection. It only requires a one shot primary course, not two as with Bovilis BVD. A 2ml dose is required to be given by an intramuscular injection. The onset of immunity is 3 weeks after vaccination, with duration of action of 12 months. An annual booster is required thereafter. Animals should therefore be vaccinated no later than three weeks before first service to prevent transplacental BVD infections.

Due to the live attenuated nature, the strong immune response results in significantly higher antibody levels in Bovela vaccinated animals, than those which that receive a killed vaccine. This can have implications for diagnostic and herd screening tests. It is advisable therefore that any BVD antibody check tests are carried out before vaccination, with the results known before any animals are Bovela vaccinated.

### IBR vaccines

Infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR) is the major disease caused by bovine herpesvirus 1 (BoHV-1), an important pathogen in cattle. BoHV-1 vaccines are generally good at preventing clinical

disease and reducing virus spread and are used either intranasally, intramuscularly or subcutaneously depending on the manufacturer's datasheet recommendations. Marker vaccines allow for the differentiation of naturally infected animals from vaccinated ones. One of the BoHV-1 cell surface proteins has been removed (the gE glycoprotein) in the manufacturing process of marker vaccine production.

Zoetis manufacture the following IBR containing vaccines;

- Rispoval IBR marker live
- Rispoval IBR marker inactivated
- Tracherine [non-marker & live]
- Immuresp RP [non-marker & live]
- Rispoval 4 [non-marker & has an inactivated IBR component]

MSD manufacture the following IBR containing vaccines;

- Bovilis IBR marker live
- Bovilis IBR marker inactivated

Hipra manufacture the following IBR containing vaccine;

- Hiprabovis IBR marker live (double gene deleted)

Zoetis are the only company which make non-marker BoHV-1 vaccines. These are generally not suitable for pedigree herds, as serological testing





doesn't allow us to distinguish between natural infection with wild-type BoHV-1 versus just having been vaccinated. Pedigree herds wishing to monitor their herds regarding BoHV-1 infection, and also present cattle for certain European country exports would be best advised to vaccinate with marker vaccines to allow this. Several European countries have embarked on BoHV-1 control and eradication programmes using the gE gene-deleted marker vaccines.

Tracherine, Immuresp RP and Rispoval 4 are generally only used in commercial cattle set-ups where the aim is not to do any testing or exports, but just want to protect their calves against IBR as part of their pneumonia prevention strategies.

If you want more detailed information a good reference point is NOAH Compendium <http://www.noahcompendium.co.uk/datasheets> where product information sheets can be found.

Remember AI studs and some EU countries will not allow cattle to be vaccinated against BoHV-1 at all which is an important point for some pedigree herds of course.

### Leptospirosis vaccines

Leptospirosis can cause issues with abortions, infertility and weak calf syndrome, and is associated with

infection by *Leptospira hardjo*. There are two important types of *Leptospira hardjo* namely *Leptospira borgpetersenii* serovar *hardjo* and *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *hardjo*. Infection arises from contact with infected urine or the products of abortion.

Zoetis manufacture the following Leptospirosis vaccine;

- Spirovac (inactivated)

MSD manufacture the following Leptospirosis containing vaccine;

- Leptavoid-H (inactivated)

These are broadly similar vaccines. Leptavoid-H contains an inactivated *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *hardjo* variant, whereas Spirovac contains an inactivated *Leptospira borgpetersenii* serovar *hardjo* variant. Both vaccines are given subcutaneously and require two doses, four to six weeks apart, with the second dose not later than two weeks before first service. They are designed to reduce the kidney colonisation and therefore shedding of *Leptospira* organisms on-farm. Both require annual revaccination.

Irrespective of which vaccines are being administered, the most important message is the safe and correct administration of the actual vaccine itself. A few good points of housekeeping can help protect the investment that you are making to control the disease.

Use a cool box to transport the vaccines home from the surgery.

Read the instructions and data sheet carefully

Store the vaccine in a clean sanitised dedicated fridge on the farm

Have a temperature gauge in the farm fridge to make sure it is working properly and at the correct storage temperature for the vaccine

Always use clean needles and equipment when administering vaccines

Please remember that no vaccine is 100% effective, however when given correctly they have a very important role in the prevention of many cattle diseases. Prevention rather than cure is the best way to keep your herd healthy so make sure that you take the best advice available from your veterinary surgeon when deciding which vaccines to use and when to use them.

# Neosporosis in Cattle

**Neosporosis is caused by protozoan (single-celled) parasites which have a complex life cycle. These parasites spend developmental stages within intermediate hosts, which can act as reservoirs for infection. Hosts include rabbits, deer, and other wildlife. There is also some evidence that sheep can be involved but, more importantly here, cattle are at risk too. The adult stages of *Neospora Caninum* (where the oocysts, or eggs, are produced) occur in dogs in the UK.**

There has been a recent increase in awareness of neospora in the UK and this is largely because of the negative effects the disease can have on cattle production, with abortions in the later stages of pregnancy and stillbirths being the primary effect when cattle become infected. This inevitably leads to reduction in margins with stretched calving intervals, decreased productivity, and increased culling within the herd.

While infected dairy cows are more likely to abort each pregnancy after initial infection, the beef breeds of cattle tend to be more resistant to repeated abortion and following initial infection may abort once and then maintain a normal pregnancy thereafter. However, an infected cow will pass the disease on to their calves in excess of 90% of the time. This means that apparently healthy heifers born to neospora positive cows can harbour the disease within a herd. The passing of disease from cow to calf is the primary route of neospora infection.

The neospora parasite is also shed in aborted material from infected cows



(afterbirth or tissue of aborted the calf) which if eaten by a dog can allow the neospora to multiply. Infected dogs will pass on the disease to all subsequent litters of puppies. The parasite can multiply within the dog and is shed in the dog faeces. If cattle come into contact with the faeces of an infected dog via soiling on pasture, watercourses or feed stores or clamps they can then be infected. Neospora infection from dog faeces is generally a minor route of infection.

Due to the necessity for a dog to have come into contact with aborted material from an infected cow it is very unlikely that town dogs walking on public footpaths play any real part in the disease spread. Indeed, most research would point to farm dogs being the culprits for spreading the disease via this route. It is therefore important to prevent farm dogs from eating any aborted material and ensure that they do not muck near feed stores or grazing pasture.

Once a cow is infected there is no treatment or cure for the disease, the risk of abortion or passing on the disease to offspring is so high that in pedigree herds the best option is to remove the animal from the herd. If the genetic value is high enough, embryos from the infected cows can be trypsin washed prior to use, which will reduce risk of

the disease passing on if implanted into clean recipients.

Testing for neospora is carried out at most of the commercial laboratories and the major health scheme providers now offer the option to test and become accredited free. Testing for the disease should be carried out on all females in a specific window between 12 and 4 weeks prior to calving, as the disease is more likely to show at this point in pregnancy. Two clear tests 12 months apart will allow the herd to become accredited free.

When buying in breeding cattle, a blood test outside the specific window still has some merit as a positive animal will always be positive and has no place in a pedigree breeding herd, whereas a negative result outside this window may be less reliable.

Over the last 12 months the export market has been showing increasing demand for neospora-free cattle and this has thwarted several large consignments from leaving the UK. It is likely that the demand for neospora-free and accredited free cattle will continue, so those herds which do significant business abroad may benefit from discussing control and accreditation programmes with their regular vet, in order to tie these in with their herd's existing health scheme testing.

# Breeding and a No Deal Brexit

The detail of this article is drawn from a government notice, containing key information published to help breed societies recognised under zootechnical legislation to prepare for any changes they may need to make should the UK leave the EU on 29th March 2019 without an agreement. This is something which is of particular relevance and importance to The Society and its members.

## Before 29th March 2019

The focal factor is zootechnical legislation. This is the legislation which facilitates trade in purebred breeding animals and their germinal products, covering equines, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and hybrid breeding pigs. Current species-specific legislation is being replaced by a new streamlined regulation in November 2018. This will allow individual breed societies, such as Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, to apply to be recognised; having their breeding programme approved by a member state competent authority if they meet zootechnical standards.

Once recognised, the approved society would be entitled to certain rights. For example, should the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society be recognised, a pedigree bull registered with The Society would be automatically treated as a pedigree by an equivalent breed society in any another EU member state. Any purebred animals being traded and entered into another breed society register or breeding book must be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate. UK breeding programmes can also be extended into the territory of another EU member state.

## After 29th March 2019

In the event the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK would become a what is known as a 'third country'. As a third country, UK breed societies or operations which trade and move purebred livestock and germinal products, would no longer be recognised in the EU. This would mean that UK breed societies or operations would no longer be automatically entitled to enter their pedigree breeding animals into an equivalent breeding book in the EU, and the UK would have no right to extend a breeding programme into the EU.

However, existing EU legislation does allow for trade with third country breed societies and operations. This provides for the European Commission to maintain a list of breeding bodies in third countries, which meet certain requirements relating to equivalence of their breeding programmes and rules of procedure to those in the EU.

As the Commission indicated in a notice to breeders of 21 November 2017, in a 'no deal' scenario, UK zootechnical businesses that meet these requirements would be treated as 'third country breeding bodies' by the EU. This status would allow them to enter pedigree breeding animals into equivalent EU breeding books or registers as they can now, provided the animals are accompanied by a zootechnical certificate in accordance with the existing EU legislation.

A list now exists of breed societies who want to continue to trade with EU organisations (and who want to be 'listed'). These societies have been contacted by the end of 2018 to ask for more information. To be listed as third country breeding bodies to the Commission, zootech stakeholders must provide information around the specific activities they undertake. The arrangements for EU-recognised breed societies and operations operating in the UK would not change initially. They would continue to have access to the UK in the same way as they do now.

## Trade with Ireland and EEA

This section covers additional information taken from the same government notice. This notice is for guidance only. You may also want to refer to separate technical notices on exporting and importing animals and animal products, and you should consider if you require separate professional advice before making specific preparations.

The UK government is clear that in this scenario we must respect our unique relationship with Ireland, with whom we share a land border and who are co-signatories of the Belfast Agreement. The UK government has consistently placed upholding the Agreement and its successors at the heart of our approach. It enshrines the consent principle on which Northern Ireland's constitutional status rests. We recognise the basis it has provided for the deep economic and social cooperation on the island of Ireland. This includes North-South cooperation between Northern Ireland and Ireland, which we're committed to protecting in line with the letter and spirit of Strand two of the Agreement.

The Irish government has indicated they would need to discuss arrangements in the event of no deal with the European Commission and EU Member States. The UK would stand ready in this scenario to engage constructively to meet our commitments and act in the best interests of the people of Northern Ireland, recognising the very significant challenges that the lack of a UK-EU legal agreement would pose in this unique and highly sensitive context.

It remains, though, the responsibility of the UK government, as the sovereign government in Northern Ireland, to continue preparations for the full range of potential outcomes, including no deal. As we do, and as decisions are made, we'll take full account of the unique circumstances of Northern Ireland. Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein are party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and participate in other EU arrangements. As such, in many areas, these countries adopt EU rules. EEA businesses and citizens should consider whether they need to take any steps to prepare for a 'no deal' scenario.

Garreth Dunstall





## Feed efficiency measures reduction in costs

**Reducing feed costs can make a big difference to the bottom line. Offering farmers the ability to do that without affecting performance is what AHDB's beef feed efficiency programme is working to deliver. There is an opportunity for breeders, or groups of breeders, to engage in the programme to generate EBVs for their breeding cattle.**

Already the programme has collected feed intake records from 2,340 cattle, from two breeds, to identify the genetic differences between the individuals and sires of those cattle in terms of how efficiently they convert feed to liveweight gain. The project, with Defra funding, has invested in equipment that accurately measures individual feed intake, and has been installed on four commercial farms across the UK, including one in Scotland partially funded by ABP and the Scottish Government. Nearly 500 Aberdeen-Angus calves have been measured on two of these units since July 2017.

The Aberdeen-Angus animals that have been measured have been purchased by the trial host farms using strict criteria that include being sired by a known registered sire and within a defined age range. Both host units sourcing Aberdeen-Angus calves have purchased from markets, privately and from calf-rearing companies. Dam information can be gleaned from BCMS.

### Criteria

- By a known registered Aberdeen-Angus sire
- Aged between 7-12 months of age
- Within eight weeks of age
- Beef or dairy dam
- Not a twin
- Not more than 16 of the same sire

The ration is based on grass silage, barley and a protein blend to be typical of the majority of commercial beef rations, and is consistent across all the units. Once through an acclimatization period of four weeks, where cattle have been health tested, EID tagged and introduced to the diet, they move into the data collection phase which lasts for nine weeks (63 days). In addition to feed intake recording, animals are weighed weekly and back fat scanned at the start and end, enabling composition of the liveweight gain to be incorporated into the model for recording feed efficiency. The host farmer also measures the dry matter of the diet twice weekly and records the measured ingredients in each ration mix.

Despite insufficient data having been collected to report on the genetic analysis at this stage, the preliminary performance data is showing some interesting trends. The data allows a differentiation between dairy and beef dams and, as expected, calves from a beef dam started and ended trial heavier than

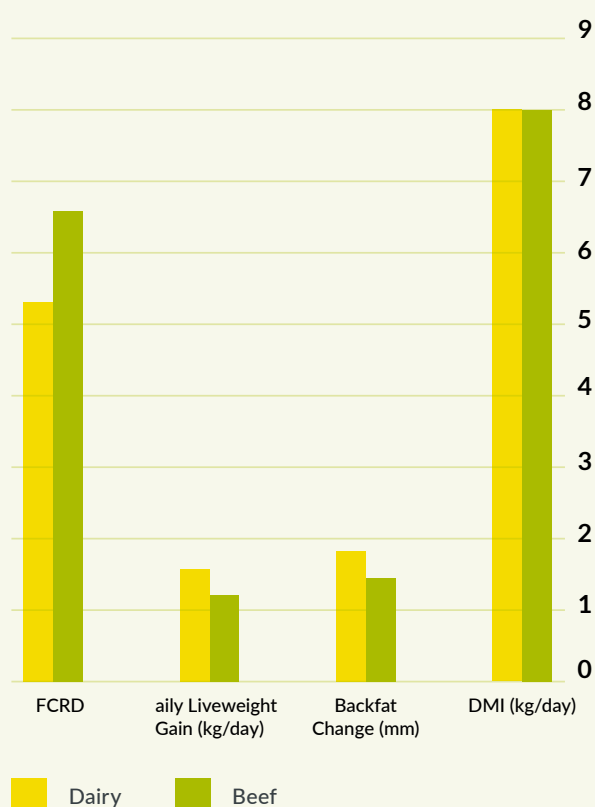
those from a dairy dam. However the average growth rate of calves from a dairy dam was slightly higher. Both groups had a similar dry matter intake; 8.01 kg/day and 7.6 kg/day for beef and dairy dams respectively. The overall difference between sire groups can be summarized in the table:

### Summary performance of Aberdeen-Angus sired steers by sire group - overall

	Average
Start Weight	362
End Weight	449
Dry Matter Intake	7.96
Growth Rate	1.3
FCR	5.98
Backfat change	1.62

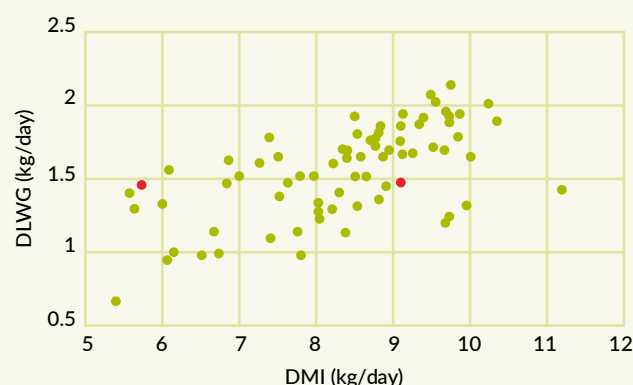
Differences in performance characteristics such as daily feed intake, growth rate and FCR can vary considerably between sire groups. The graph below demonstrates the differences in performance when sub-divided between dairy and beef dams. It is interesting to note that the growth rate is slightly faster in calves with a dairy dam, but the DMI remains very similar.

### Comparing sire group performance between beef and dairy bred progeny



The graph below shows the average growth rate and feed intake of Aberdeen-Angus sire groups in the trial. Each dot represents one sire group, and the two groups highlighted (red dots) illustrate the difference in feed efficiency within the dataset. The left-most red point shows a sire group that ate relatively less (DMI = 5.75 kg/day) than the one on the right (DMI = 9.2 kg/day), while growing at the same rate (1.45 kg/day). The difference in DMI between the two sire groups is 3.45 kg/day and represents a 38% difference in intake to achieve the same growth rate. In general, those in the upper left quadrant of the graph are the most efficient progeny as they have the highest performance level having eaten the least to achieve this.

### DLWG vs DMI



During a 100-day finishing period this type of response could deliver a feed cost saving worth approximately £30 per head, a reduction in feed cost per kg liveweight gain of £0.42. On a farm finishing 500 cattle per year, this could represent a saving in feed cost of £15,000.

Identifying those sires and dams with the genetics that will consistently achieve this in their progeny is what this project is all about. The aim is to collect sufficient records to generate breeding values for the breed to enable selection for more feed efficient sires and dams. It is envisaged that a feed efficiency EBV will be incorporated into the Aberdeen-Angus index when sufficient data records have been collected in order to calculate robust parameters. This will require approximately 1,200 more records to be collected.

The funded project has also established industry standards for recording of feed intake and will determine an agreed measure of feed efficiency to be included in selection indices. At the end of the funded project, the programme will continue through the ongoing availability of the feed recording facilities, which will be available to the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society and breeders who wish to generate breeding values for their breed or herd sires.

Natalie Cormack

# Nostalgia: Aberdeen-Angus through the years

We love nothing more than having a look back through the archives and exploring all the key moments for our great breed throughout the years. In a feature that we are looking to establish as a staple of Reviews moving forward, we've found some photography and artwork from some historical editions of our Official Society Journal.



The cover of the Aberdeen-Angus Review exactly 50 years ago today.



Proudest of Kinnermoney with a group from Black Watch Farms at Perth who purchased for 25,000gns.



The Champion Bull at Perth in 1969 in the sale ring - Easel of Buchaam. Photography kindly provided by Mr Luiz Fernando Cirne Lima who judged the event and is returning to visit us this year, 50 years on.



The Queen Mother visiting Pedigree House in Perth in October 1982.

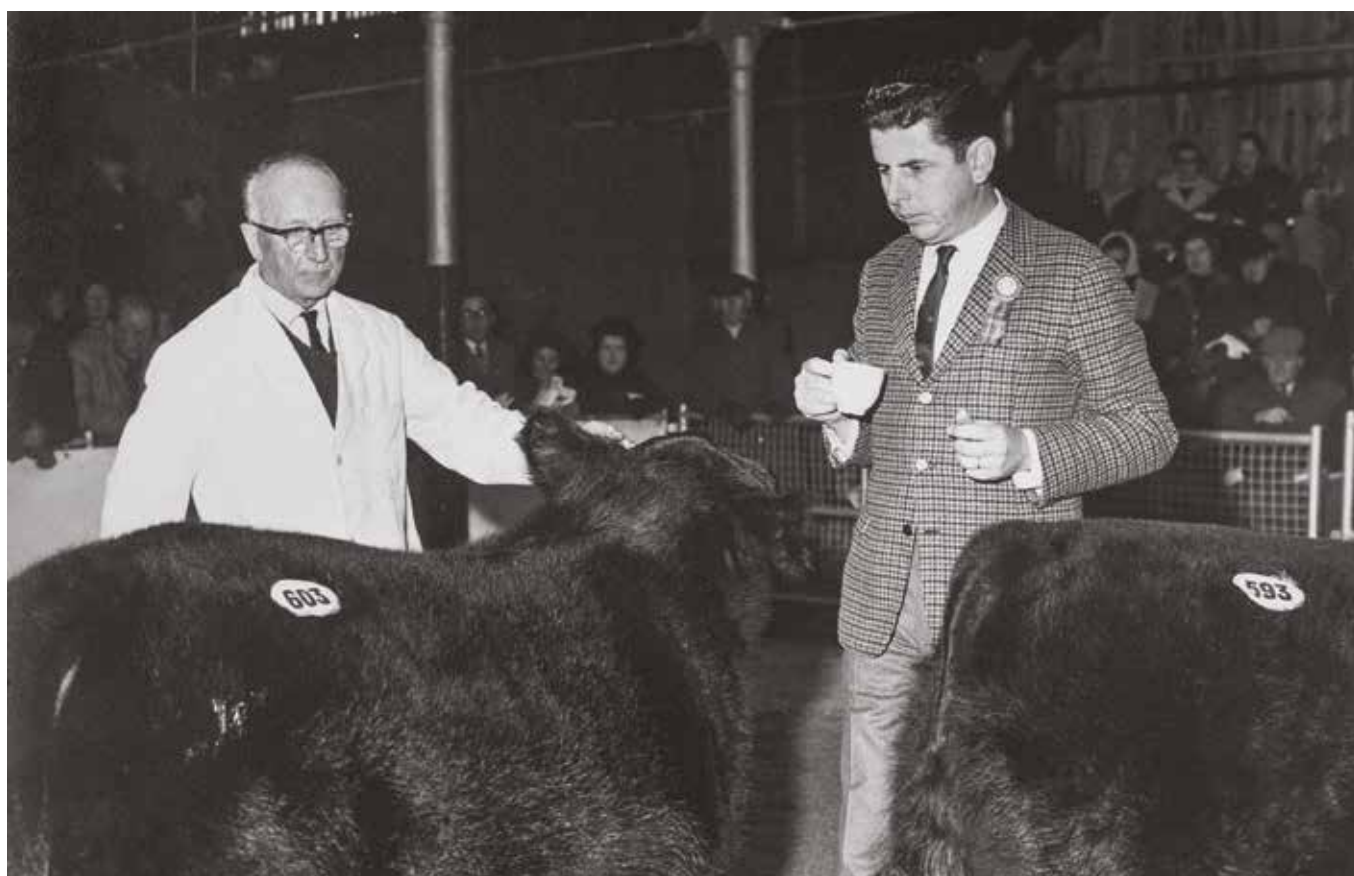


Mr Tom Brewis in the ring at Perth in 1969 as the Lord Provost AU Cross presents him with the City of Perth Trophy for supreme champion.



The catalogue cover from Perth in 1969 50 years ago this year. Photography provided by the event's judge Mr Luiz Fernando Cirne Lima.





Alex Ogg showing one of his bulls to the judge during a coffee break at Perth 1969.



Roley Fraser on the left acting as ring steward in Perth 1969, considered at the time to be one of the very best cattle auctioneers in the world.

# Help needed to complete the electronic herd book

## We need 50 volunteers to speed up the job of putting the early herd books onto computer - but 70 would be even better.

### What does it involve?

We send you an Excel worksheet ready for completion and the matching volume of the herd book. You fill the worksheet from the herd book. You just complete one volume – unless you get hooked on it and want to do more.

### Why am I asking?

When I started this project I had no idea how long it would take. Two years in, I know that with my limited typing skill I will probably need another ten years, by which time I will be over 80. Ask a bookie whether mind and body will keep up the pace and you will get pretty long odds.

If 50 people tackle a volume each, whether they choose to complete a volume over two weeks or two years, while I churn away at my current speed, we would produce a complete database ready for final proof-reading in 24 months time.

### The aim

ABRI, who provide Breedplan, are ready to put what we produce online as a stand-alone database when we are done. You will be able to search it just like you can Breedplan. Beyond that, every animal's entry will include the name of the original foundation female of its family.

### What might you find?

*Here are some snippets from the 39 volumes published before the First World War.*

A bull called Albino, six cows called Euthanasia and one called Stanley. If you want to know what was kinky about heifer 23557, look her up yourself. I did check: she never had a calf. There must have been hundreds of Gay cattle, an accident of the change of use for that

word. We can guess why one heifer was called Kicking Maggie. I hope this was not a command: Burn Maureen. In the year 'The Scottish Farmer' was first published, a bull was given the name. And clone twins were born in Ireland in 1911.

There was no rule about what first letter was used for a name, that is a recent requirement, 1959 I believe.

At least one cow was registered when already long dead. Another two were already 24 and 26 years old. The 24-year-old came from Tonley, but before the Watties moved there. Their connections were still in Glenbuchat. Interestingly the herd book spelt it Glenbucket until a certain Rev W A Spark started breeding there. Someone should have called a cow Hyacinth.

You won't find official herd names, they arrived after the Second World War. Many breeders used many "herd names", Ernest Kerr of Harviestoun using more than most. Others who just used one were using same name as another breeder: "of Rhynie" for herds in Aberdeenshire and Ross-shire and "of Whitehouse" in two neighbouring parishes near Alford.

Great deference was made to those with a title, often assuming the need for an address to be unnecessary. Breeders had their manorial titles included, the prize has to go to Mrs Edgeworth of Edgeworthstown, Edgeworthstown Manor, Edgeworthstown, County Longford.

Did you hear that red cattle came from America? Sorry, you will find them here, with Ballintuim clearly breeding for them. Open the first volume and see a picture of Cup Bearer and his broad white stripe from brisket to wedding-tackle, looking like an advert for the still-uninvented light bulb. More than one has the name White Feet or similar. Read of Grey-breasted Jock, either father or son of Old Jock. The first volumes, as their title says, were centred on polled cattle.

The first volume is a bit chaotic as all the original material went up in flames and publication was delayed 10 years, by which time at least two of the big breeders, Watson and Walker, had died and memories, rather than records, had to be relied on.

These old volumes show how the areas of popularity shifted and when there were waves of exports. Almost 25% of entries in one year are either for exported animals or animals born overseas (Ireland included). Within mainland Britain the earliest volumes show the pockets of strength – Alford in Aberdeenshire (M'Combie country), around Kirriemuir and Forfar (Watson), both the north east of Banffshire and the far west of the county (Macpherson Grant). In the first decade of the 20th century there was a huge surge along the Spey, between Aberlour and Aviemore, registered by countless Grants and their neighbours.

We find well over 1,000 cows entered as foundation stock – i.e. their dams were not registered – mainly in the areas where the enthusiasts farmed. Quite possibly more cattle would have been registered had the message reached.

Look at the addresses in the books and see that it wasn't just Aberdeenshire and Angus the cattle came from, it was all the arable land across seven or eight counties, from Ross-shire to the banks of the Tay. Not the hills. Like the railways that spread through the area in those years, Aberdeen-Angus were not for the mountains. Speaking of railways, there is one bull that was prolific over such a wide range that he would surely have needed a season ticket.

All this comes from the books completed at the time of writing. What will the rest reveal? And who knows what you might discover?

If you would like to get involved, please contact the Society directly.

**Angus Smith**



# Society Open Day at Longford Farms

**In July 2018 we held our Open Day at Longford Farms in Salisbury, Wiltshire, which was attended by some 150 interested members and commercial cattle producers and pedigree breeders who got the chance to see the breed's capabilities first hand through the excellent commercial operation on display at Longford.**

This particular Open Day was an important event for the Society as it represented a reintroduction to the calendar after an absence for a year or two, and was certainly well-supported with positive feedback received.

Angela McGregor opened the proceedings with a welcome to all attendees and introductions of the appropriate people and speakers. An outline of what the day's content would include followed, where the opportunity to learn a bit more about the Aberdeen-Angus breed and the industry in general, plus the chance to see the cattle on show at the successful Longford operation, created great interaction and feedback. The attendees were welcomed to the day by Lord Radnor, the owner of the Estate who gave us an overview of the farming activities at Longford Farms over the 5000 plus acres that they hold in rural Wiltshire. We are very grateful to Lord Radnor for taking the time to speak and giving his assent to hold the event at Yew Tree Farm – all at the Society are very grateful.

Angela McGregor offered thanks to Lord Radnor for his input and gave the attendees an overview of the history of the breed before introducing the next speaker, Paul Jeenes, Senior Vice President of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle



Society and also Director of Farmmark, who's business revolves around buying calves and organising huge amounts of cattle annually to be sold direct to abattoirs throughout the country. Paul works closely with Longford Farms and is instrumental in making sure that the investment and faith they have put into using Aberdeen-Angus in the beef enterprise is rewarded appropriately. Paul gave the attendees a round-up of where the breed was and where it has come to today with a series of numbers on the increases year on year of Aberdeen-Angus cattle registrations with forecast numbers in 2020 heading towards 450,000 annual registrations.

Next speaker was the NFU president Minette Batters, who took the stage and the microphone and delivered a fantastic message about the way forward after Brexit. Minette, a tenant at Longford Farms (who made her apologies as a Hereford breeder at the outset!) delivered a highly interesting and insightful presentation straight from the hip. She informed the attendees about all the strategies that the NFU were engaged in with Government and the various agricultural bodies to protect the agricultural and rural economies post Brexit. The message was clear, that everything that can be done is being done to ensure that British agriculture will be sustainable after we leave the EU.

The next speaker up was the Longford Farm and local veterinary surgeon Keith Cutler from Endell Vet Group, who delivered a presentation on all the

different challenges faced by the cattle industry in his area, with some welcome advice as to how to deal with different diseases such as TB, BVD, IBR etc. Each one was presented as a separate entity and was broken down to basics and built back up again, with sound advice on how to prevent in the first place, but if disaster does strike, the best way to deal with each.

The farm tour busses were then open for business with four tractors and various forms of trailer taking the attendees on a visit to the cattle which were all out at pasture. Barbara Webster was in attendance to discuss Breedplan and the programme, ably explaining the advantages of the EBV system as a tool for sire and dam selection. There was also a cattle scanning demonstration from Linda McKendrick prior to the stock judging which featured some interesting results when science met stockman's eye in a head to head!

We are eternally grateful to Robert Huxley who looks after the beef enterprise at Longford Farms for the effort that he and the team put into organising the event and putting all the infrastructure in place. This ensured that all attendees had the opportunity to visit and view the cattle via tractor, trailers and various borrowed beaters trailers. The vast majority of all who attended took the tour where Robert explained the cattle in various stages and groups, the breeding policy and the way that they choose the bulls. A huge thank you to all involved – preparations are already underway for the next Society Open Day.





# Members Feature:

## Scotland - Andrew Mylius

### Woodland grazing and a new direction at St Fort

The St Fort operation is one which has been successfully running for centuries, dating back as far as 1791 when it was purchased by Robert Stewart, an ancestor of Andrew Mylius who currently heads up St Fort with eldest son Caspar. With a background in Lincoln Reds and Aberdeen-Angus, Andrew gives us a detailed and interesting account of his activity.

"My earliest memory of the herd, shortly after the war, was when it was managed by Mr John Swan, at that time mostly working with blue grey sucklers with an Aberdeen-Angus bull, and all calves finished on farm. It wasn't until 1960 that I took over the farm at St Fort. I firstly started a herd of Lincoln Red cattle, the largest native breed at that time, with best liveweight gain and food conversion rate. To this day, we still have the Lincoln Reds on farm at St Fort. During the 1980s when the suckler cow premium scheme was on the go and meeting the target of 1.4 Lu/ha was required, we considered introducing Aberdeen-Angus back to St Fort. The idea of having two pedigree breeds was certainly daunting, but the Aberdeen-Angus and the Lincoln Reds are both British Native breeds and not too dissimilar to run which appealed to me. St Fort has 500 acres of permanent grazing and both the Lincoln Reds and Aberdeen Angus are 75% spring calvers and 25% autumn calvers.



St Fort Aberdeen-Angus overlooking the River Tay.

"The first Aberdeen-Angus heifers were purchased at Perth bull sales in around 1994/95. Some of these were Castle Mey Etrilla HMS33; Pooh Pooh of Eastlands SPMT1; Netherton Red Fleur MDB S52 and Ella of Bonlea BQG S6, to name but a few. We Al'd for a few years and once we had sufficient numbers to justify a bull, our first purchase was a bull bred by the late Ray Grieve, Carlhurlie Generoso. I remember Ray coming up to me after the hammer dropped and he said to me, "you have just robbed me". The bull was lot 2 that day and the bidding hadn't really got going!

"We always try to breed as many stock bulls for our own use as possible. Having said that, we did buy some interesting bulls too. Firstly, the Perth Junior Champion, Netherton Chic MDB V55.21, then a powerful bull from Lady Gardyne, Hurdcott Elgar, with some females bred by Elgar still present in the herd. The principal aim was to produce pure Aberdeen-Angus for finishing, with the added bonus being if some bulls or females were good enough to keep for breeding. Our herd numbers by 2010 were up to about 80 breeding cows. We were using a few home-bred bulls but introduced a young bull into the herd for future use, Fordafourie Kris B300. In 2009 we turned once again to Willie Maclaren for our next stock bull, Netherton Keystone.

"Easy calving and easy maintenance with the ability to winter out are attributes that guide our management plans. Sometimes in life, accidents or disasters often precipitate changes. Notably, the dry springs in 1989 and 1999 when we planted up some sandy arable land with trees, nearly all of which failed and died. However, we were allowed to alter the planting objectives from a commercial woodland to an amenity woodland. As a result, the Hutton Institute have recognised this project for woodland grazing as a benchmark, with visits from their members to see how the cattle thrive in semi open woodland.

"We purchased an Ardrossan Admiral son in 2012 from John Elliott, Rawburn Picasso L247, followed in 2014 by a senior champion bull from Marion Tilson, Wedderlie Fantastic N820. Both have greatly enhanced our easy calving aims. Smaller lighter calves may lose out in the pedigree sales chasing game, but when it comes to selling the progeny as breeding heifers or finished cattle, we believe our system is nice to work with and gets results. A number of Picasso's offspring have done well at recent sales; notably St Fort Prince Merlin R495 was Reserve Supreme Champion at Carlisle in 2017 and St Fort Ptarmigan R509 won his class at UA Stirling February sale in 2018.

"Today, we are using three stock bulls, a homebred bull St Fort Popstar R566 by Oakchurch Diplomat, a bull we purchased recently at Stirling in May 2017 from Neil Wattie, Tonley Paprika S308 and perhaps the most interesting stock bull, a 'native' or 'original population' Aberdeen-Angus, Dunlouse Einstein S625, purchased in 2017 from Geordie Soutar's sale at Kingston Farm, Forfar.

"The 'native' Aberdeen-Angus are creating a huge interest in Europe, South America, USA and Canada. Recently, we have successfully PD'd a number of our A-A heifers in calf to Dunlouse Einstein. The hope is that the progeny, due in spring 2019, will be a touch smaller, fleshier and weigh more than a standard modern type of Aberdeen-Angus. All this in an animal that calves very easily and finishes off a simple ration, and in addition the carcass will perhaps command a premium price.

"Finally, a little milestone in our herd's history came about in October this year when we purchased from Russell Taylor's Moncur herd after a gap of 53 years since we first purchased some Lincoln Reds from him. It was another cow with a heifer calf at foot, only this time she was an Aberdeen-Angus, Moncur Edwina. Her calf will form the foundation of my granddaughter Rosie Mylius' Aberdeen-Angus herd, along with Retties Lady Rose."

# Members Feature:

## England - Mary Hamnett

### Mary Hamnett's lifelong passion for Aberdeen-Angus

Born in Disley near Stockport, Mary Hamnett is part of the seventh generation to farm in and around Disley. Her family have always had a mixed farm situated on the Cheshire-Derbyshire border on the edge of the Pennines. Mary took over the family farm in 2003 and has three daughters who follow different careers, but can always be counted on to help move cattle! Mary tells us about her life with Aberdeen-Angus.

"My Angus journey truly began in 1989. After missing a cow and heifer calf I wanted at the Carlisle sale, I was introduced to John Byers. I went to view his Cubbyhill Herd and was immediately drawn to the cattle, purchasing two in-calf heifers; a Cubbyhill Beau Lassie and Jasmine. The Stock Bull then came from the Late John Moores, Perigrine of the Moss, followed by Cubby hill Bar Langholm, with many bulls from each herd since. The last female line to be added to the Blackwatch Herd, was a Barbara Belle of Ushaw originally bred by John and Joe Stevenson. The blood lines were one of the first to be imported from Canada in the 1970's.

Mary later went into partnership with Gordon Oliver, now 25 years ago, and since then Champagne and Blackwatch herds have run together. More blood lines were introduced including cattle from Mrs Duncans Longbank Herd the Juanne Ericas, Alfred Mc Quater Piny Peony of Monkwood, Mary Neal Eloquance and Penny of Legsheath.

"In 1988, the Cherry Bee and Evorela cattle families from the Boghall herd became the first native cattle in our herd. We have always been passionate about the original native cattle and are members of the Rare Breed Society. We now have a herd of 39 original native females along with the Black Watch suckler cows and followers. The aim is to



Mary and native cattle on SDA ground looking over the farm.

increase the native female base as they suit our poor 97ha of disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged ground.

"The cows are housed in November/December on straw, with feeding passages that are automatically scraped 3 times a day. We bed the cattle every other day, except the 3 bull pens that can be bedded automatically several times daily, saving labour. Putting hay out for a week, we need only push it up once a day, again saving labour; whereas silage we have to feed every day. All the cattle we finish are on a grass-based system. We use the full potential of a milky cow, the majority of calves being weaned at ten months on hay and being turned out to grass in April. About half the cattle are finished in November and the rest stored on grass to be sold the following spring."

"The farm is fully organic and specialises in Organic beef production, supplying Dovecote Park for Waitrose; having twice won and been placed at their carcass competition." We were very pleased when the carcasses went down to Smithfield and both were in the prizes, and have won many Cheshire County Farms competitions in the breeding, beef feeding and wild life classes.

"The health of our cattle is very important to us. We have been testing our cattle since 1988, firstly for IBR

BVD Risk Level 1 Johne's then adding Leptospirosis and Neospora. The farm also has a dedicated isolation shed away from the farm buildings, utilised when buying stock bulls and used for our own finished stock leaving the farm, so there can be no contamination from hauliers entering the yard. The High Health Status has proved to be a fantastic management tool and I would recommend it to anyone.

"For the past 29 years I have been Secretary of PENWAC, the Pennine and North West Angus Club. We are fortunate to have a lot of volunteers who make everything work, The Exhibition Unit will be at the Royal Cheshire Show and Westmorland Show, as will I. One of my first jobs was at the Royal Show over 25 years ago, of which I have many fond memories.

"I thoroughly enjoy helping with the society events and meeting interesting people, visiting many herds in great locations. I can usually take away some interesting ideas that I can utilise and its great talking to like-minded people who I can share ideas with. I am a life-time supporter of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. I believe with our genetics we are in a good position, to meet changes which we expect in eating habits also the requirements of the butcher who has to please the consumer, who keeps us in business."

# Members Feature:

## Wales - Joe Parry

### A young man with a positive and passionate plan

Joe Parry's Eyarth herd was established in 2015 with the purchase of in-calf heifers and a young bull from Wedderlie where Joe did a 12-month work placement as part of his Harper Adams University degree in Agriculture. To get an insight into the breeding policy of such a successful commercially-focused pedigree herd was a truly invaluable experience for him.

Joe has told us all about his career to date and detail around his operation.

"In 2015, I was awarded the Agricultural Student of the Year at the British Farming Awards. After graduating, I returned to the family farm in Denbighshire, North Wales to run the business alongside my parents. The 300-acre upland farm is owned, with an additional 120 acres rented from a neighbouring farm. The land ranges from 700-1200ft and is grazed by 600 ewes, 20 Welsh ponies under the Eyarth prefix, and now Aberdeen-Angus cattle!"

"We currently have 25 cows in total, with about 50% A-A and the other half Welsh Black. All are put to our Aberdeen-Angus stock bull, Wedderlie Black Naldo P072. My parents bred pedigree Welsh Black cattle for 40+ years. However, my experience at Wedderlie convinced me that A-A was the way forward. I was drawn to the heifers' ability to calve at two years old, without affecting growth or longevity, as well as the impressive calving ease, quality of udders and growth rates. All cows are spring calving in March/April, with calves weaned and housed for the winter in November. Weather permitting, the cows stay out until December in an attempt to keep costs to a minimum."

"I have adopted the same culling policy that is operated at Wedderlie and it has paid dividends. We aim for a moderate



Wedderlie Black Naldo.

sized (600-700kg), quiet, fertile, easy-fleshing and milky cow that rears over half her body weight by weaning. This year, our calves weighed an average of 50.9% of the dam's bodyweight, weaned at 6-7 months old. Calving interval was 362 days in 2017 and 364 days in 2018. We have also joined Breedplan and the SAC Premium Cattle Health Scheme, which I feel is of utmost importance, with our current status at Risk Level 1 for Johnes, Accredited for BVD & Lepto and vaccinating for IBR."

"Currently, our best performing cows are Wedderlie Blackbird P990, W. Bonnie Lass P033, W. Velvet Lass P976 and W. Elenor P969. The latter three are by Wedderlie Torquan, himself an ET, by Papa Equator 2928 (SS) (IMP) and out of a Canadian donor cow, HF Tibbie 86K. However, Blackbird is by Nightingale El Paso J489, who dominates growth and carcase figures, falling in the top 1% of the breed. We are also pleased with the offspring of Wedderlie Kallander K137 and Wedderlie Kenyon N863, who arrived in-utero of the original heifers bought from Wedderlie. We have used Blackhaugh EL Banjo J972 semen on our two Naldo heifers this year. It will be interesting to see what they produce."

"Since 2015, we have seen an increase of 70kg on the average weight of our 18-month-old steers sold. This has equated to a financial benefit of almost £140 per head simply by changing breed! We've also sold A-A bulls for breeding and

believe there is growing demand to sell more locally. Hopefully we can persuade Welsh farmers to see the benefits of the breed in a predominantly Limousin, Charolais and British Blue area."

"Aside from the qualities of the Aberdeen-Angus cattle, I was also drawn to the breed by the proactive running of the Society. The premium that has been secured along with the promotion and marketing of the brand is a credit to all involved. The focus on the future of our industry is clearly demonstrated through the Youth Development Programme, which is an ongoing success.

"I recently participated in the new Aberdeen-Angus Future Leaders Course, where informative and inspiring speakers provided insightful tutorials that focused on developing our leadership and business management skills. It was fantastic to meet like-minded people, equally passionate about our industry. Participants from all stages of the supply chain, as well as other breeds added vigour and perspective, creating healthy discussion and debate to a programme I'd highly recommend."

"I am determined to implement a productive and efficient core to our breeding plan, creating a high-performing genetic pool that can be multiplied for expansion in the future. The ambition is for Eyarth Angus to become a recognised name within the industry for breeding top quality, functional, and profitable cattle."



Joe and one of his mares Eyarth Titania at the Royal Welsh Show.



# Members Feature:

## Ireland - Louis Byrne

### President's medal award for Louis Byrne of the Tomriland Herd

The Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association bestowed one of its highest honours, the President's Medal, to Louis Byrne of the Tomriland Aberdeen-Angus Herd, Annamoe, Bray, Co. Wicklow. The award, which is presented to a member of the Association who has made a notable contribution and provided exemplary service to the breed over a significant period of time, was one of the crowning achievements to date for Louis after a near 30-year association with the Aberdeen-Angus breed.

Louis, alongside his wife, Chrissie and children, Louis John (who operates the Castledarragh Aberdeen-Angus herd) and Josephine and their spouses Ann and Dermot and extended family of grandchildren run a 120-acre farming enterprise that encompasses a 30 cow pedigree Aberdeen-Angus herd as well as 100 Cheviot x Suffolk ewes and followers. The dramatic and picturesque Wicklow Mountains provide a stunning backdrop to the farm but with the house and farmyard situated at 500 feet above sea level and the highest point in the farm scaling almost double that height; farm life here is not for the faint-hearted. Family help is vital to the smooth running of daily operations at Tomriland with Chrissie playing a huge role in the early years of the farming enterprise and continuing to assist with calving and lambing to the present day too.

The Tomriland Aberdeen-Angus herd was founded in 1990 with the purchase of four heifers at Carrick-on-Shannon from the Dunlever, Clonervy, Gurteen & Kiltewan Aberdeen-Angus herds. Females from the Ormonde, Federo, Knockmountagh and Fordel herds followed soon after, with a maiden heifer from Mogeely Aberdeen-Angus joining the herd in more recent times. Stock bulls are used on 90% of the

herd, with current senior stock bull Liss Matty P491 (a son of multiple All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Rosemead Karona J957) on his third season at Tomriland and the newly purchased Richhill Black Bentley U094 (a son the UK bred Weeton King Lear R452) due to be used on heifers in early 2019. In terms of the females at Tomriland, the most successful cow line of the herd is, without question, the E family which has produced Tomriland Esmerica U348 who won the 2018 Connaught/Leinster Junior Calf Championship at the club's annual herds competition last October and Tomriland Enigma S293 who won the 2017 Leinster Provincial Trophy and also took the reserve supreme championship at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Premier Sale that autumn where he sold for €3,500. Looking ahead, the Tomriland Aberdeen-Angus herd will offer 14 pedigree yearling bulls for sale in spring 2019, with many of the bulls boasting five-star indices and ease of calving figures as low as 1.4%.

Louis describes his perfect Aberdeen-Angus as a medium sized beast with excellent natural fleshing characteristics and staying true to its ability to calve unassisted at a short gestation but still produce a calf of value and quality. According to Louis, "a middle-ground, balanced breeding approach works best to achieve this objective as you are aiming to strike a delicate equilibrium between size and tradition and also visual appearance and stars and figures". An early advocate of the benefits of genomics, Louis was instrumental in securing funding from the parent Society in Scotland in order to provide a rebate to members in Ireland against the costs of genomic testing on pedigree Aberdeen-Angus calves, saying that, "genomic evaluations are central to the future development and progress of



Louis & Chrissie Byrne at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus President's Awards night in Mullingar.

the Aberdeen-Angus breed in Ireland."

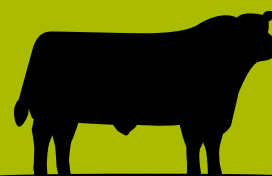
Louis was first elected to the council of the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association in 1996 and has served concurrent terms in Ireland since then as well as representing Irish interests at the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society council in Scotland from 2010 – 2017. "It was an honour to serve the breed I am so passionate about in such a meaningful way. It was during this time that I attended the European Angus Forum in Portugal and also helped drive the negotiations between Angus Beef Ireland and the Association to reach an agreement on our bonus scheme system which ended up being very lucrative for the Association in light of the increased demand for premium Irish Aberdeen-Angus beef in recent years".

As well as his multitude of achievements as a breeder and former President, Louis is also one of the most respected cattle judges on the pedigree circuit in Ireland. He has officiated at the Royal Ulster Spring Show in Balmoral, the most recent Ulster & Munster Provincial Finals and the Northern Ireland and Munster Aberdeen-Angus Club herds competitions as well as the major spring sales in Carrick-on-Shannon and Kilkenny.

Speaking at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus social event, at which he received the President's Medal, Louis had the following to say, "I am completely honoured and humbled to receive this award tonight. It has been my pleasure to serve the Aberdeen-Angus breed over so many years, and I would like to especially thank Mack Crowe, our President and Kathryn Bradshaw, our Secretary with whom I have had the pleasure of working so closely with."

# New Member Focus:

## Barnsview Aberdeen-Angus



**The Barnsview herd is jointly owned by Chrissie Davidson and Glenn Thomson. Based near Crieff in Perthshire, the herd was founded in December 2017 and Chrissie has told us all about their operation.**

"Glenn and I started our hobby herd less than eighteen months ago, and at the moment our herd is small with only a few cows and in-calf heifers. We chose a select few breeding families to found our herd, based on their temperament, breeding ability, and high-health status. Initially purchasing an in-calf heifer, we had our first Barnsview calf on the ground in February 2018.

"There were many reasons for starting our herd. For me it was my grandads. Both of my grandfathers, and subsequently both of my parents, were stockmen. After the Second World War, Grandad Davidson found work with the famous Harvestoun Angus herd owned by J.E Keri. He gained a huge knowledge and understanding of the breed and the herd produced many Highland Show and Perth Bull Sale Champions as well as exporting many bulls to South America. Grandad Davidson passed away in 2011 and is still dearly missed.

"Grandad McLaren however (affectionately known as Roddy in the Aberdeen-Angus world), is still going strong albeit very blind. He worked for Jim Dow and was responsible for bringing out the Kirktonlees herd of Aberdeen Angus, where he brought out many champions. When that herd dispersed, he went on to work for the Tangier herd of Aberdeen-Angus; one of the first to import cattle from Canada.

"My parents went on to manage the Kincardine Castle herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, and from a young age I was out to help them on the farm. I immediately fell in love with the breed and enjoyed taking part in Young Handlers competitions at local

shows. When the herd owner decided to sell, I wanted to continue what my grandfathers and parents had started.

"Glenn also inherited his love for agriculture from his father and grandfather. He has worked at a mixed arable, cattle and sheep farm since 2002, and through part of his job he really enjoys working with the commercial cattle but he wanted to own his own livestock. So, in 2012, Glenn established his herd of pedigree Simmental cattle which he successfully shows at both local shows and the Royal Highland.

"Glenn and I met each other at the Highland Show in 2013, and his love for Aberdeen-Angus started around two years later when he helped me show a cow and calf for the herd my parents managed. I would always show the cow, and Glenn would always take the calf which he had a particular soft spot for. When the herd owner decided to sell in 2017 there was no question that we would try and purchase a few for ourselves. The calf that Glenn showed back in 2015, Kincardine Castle Ermine, became one of the first cows in our Barnsview herd, along with Kincardine Castle Pam. I wanted to continue the breeding lines my grandfathers and parents had started and worked so hard for.

"Our first show season as Barnsview was a successful one, with one of our yearling heifers, Kincardine Castle Esta, even being placed in a strong class at the Highland Show. It was a great experience to be able to compete alongside some of the best cattle in the country. Shows and sales are always planned and marked early on our calendar. Glenn and I

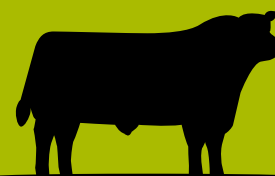
both work full time but try to fit in as many shows as time allows. This year we were also able to attend the October Bull Sales in Stirling, where we were fortunate enough to be able to purchase Kincardine Castle Pauline and her heifer calf at foot for our herd, from the Moncur dispersal sale. We were interested in the breeding lines of the particular cow we chose as she is a direct decedent of one of the first three founding heifers that started my parents' career in breeding pedigree Aberdeen-Angus. Our focus for our Barnsview herd is to continue these breeding lines in our herd and we look forward to hopefully being able to show again in 2019.

"We chose to start our small Aberdeen-Angus herd because of the history and the fantastic temperament of the breed. For me, it is important that they are quiet and easy to work with. In the future we don't expect Barnsview to produce a \$40,000 bull or win a National Championship like my Grandfathers did, but we do look forward to continuing the genetic breeding of the families from generation to generation."



# New Member Focus:

## Picketts Beck Aberdeen-Angus



**Covering 1,500 acres (1,000 being moorlands) Moorside Farm at Askwith, North Yorkshire, is home to new members Brian Church and Ann Moore.**

Brian was born and bred at Moorside, while Ann, who comes from farming background, spent 15 years as a Tesco line manager before returning to the farm to follow her passion. Together they keep 1,000 breeding sheep, Swaledales and Mules, alongside their Picketts Beck Aberdeen-Angus Herd.

"We only recently started buying pedigrees and registered with The Society earlier this year.



"We visited several Aberdeen-Angus breeders before purchasing. Currently we have a bull from Crook Rise. We also purchased females, nine altogether, from visiting Cragg Angus and Hurries, as well as three from the Ribble dispersal at Skipton Auction Mart.



"We rear followers/young stock for our other farm at Northallerton, which is a dairy establishment. There, we are currently milking over 200. We chose to use a pedigree Aberdeen-Angus bull on all our dairy heifers as they are easy calvers and good doers. This suits the environment here as we are 1,000ft up. Brian's brother and mother both live and work up there at Northallerton.

"We sell approximately 100 Aberdeen-Angus cross stores at 24 months plus. The benefit of pedigree is clear. Selling at Wharfedale Mart we are able to get a premium price for having named sires. And as

people know what they are getting, there are several regular buyers at the sales. For us, our next purchase is likely to be a new stock bull.

"Out of the pedigree females we have had two calves so far, and we are hoping to grow the herd steadily over the next few years. Looking to the future we would love to get our three kids involved, perhaps starting with some YDP activities!

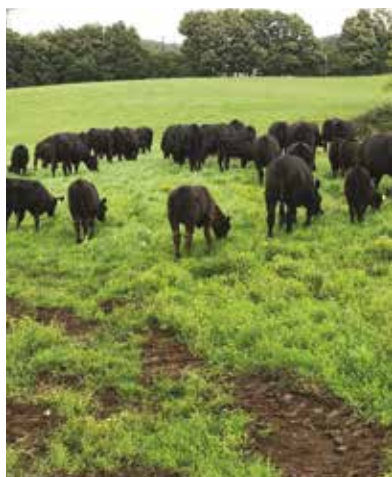
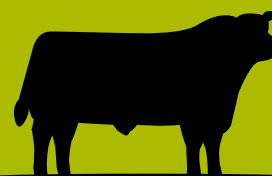
"While it is too early at the moment to have had any notable achievements, we are very keen to start showing at a local level in the near future. Breeding the odd prize Aberdeen-Angus bull or female would be amazing."





# New Member Focus:

## HendreVale Aberdeen-Angus



**Already owning 14 pedigree Aberdeen-Angus cows, run alongside the Talyfan Herd during 2017, Michael Beames, wife Nerys and children Aled (4) and Elis (1), officially started their herd in April 2018. The family now keep their HendreVale Herd on 176 acres in Ystradowen, in The Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales, and are some of The Society's newest members.**

"All our breeding cattle were purchased from the Talyfan Herd of Angus Messrs RJ Jenkins and Son. Brothers Alun and Norman retired and offered me first refusal on the tenancy of the farm. I had worked there since the age of 12 so it was an offer I couldn't resist. They pretty much taught me everything I know about cattle farming.

"Currently we have 45 females with this year's calves at foot, 2 stock bulls, 1 yearling bull, and 13 yearling heifer replacements. Their diet is totally forage-based with no added concentrates. They have never seen a bag of cake in their lives! They are rotationally grazed in summer, with constant access to fresh grass, and housed in winter on hay and haylage. The best haylage goes separately to the calves so they don't have to compete around the ring feeders. We have free access minerals available year-round and the cows get magnesium blocks in the run up to calving.

"Cows are served to AI extensively from July till September, the cows are then split into two groups and matched to one of the two stock bulls. No artificial breeding aids are used to detect heat for AI. The cows are brought into the yard every morning with their calves and left to stand and settle while being watched for any signs of bulling. This is time-consuming, but we find it very effective for detecting cows on heat. It also gets calves used to being handled so they are more civilised when working with them.

"We select AI sires on the basis of EBVs, with excellent conformation and

a priority given to calving ease an absolute must. This year's bulls used are Te Mania Berkeley/Netherallen Peter Pershore/ Liley Edd and Haymount Warsmith.

"The herd calves in the spring, outdoors but close to the buildings so that in the unlikely event of a cow needing assistance I can get them in easily on my own. Once calved and bonded, cows and calves are moved to more productive pasture to ensure a good milk supply.

"Choosing Angus cattle was simple. I'd been around the breed since I started working, with the Talyfan Herd; seeing the impressive maternal traits, calf vigour, finishing and foraging ability offered. The reputation of Angus also provides a better outlet for selling; the excellent eating quality represented in the premium paid for Angus beef.

"I also run an electrical contracting company and property maintenance company with my business partner, employing 10 staff. With its relatively low inputs Angus is the only breed that enables me to continue my farming passion whilst alongside my other commitments.

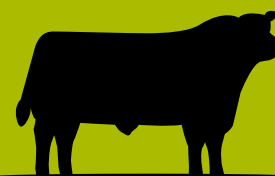
"We haven't done any showing yet. Maybe if I can persuade Nerys to turn her hand from showing ponies with our son Aled to walking round the ring with a full-grown Angus bull we'll give it a go!

"The focus now is to grow the herd to 60 breeding females, perhaps bring in new bloodlines, and continue working for high health herd status. We want the HendreVale Aberdeen-Angus to carry on the good name the Talyfan Herd earned; breeding excellent stock that shows off the breed's potential and keeps buyers coming back for future heifers and stock bulls produced."



# New Member Focus:

## Tullyarmon Aberdeen-Angus



**A farming operation doesn't need to be the largest to have ambitions of offering the best quality possible. With that thought in mind, we are delighted to welcome two new members, from Northern Ireland, to the Society, Callum McAleese (age 22) and Jayne Kyle (age 24), with Jayne telling us all there is to know about Tullyarmon Aberdeen-Angus.**

"Callum has been rearing sheep and Aberdeen-Angus-cross calves since he was ten years old. In 2016, Callum moved to Kirriemuir, Scotland, to work as an Estate stock manager with responsibility for a herd of 300 Aberdeen-Angus cows." This was the couple's first introduction to the breed on a commercial scale. Jayne also comes from a farming background. Her grandfather worked a dairy farm of 100 pedigree Ayrshire cows, and competed very successfully at local shows with cows and calves. Like Callum, she too kept sheep from a young age, and was introduced to Aberdeen-Angus, and beef farming in general, while Callum was working in Kirriemuir.

"Following Callum's return from Scotland in 2017, we started the Tullyarmon Herd. We now keep our eight-strong pedigree herd alongside



a commercial beef herd and a small flock of sheep, on 50 acres of ground in Macosquin, Northern Ireland, close to famous Causeway Coastal Route.

The couple aren't full-time farmers, with Callum carrying out electrical installation of robotic milking parlours for Lely, and Jayne working in Local Government as a GIS Analyst. Having full-time day jobs means they have limited time for farming duties. Aberdeen-Angus was the obvious choice; with easy calving, a docile nature, quick growth rate and easy fleshing meaning less work and less worries. The breed is also well suited to their land. With a mixture of rough upland ground and permanent grazing, they endeavour to run a grass-based system, supplemented with meal-only when grass availability requires it. Minerals are provided throughout the year, particularly during pre-calving and the autumn-winter period.

"All of the cattle on the farm are out-wintered, with the exception of those calving. As calving takes place in January and February, this is done indoors to avoid the harshness of the Northern Irish weather. Depending on size, cows begin calving from between 2 and 3 years old. Calves are weaned naturally at between 6 and 8 months old, both to avoid undue stress and to allow the cow a good rest time," says Jayne.

"The herd started with Macknagh Mills Evora R624, a purchase of from Michael Lagan, and Old Glenort Fiona T644, daughter of Haughton Levi P105 (Balmoral Breed Champion 2016) purchased from James Porter. Summer 2018 saw the purchase of Blelack Evening Star S735 and Glen Cowie Eva T354 from Iain Colville of Glen Cowie. Jayne and Callum were also fortunate to secure three maiden heifers from Gregor Laing of Wester Fearn, Scotland; making them the first owners of Wester Fearn cows in Ireland. All cows are



AI'd to ensure the best genetics can be sourced and to introduce strong new bloodlines.

"Having only started showing in 2017, we have already experienced some great success, with Macknagh Mills Evora R624 achieving first in class at the 150th Balmoral Show, Northern Ireland's premier event.

"Looking to the future, we want to increase the herd to 15 cows by the end of 2019, while maintaining a high-quality pedigree with desirable Aberdeen-Angus traits." As Jayne points out, these include good top lines, great heads and importantly requiring very little assistance from the farmer. They plan to achieve this by careful examination of EBVs when introducing new bloodlines, and hope this approach will allow them to develop a 'quality over quantity' herd, and lead to increased success for Tullyarmon Aberdeen-Angus at future agricultural shows and sales.

"For now, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has taken the time to meet us, affording us the opportunity to visit their herds and given sound advice; helping us learn the best ways to prepare cattle for showing and also providing us with great foundation cows. We look forward to experiencing the Stirling Bull Sales in the near future and meeting many more members along the way!"



## February 2018 Stirling Sale tops at 15,000gns on a steady day for the breed

**There was a good demand for Aberdeen-Angus bulls on Monday 5th February at United Auctions in Stirling. This came after a show the preceding day that departing Society President Alex Sanger described as one of the strongest shows of Aberdeen-Angus cattle at Stirling for many years.**

Aberdeen-Angus breeders can be happy with a steadily strong day for the breed, where a top price of 15,000gns was realised in addition to seven further bulls selling for 10,000gns or more. The breed saw similar figures at the same time last year, while the 2018 average of the 101 bulls sold was £5,746 at a clearance rate of 72%, up £11 on last year.

Having taken first place on Sunday in class 5 for bulls born on or between 8th & 12th April 2016, the sale topper at Stirling was lot 52 Thrunton Panther S922 of Messrs J H C Campbell of the Thrunton herd in Alnwick, Northumberland. This son of Hallington Edition M362 earned a lot of admirers in the showring and eventually was purchased messrs Fraser of Idvies Aberdeen-Angus for 15,000gns.

Wanda Hobbs' Ellin Ergo S481 was first-placed in class 15 for bull born on or between 13th August & 16th September 2016, and was the second highest priced bull on the day at a very

impressive 14,000gns. This one is out of the home-bred Ellin Eragile M671 and by Wedderlie Target L387, and goes to Robson & Co of Yatesfield in Newcastle.

At a price of 12,000gns was Dallas Allen's Stouphill Lord Ramon on what was a pretty good day for all at Stouphill. This one is a son of the famed Duncanziemere Jigsaw and out of Rawburn Lady Rose, and was third in class behind the top priced bull Thrunton Panther. With a self replacing index of +54, it was Alasdair Houston of Gretnahouse who purchased this one.

Hamish Sclater's Deveron Eldon S554 was second in class 6 for bulls born on or between 13th & 19th April 2016 and sold to Vance Ltd in Whithorn, Newton Stewart. This is a son of Belhaven Dryburgh Abbey out of Deveron Elise and impressed to the tune of 10,500gns. A total of five bulls then shared the price tag of 10,000gns, the first of which was Linton Gilbertines Profile (ET) from Trustees of the late Gordon

Brooke. First in class two for bulls born on or between 9th & 13th March 2016, this son of Rawburn Elysium is out of Lockerley Primrose who was once purchased for 14,000gns, and went to Page Farms.

The next at the same price was the Sunday's senior champion Logie Explosive of AJR Farms and bred by M Bruce & Partners. A very impressive bull out of Rawburn Enoch by Logie Elegant, this one is on its way to J & E Campbell. A further three bulls then shared the 10,000gns price, the first being Tonley Eagle S279. This one carries Tonley breeding on both sides, by Tonley Essien and out of Tonley Ester, and is considered the best Tonley Essien son to date, great news for new owners McFarlane Farms Ltd. Another at 10,000gns was Belhaven El Burladero S133, a son of Gretnahouse Blacksmith by Weeton Easton Anne who sold to A R Bell & Son. The show's reserve junior champion, Tonley Emmerson S336 of Neil Wattie, also sold for an impressive





**Thrunton Panther S922 selling for 15,000gns**

sum of 10,000gns, going to the Weir family in Cortleferry.

On a good day for Hamish Sclater, it was another Deveron bull at the next highest price, with Deveron La Quinta S564 selling for 9,500gns to the Glennie family at Threeburnford. This one by Belhaven Dryburgh Abbey is out of Deveron Lady L339 who had a superb calf show season in 2017, which included first at the Royal Highland Winter Calf Show and reserve heifer calf at the Black Beauty Bonanza.

Overall reserve and junior champion was Duncanziemere Mr Bennett S208 of the Clark family, who is a son of Rawburn Jester Eric and is from the same family as Magic Boy who sold for 15,000gns at the 2017 Royal Highland Show, aged two months old. This one went for 9,000gns to messrs M & S Wilson and sons.

Selling at 8,500gns was Skail Donald S432, who ran with 20 pedigree heifers for the month of September 2017. This Colin Davidson bull is by Rawburn Jackson Eric and went to Jan Boomaars of the Vexour Herd, having been second only to sale topper Thrunton Panther in class 5 for bulls born on or between 8th & 12th April 2016 on Sunday's show.

After Sunday 4th February's show, judge Alan Morrison of Co Fermanagh in Northern Ireland spoke of how impressed he was with a wonderful show of cattle throughout the Aberdeen-Angus classes. His overall champion, who he described as having an impressive presence within the ring which could not be quantified or proved, yet still so evident, was Idvies Ferrari S752 of Messrs F J Fraser, who decided not to sell on Monday and retained for their own use.

#### **Other notable winners from the day's judging included:**

##### **Reserve senior champion**

Belhaven Dundee S172 of Messrs J Gilmour selling for 6,000gns to the Stephen family of Home Farm Barn.

##### **Reserve intermediate champion**

Cardona Edwin S001 of Robert Galloway selling for 6,500gns to Lister Farms.

##### **Female champion**

Tonley Princess S273 of Neil Wattie selling for 7,000gns to the McOscar family.



**Ellin Ergo S481  
selling for 14,000gns**



**Duncanziemere Mr Bennett S208  
selling for 9,000gns**



**Tonley Eagle S279  
selling for 10,000gns**



**Tonley Emmerson S336  
selling for 10,000gns**



**Skail Donald S432  
selling for 8,500gns**

# A strong day for the Aberdeen-Angus breed the Stirling Spring Show & Sale

The 2018 Spring Show & Sale of Aberdeen-Angus at Stirling Agricultural Centre took place on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th May, with an 81% clearance rate seeing 30 sold in total and the average up £98 on this time last year, at £4,452.

The day's Champion was announced as Tonley Ernie S352 of the Wattie family at Mains of Tonley in Alford, who later went on to top the sale at 6,500gns to Jenkinson Ltd. Ernie is a son of Tonley Anelka N946 and out of Tonley Emiline K723. Tonley Anelka's first son was Reserve Junior Champion at Stirling back in February, selling for 10,000gns. Reserve Champion went to a bull from the Blelack Herd in Blelack Porteus, later becoming one of five to sell for 6,000gns. This one from Graeme and Neil Massie is by Hallington Principal M367 out of Blelack Princess L775 and was purchased by the Macmillans at Ballmartin Farm, Ballygrant, Islay.

Emma Hodge from the Rulesmains Herd was the Aberdeen-Angus judge on the day and we got her thoughts on the show and sale. Speaking of the events at Stirling, Emma said:



Tonley Ernie S352 selling for 6,500gns

*"It was great to see so many quality bulls in show, making the judging very close! The Champion Tonley Ernie S352 was a clean and eye-catching bull that really stood out to me, followed by the Reserve Champion Blelack Proteus S653 which was another strong and striking bull."*

Selling the Aberdeen-Angus breed for the first time was Ross Fotheringham from United Auctions. After having expertly auctioneered the entries at Stirling, Ross said:

*"The event was a great success for the breed. Emma Hodge did a fantastic job of judging the pre-sale show, choosing the most sought-after bulls. It is positive for the Aberdeen-Angus breeders to see continued demand for their cattle with the sale average up on the year and a fantastic clearance. United Auctions are grateful for the support of their vendors and purchasers, delighted with the event and positive all the vendors were too."*

Two more from the Neil Wattie's Tonley herd also went for 6,000gns in Tonley.



Blelack Porteus S653 selling for 6,000gns



Tonley Equidora S305 selling for 6,000gns



Tonley Paprikaa S308 selling for 6,000gns





Two bulls made 5,800gns in the ring, the first of which was another from the Wattie family in the third placed Tonley Pascal S335 who was purchased by KM Fraser. Pascal is out of Tonley Princess M836 and is a first son of Tonley Evor P044 who was Supreme Champion at Stirling in February 2016 and sold for an impressive 24,000gns. Also making 5,800gns was another from Graeme and Neil Massie, Weeton Lord Ragnor S493 who was first in class in Sunday's show. A full brother to Wall Lady Ruth, Champion at the Royal Highland and Yorkshire Shows, Lord Ragnor by Rawburn Elysium F547 out of Wall Lady Ruth E397 was sold to Lockhart and Son, of Dumfriesshire.

**On a strong day for the Aberdeen-Angus breed with a great clearance rate and increase on the year, some of the other top prices included:**

**Lot 950 - JAC Treasure S069**  
selling for 5,500gns

**Lot 965 - Raddery Jacobite Eric S199**  
selling for 5,000gns

**Lot 986 - Blelack Kentucky Lad S829**  
selling for 4,800gns

Equador S305 and Tonley Paprika S308. Equador is by Blelack Evor H929 out of Tonley Equidora G448 and was sold to Easter Tulloch Ltd, of Laurencekirk. Having been used on cows for a month in September, the second in class Paprika is by the very correct Tonley Essien N955 out of Tonley Princess P023 and was sold to Andrew Mylius of St Fort Farms in Newport on Tay.

Also at the 6,000gns mark was the first in class Belhaven Iron Man S137 of J Gilmour and Co. Ltd who was sold to

Mountquhanie Farms in Cupar. This one comes from strong performing lines with dam Belhaven Island Girl P090 a second-prize-winner at the 2015 Royal Highland Show and sire Billinge Magic Jack Eric M176 having sired the Reserve Supreme Champion at Stirling in February 2016. For the same cost was Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lordoftheisles S197, by Retties JFK M195 and out of Mosston Muir Lady Iris K259. Donald Rankin from the Isle of Skye sold this one to W & AM Aitken of West Linton in Peebleshire.

*For a full list of prices from the sale at Stirling Agricultural Centre, head over to the website at: <http://aberdeen-angus.co.uk/news/sale-news/all-prices-from-today-at-united-auctions-for-the-may-2018-stirling-bull-sales>*

*You can also view a round-up of the results from all show classes at: <http://aberdeen-angus.co.uk/news/show-news/stirling-bull-sales-may-2018-full-results/>*



**Tonley Pascal S335**  
selling for 5,800gns



**Weeton Lord Ragnor S493**  
selling for 5,800gns



**JAC Treasure S069**  
selling for 5,500gns



# Aberdeen-Angus takes centre stage at the Stirling Bull Sales in October 2018

The autumn event at United Auctions in Stirling was a great one for the Aberdeen-Angus breed, with Sunday 21st October's judging highlighting a great standard across the board prior to an excellent sale in the ring on Monday 22nd October.

Overseeing the judging on this occasion was Noel Hooke who commented;

*"I thought the standard was very high. I was looking for long animals with great depth and locomotion and tried to stick to a certain type that was well-suited to both the commercial and pedigree markets. The standard was very good for an October event, with plenty of good, square bodied bulls. The champion itself was a lovely moving bull with lots of style and breed character."*

The sale which took place the day after the judging saw Aberdeen-Angus sell to a top price of 22,000gns, stealing the show this autumn at Stirling Agricultural Centre. The main Aberdeen-Angus sale saw an 80% clearance rate reached with 47 bulls selling to an average of £5,737, an increase of £674 on last year, making it a great day for the breed.

Selling for the top price of 22,000gns on Monday 22nd October's sale was the second prize bull from the Gordon Brooke Estate, April 2017-born Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse by Rawburn Dublin and out of Belhaven Pole Star. This one was the reserve male champion in the summer's Great Yorkshire Show and went to Chris and Janet Watmore of the Holystone Estate in Northumberland.

The five-figure prices kept appearing around the ring at the sale, with no less



Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse selling for 22,000gns

than six lots selling for 10,000gns or above. Included was Donald Rankin's January 2017-born Kilmaluag Eriskay by Retties JFK out of Mosston Muir Etta who sold for 14,000gns to the Massie family's Aboyne-based Blelack herd. Eriskay had a successful show season, including reserve junior male champion at the 2018 Royal Highland Show and male champion at the 2018 Granton Show.

The reserve overall champion from Sunday's judging, Tynet Pegasus, sold for 13,000gns to Marion Tilson's Wedderlie herd based in the Borders. Pegasus is an AI son of Warrenho Dalmigavie out of Fearn Abbey Poppy and came from first-time exhibitors at the event, Hugh, Cara and Lorna Thomson of the Tynet Farm near Buckie, having only established their herd as recently as 2014.

The reserve junior champion was next best selling for 12,500gns to David Lindsay of Baldovie Farm in Kirriemuir. This one was Cairnton Blackbeard by Haymount Walarlo out of Cairnton

Blackbird of the Howie family in Banchory. The April-born bull was overall champion at Banchory Show in the summer and is described by those at Cairnton as their best bull ever.

The May 2017-born bull McCornick Evening Express from Martin McCornick sold for 11,000gns to Andrew Elliot Blackhaugh, Cloverfords, Galashiels. This one is out of McCornick Evening Star and by Halbeath Pentagon who also sired McCornick Destroyer, junior overall champion at the October 2017 Stirling Bull Sales.

Having taken the breed overall championship on the Sunday's show, January 2017-born Rulesmains Egbert from Andrew Hodge sold for 10,000gns. This one was sold to breeders from the north of Scotland, for Hamish Sclater's Turriff-based Deveron herd and the Raddery herd of the MacGregors in Fortrose. Egbert is an AI son of the 17,000gns Hallington Edition, and was

## The key highlights from the judging at Stirling in October were as follows:

the junior male champion at the 2018 Royal Highland Show in June.

The MacGregors managed to recoup some of what they'd spent when they sold the March 2017-born Raddery Espirit, by Deveron Master Banbury out of Deveron Elize, for 7,500gn to J McCorkindale & Son of Macharioch in Southend. Another one at 7,500gns was the April 2017-born Eilean Extra by Rawbur Enigmatic out of Eilean Emma from MAG McSporran, Eilean Farm, Innerleithen. This one went to R and J Johnston of Orkney.

Some other key prices from the ring include:

**Duncanziemere Empire T251**  
sells for 6,200gns

**Duncanziemere Judge T228**  
sells for 6,200gns

**Weeton Rogue S497 (ET)**  
sells for 6,000gns

**Moncur Jester Eric T310**  
sells for 6,000gns

From the females, some of the key prices from the sale were:

**McCornick Kerry S326**  
sells for 4,000gns to I & A Burgess

**Gretnahouse Karama Lady S906**  
sells for 3,800gns to D Whiteford & Co

**Retties Lady Rose T394**  
sells for 3,500gns to A Mylius & Partners



**Kilmaluag Eriskay**  
selling for 14,000gns



**Junior and Reserve Overall Champion**  
Tynet Pegasus selling for 13,000gns



**Reserve Junior Champion Cairnton**  
Blackbeard selling for 12,500gns



**McCornick Evening Express**  
selling for 11,000gns



**Senior and Overall Champion Rulesmains**  
Egbert selling for 10,000gns



**Intermediate Champion**  
Duncanziemere Jason.



**Intermediate Reserve Champion**  
Duncanziemere Judge.



**Senior Reserve Champion**  
Weeton Rouge.



## Supreme Champion sells for top price of 10,000gns at the Carlisle Spring Show and Sale

This year's Carlisle Spring Sale at Borderway Mart saw 56 bulls sold to an average of £4,331.25, which was up by about £180 from the event last year. On a day where the trade for Aberdeen-Angus was very strong with a 92% clearance rate, it was the pre-sale Male and Supreme Champion Tonley Ernie from the Wattie family at Mains of Tonley who emerged as sale leader, going to J Gray of Alnwick for 10,000gns.

Speaking off the back of the morning's show, Mark Wattie of the Tonley herd said:

*"We're delighted to have come here and won, especially after also winning a few weeks ago at Stirling. We received our best ever average in February and are looking to continue on in that vein with more great averages throughout May and into the autumn months."*



Tonley Ernie S297 selling for 10,000gns

The second-highest price was paid by G Johnston and Son from Carlisle for the Junior and Reserve Male Champion, Carruthers Jon Eric of Messrs Graham. This one is a son of Morven Kilo Master out of Carruthers Janie Erica and went for 8,500gns. Scott Donaldson was auctioneer at this spring's event and made the following comment on the sale in Carlisle:

*"I think the number of people that were around the ring and the pens is a great indication of the strength of the trade on the day. The clearance rate was excellent and there was strong bidding throughout the day, particularly from the commercial section. We saw many bulls in the ring with good conformity and figures, and it was one of the most successful Aberdeen-Angus sales we've had here in some time. The quality, in my eyes, is improving year-on-year."*





**Carruthers Jon Eric S974**  
selling for 8,500gns



**Carruthers Gilbert S977**  
selling for 7,600gns



**Haymount Warlord S688**  
selling for 7,600gns



**Tonley King Giovanni S331**  
selling for 6,800gns



**Tree Bridge Ensign S629**  
selling for 6,200gns



**Hallington Lord Hussar S539**  
selling for 6,000gns

The next highest was for the Male Junior Reserve Carruthers Gilbert by Morven Kilo Master out of Carruthers Georgie. The December 2016-born bull was sold by Messrs Graham to the Hodge Family at Rulesmains for 7,600gns. The Reserve Male Champion on the day was Tree Bridge Ensign of the Evans family who was sold for 6,200gns to P Findlay of Hexham in Northumberland. This one is by Tree Bridge Pathfinder and out of Tree Bridge Estella, and is a member of the first prize pair from the 2017 Aberdeen-Angus Summer National Show at his only outing. The only core prize winner from the pre-sale show on Friday morning who wasn't sold in the afternoon was the Female Champion, Retties Diana out of Jerusalem Diana and by Billinge Magic Jack Eric. Casting his expert eye over the entries in the show preceding the sale was John Gilmour who said:

*"I was genuinely impressed with the excellent quality of the better cattle present in the ring, there were bulls present which I have no doubt would've won all over the UK, particularly the Supreme Champion and Reserve. It really was a joy to judge, with clear winners for me in all the classes. Slowly but surely,*

*I am seeing the Aberdeen-Angus breed acquiring much-needed uniformity. This is still a work-in-progress, but there are definitely some strong strides being made. I believe we are seeing better bulls every year. When I compare it between now and back when I first got involved 15 years ago, it is night and day with clear improvement."*

Another bull from the Wattie family in Tonley King Giovanni was sold for a fee of 6,800gns to John W Weir of Galashiels. King Giovanni is out of Tonley Kind Georgina and is a son of Tonley Essien who bred the Reserve Junior Champion, Female Champion and Reserve Female Champion in October 2017. There were three bulls in total which all sold for 6,000gns, the first of which was the first-prize-winner Hallington Lord Hussar by Hallington Evolution out of Hallington Lady Heather. The June 2016-born bull was sold by A Lawson and Son to J Leiper and Sons of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. Next at the same money was Haymount Warlord of J&W Arnott who took second prize in class 3 and was sold to JC Hodbay and Son of Hawick, followed by Duncanziemere Scorpion of A Clark and Sons, with the first prize bull from class

10 being sold to W Willox of Huntly in Aberdeenshire. After taking 4th prize in class 3 in the morning Ettrick Rockafella from the Firm of G Gray then went on to sell to WS Davies and Son of Hawick in Roxburghshire. Rockafella is by his namesake Ettrick Rockafella M109 out of Ettrick Rachel and was sold in the ring for 5,800gns. Some of the other top prices from the ring listed as follows:

**Ettrick Lord Johnston (Firm of G Gray)**  
sold for 5,200gns to AS Hogg & Partners

**Bleack Topcat (NF Massie and Sons)**  
sold for 5,200gns to J Drinkall Ltd

**Haymount Gold Dust (J&W Arnott)**  
sold for 5,000gns to S Ramsey

**Bleack Topgrade (NT Massie and Sons)**  
sold for 5,000gns to A&A Kirkpatrick

**Oak Moor Wizard (MV Guttery)** sold  
for 5,000gns to RD & MA Spendlove

**Auchincrieve Juanfran Eric (C&E McCombie)** sold for 5,000gns to RM Johnston



## Autumn Show and Sale at Carlisle

With autumn upon us, we were back to Carlisle for the Society's Autumn Show and Sale which saw a top price achieved of 3,000gns at the start of October in 2018. The sale topper was the first prize bull and overall champion St Fort Pipe Major T713 from Andrew Mylius and Partners of Fife in Central Scotland. This one was out of St Fort Primula Mary by Wedderlie Fantastic and went to Messrs Peek of Newton Stewart.

The sale then saw two bulls reach a price of 2,700gns, the first of those being Dumfries-based M and HD Currie's Kingholm Dictator T180 by Liley Eastern and out of Kingholm Didoneit. Dictator was also headed for Newton Stewart with Messrs Peek. At the same price of 2,700gns was the second bull class winner and reserve overall champion Buckhurst Lord Hunter T206 from John Walsh's Buckhurst Herd. This one is by Rawburn Boss Hogg and was successfully purchased by Messrs Watson from Morpeth.

Gary Rock's Jackrock Plymouth T013 sold for the next best price of 2,400gns. Plymouth was sired by Oakchurch Evor and out of Tree Bridge Polly Perkins and he was purchased by Messrs Slack from Brampton.

The full class results from the show, judged by Ken Howie, were as follows:



St Fort Pipe Major selling for 3,000gns

### Class 1:

- 1<sup>st</sup> ST Fort Pipe Major T713  
- A Mylius & Partners
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ST Fort Playboy T705  
- A Mylius & Partners
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingholm Dictator T180  
- M & HD Currie
- 4<sup>th</sup> Chapelton Defender T772  
- Messers James Biggar



Buckhurst Lord Hunter selling for 2,700gns

### Class 2:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Buckhurst Lord Hunter T206 (ET)  
- John Walsh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tree Bridge Everest T642  
- Mr & Mrs D Evans
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mccornick Dubai T358  
- Martin Mccornick
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mccornick Kirwan T395  
- Martin Mccornick
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jackrock Plymouth T013  
- Gary Rock

# Show and Sale of Aberdeen-Angus at Thainstone

The Show and Sale of Aberdeen-Angus successfully took place in the spring of 2018 and Aberdeen-Angus bullocks (516) averaged 247.6p (+4p on the year) to 285.7p per kg for a pen of seven 350kg Aberdeen-Angus Crosses from Braebuster, Deerness and £1,500 gross for a pair of 596kg Aberdeen-Angus from Sauchentree, Methlick. The event offered 918 Aberdeen-Angus and native-bred cattle and was one which saw the trade for Aberdeen-Angus electric throughout.

Aberdeen-Angus heifers (209) averaged 225.3p (+2.8 on the year) to 270p per kg for a 426kg Aberdeen-Angus Cross from Braehead, Cairston and £1,470 gross for a 668kg Aberdeen-Angus Cross from North Retannach, Rothiemay.

In the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society sponsored show and sale, judged by Hugh Gordon and Hugh Gordon Jnr, Clochnahill, Stonehaven, the Overall Champion was a 510kg, 23-month-old Aberdeen-Angus steer from R J F & J M Seatter, Elsness, Sanday which sold at £1,420 to G A Reid, Mill of Haulkerton, Laurencekirk.

Reserve champion was a 668kg, 24-month-old heifer from J & A Strathdee, North Retannach, Rothiemay and realised £1,470 to Emslie Partners, Little Barras, Fordoun. When speaking about the overall event and the quality of the show and sale, the judges were quoted as saying: "Aberdeen-Angus Cattle met an electric trade throughout".

The full set of results from the event are:

## Class 1 Single Bullock

- 1<sup>st</sup> R J F & J M Seatter Elsness Sanday 510kg £1,420
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vetquoy Farms Vetquoy Twatt 588kg £1,320
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kierfold Farm Sandwich 418kg £1,150

## Class 2 Single Heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> J & A Strathdee North Retannach Rothiemay 668kg £1,470
- 2<sup>nd</sup> J & J Mark Mains of Pitlurg Keith 562kg £1,370
- 3<sup>rd</sup> H & I Sinclair Braehead Cairston Stromness 426kg £1,150

## Class 3 Pair of Bullocks

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kierfold Farm Sandwich 424kg £1,150
- 2<sup>nd</sup> J & A Strathdee North Retannach 522kg £1,360
- 3<sup>rd</sup> A & A Foubister Netherton Holm 470kg £1,225

## Class 4 Pair of Heifers

- 1<sup>st</sup> J & A Strathdee North Retannach 588kg £1,350
- 2<sup>nd</sup> A & J Adams Eastfield Monaltrie Ballater
- 3<sup>rd</sup> G Farquharson Tombreck Ballindalloch 416kg £1,000

## Class 5 Pen of Four Bullocks

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kierfold Farm Sandwich 448kg £1,200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> J & A Strathdee North Retannach 448kg £1,105
- 3<sup>rd</sup> A & A Foubister Netherton 406kg £1,120

## Class 6 Pen of Four Heifers

- 1<sup>st</sup> J & A Strathdee North Retannach 518kg £1,160
- 2<sup>nd</sup> D A Middleton Mid Mains Balfour Fettercairn 498kg £1,120
- 3<sup>rd</sup> K D Eunson Braebuster Deerness 354kg £850



Overall champion.

R J F & J M Seatter Elsness Sanday 510kg £1,420



Reserve Champion.

J & A Strathdee North Retannach Rothiemay 668kg £1,470



# Inaugural Aberdeen-Angus females show and sale at CCM Skipton a great success

**A top call of 3,400gns and a clearance rate of 95% produced the headlines at The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society's inaugural autumn show and sale of pedigree females at Skipton Auction Mart on Wednesday 7th November. The much-anticipated sale of 55 head comprised a collective portion, followed by a draft of matron cows from the local Airedale pedigree herd of South Craven father and son farmers and butchers, David and Joshua Isherwood.**

It was one of their matron cows, Rawburn Kinannie M580, bred by John Elliot at Roxburgh Mains, near Kelso in the Scottish Borders, which topped the day's proceedings at 3,400gns. She is a 2012-born daughter of Lockerley Legolas G850 and was sold with her Weeton Ephos R472-sired August-born heifer calf, Airedale Kinnanie U593, at foot.

The productive mother of five calves to date herself joined the well-known Weeton pedigree herd, run by John and Doreen Lofus at Preese Hall, between Blackpool and Preston.

Next best of the strong Isherwood consignment at 3,200gns was a product of Loftus family breeding, Weeton Rosebud N379, a 2013-born Rawburn Elysium F547 daughter, out of Elliot Rosebud H847. Having previously produced three calves and flushed in



Rawburn Kinannie M580 selling for 3,400gns

July giving 11 embryos, she found a new home in Wales with GV Jones, of Pwllheli.

The same purchaser also went to 3,100gns to secure Weeton Miss Essence N398, a 2013-born cow sold carrying her fourth calf to Weeton Ephos, for 3,100gns. The Isherwoods sold further in-calf cows at 2,900gns and 2,300gns, with other outfits at 2,800gns and 2,300gns.

All were among their consignment of 23 cows, five with calves at foot and all sold ready for service. It represented the largest ever dispersal since the herd was first established at Lane Bridge Farm, Kildwick, in 2013 to add prestige to the combined farming and butchery operation.

The Airedale herd stood at 162 head prior to the sale and Mr Isherwood said 22 heifers still at home had since been put to the bull to replace those sold at

Skipton, many of which were among the foundation herd.

The family-run Isherwoods Butchers in Kirkgate, Silsden, was established in 1987 by Mr Isherwood, who several years ago handed over the reins of the shop to his son Joshua so he could concentrate on the farming side of the business, though he remains a familiar face in the shop, where prime quality meat from the Airedale herd continues to prove highly popular.

Back at the sale, other leading prices came from the Yearsley herd of husband and wife, Adrian and Penny Johnson, based at the village of the same name near Brandsby in Hambleton.

Their leading price of 3,000gns fell to a first-rate cow with bull calf outfit. The cow was The Moss Fine Art K029, a 2010-born daughter of The Moss

Black Lord, sold with her spring-born Haymount Williger K992-sired bull, Yearsley Fully Active U326 calf, and bought by livestock agent Andrew Ewing for a regular client.

The Johnsons also had a run of six eye-catching January 2018-born heifer calves, three of which made a clean sweep of the prizes in the single show class for haltered heifers. It was the second prize winner Yearsley Minerva Belle U311, by the AI sire, Rawburn Makka Pakka R076, out of Yearsley Minerva Belle M142, that became the top price calf when claimed for 2,200gns by the Elliots at Roxburgh Mains.

The dam, herself a prolific breeder, was also offered for sale and made 1,800gns when knocked down to Paul Fletcher, of Heywood, near Rochdale in Greater Manchester.

The Elliots also went to 2,000gns to claim the show champion, Yearsley Prunella U303, by Rawburn Boss Hogg and from an excellent line developed by the Johnsons, who established

their Yearsley herd three decades ago. The third prize winner, Yearsley Felicia U314, a Haymount Earth Smith daughter, sold at 2,100gns to LS Whittaker, a buyer from Cheshire.

Top prices and averages: 11 cows with 11 calves to 3,400gns (av £2243.18), 22 cows in-calf to 3,200gns (av £1,935.34), 8 maiden heifers and heifer calves to 2,200gns (av £,1758.75).

Show judge was Henry Rowntree, of Rowntree Farms, in Gisburn, who in September conducted a dispersal sale at Skipton of his entire Ribble pedigree herd, one of the biggest dispersals of Aberdeen-Angus cattle ever staged in the UK, with almost 400 head going under the hammer.

The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society had long recognised there was a need for an official breed sale in the area and the inaugural fixture for females had been in the planning for some considerable time, sitting nicely on the back of the Ribble dispersal.

Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society chief executive Barrie Turner said:

"Having spoken afterwards with both buyers and vendors everyone was happy with the outcome of this first female sale and it has cemented its place in the Aberdeen-Angus calendar going forward.

"The stock forward this year were of excellent breeding, in good condition and also very well turned out for the sale, all these things contributing to the success of the event. CCM auctions are also very well placed in "livestock country," with excellent facilities for preparing the stock and a great team behind the scenes ensuring the smooth running of the show and sale.

"We hope as a society to move forward next year with confidence and attract more breeders to enter top quality females to the sale and make it an attraction that must not be missed by Aberdeen-Angus breeders from around the country."



Yearsley Prunella U303 selling for 2,000gns

## English Premier Newark - March 2018

## The English Premier Show and Sale at Newark

The English Premier Show and Sale took place at Newark in March saw attendees and buyers in a slightly cautious mood as they negotiated their way through an uncharacteristically long winter period. The Society Chief Executive Barrie Turner and numerous Council members were in attendance at the event which saw a lot of bulls ending up back home for all breeds in attendance, with four Aberdeen-Angus bulls selling to an average of £3766.88. Taking the top call of 5,000gns in the Aberdeen-Angus bulls was Glenade Exclusive from M and J O'Hara. Exclusive is a son of Rawburn Double Oseven out of Blelack Eyrie G197, a Nightingale Ernie daughter and went to A E J and F J Claridge, Buckinghamshire.

The second top price at Newark for Aberdeen-Angus was Shadwell Patriot S927, an Idvies Eland son out of Shadwell Pam N673, a Netherallan Peter Pershore daughter. This bull from Shadwell Estate sold to R M Shaw, Norwich for a figure of 4,000gns.

The results from the pre-sale show at Newark were as follows:



Lot 87, Glenade Exclusive.

## CLASS 1:

- 1<sup>st</sup> lot 82 Park Wall Jasper Eric  
2<sup>nd</sup> lot 86 Glenade Prince Chief  
3<sup>rd</sup> lot 85 Briston Express

## CLASS 2:

- 1<sup>st</sup> lot 87 Glenade Exclusive  
2<sup>nd</sup> lot 90 Wingate Grange Pride  
3<sup>rd</sup> lot 89 Wingate Grange Elector

## CLASS 3:

- 1<sup>st</sup> lot 94 Shadwell Patriot  
2<sup>nd</sup> lot 93 Shadwell Prince Caspian  
3<sup>rd</sup> lot 92 Briston Extreme

Champion: lot 87 Glenade Exclusive

Reserve: lot 82 Park Wall Jasper Eric

## Worcester Sales - February 2018

## Widhill and Donnie Dispersals at Worcester top at 8,000gns

The dispersal sales of Aberdeen-Angus cattle for the Widhill and Donnie herds really rang the bell when they both came under the hammer at Worcester. Top call of the day went to Fenland My Prize from Felix McDaid's Donnie herd – the Senior Herd Sire having been Male Champion at the Royal Highland Show in 2016 found favour and sold to 8,000gns to AW & KL Burn, Ellesmere, Shropshire.

Females from both herds were in strong demand with the Donnie herd recording top prices in each section. Cows with calves were hotly contested and topped at 5,200gns for Rawburn Lady Hispade, a 4-year-old cow with a heifer calf at foot by Fenland My Prize secured by AG Carter. Prices for Cows with Calves sold separately sold very sharply to 3,300gns for another Rawburn Cow, Gammer, in-calf to My Prize to Angus Neish, Warminster, Wiltshire, with her 9 months old son, again by My Prize at 3,000gns to Ian Morris, Stottesdon, Shropshire. Another combined price at 5,200gns went to the 5-year-old cow, Haughton Evenlora by Blelack Blackrod,

also to Angus Neish at 4,200gns and her heifer calf by My Prize at 1,000gns to Moores Livestock, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

Widhill cows with calves were closely followed peaking at 1,800gns twice for Glympton Erica, a 4-year-old cow with her heifer calf by SAV Solid Gold taken by AS & AC Addis, Ewyas Harold, Hereford and Sandy City Evasonant, a 6-year-old cow with her heifer calf at the same price to JH & V Russell, Haverfordwest, Pembro.

Served heifers sold to a strong demand to 3,100gns for Donnie Emily, a Fordel Parthenon Minotaur daughter, in-

calf to My Prize taken by B Sellick, Taunton, Somerset. Widhill served heifers levelled at 1,850gns twice for a SAV Solid Gold daughter, in-calf to Oakchurch Firefox and an Oakchurch Evor daughter also in-calf to Firefox, both taken by G & PM Norbury, Warrington, Cheshire.

Maiden heifers were particularly well supported selling up to 3,500gns for Donnie Ebony Evie by Rawburn Boss Hogg to Angus Neish, Wiltshire and Donnie Lady Hope also by Boss Hogg at the same price to J Preece & Sons, Cheltenham, Glos.

## Averages: WIDHILL

14 Cows & Heifers with calves.....	£1,442.93
9 Cows in-calf.....	£1,435.00
11 Served Heifers.....	£1,580.73
19 Maiden Heifers.....	£846.08
7 Bulls.....	£1,545.00

## Averages: DONNIE

10 Cows & Heifers with calves.....	£3,675.00
6 Served Heifers.....	£2,086.00
8 Maiden Heifers.....	£2,493.75
7 Bulls.....	£4,961.25



## Worcester Sales - April 2018

## Sale tops at 4,300gns at Worcester in the spring

The April 2018 Worcester Show and Sale saw a top price of 4,300gns reached for the first-prize-winner Temple Fast Track T680 by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052 and out of Temple Fair Maiden M524.



A price of 4,200gns was also realised on two occasions, both from David Evans. The two were the Champion Tree Bridge Emo S585, a son of Goulding Janey MAC and Tree Bridge Emily N426, and second placed September 2016-born Tree Bridge Ewoc S631 by Treebridge Pathfinder L336.

First-prize-winner in the junior class Rotherwick Barry T201, a March 2017-born son of Hallington Picasso M348 and JAC Beauty N013 from Thomas A Foster esq went for 3,800gns. Second-prize-winner, March 2017-born Temple Prime Time T691 by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052 and out of Temple Princess Petra P579 sold for 2,900gns on the day. Additionally, second in its

class Temple Roosevelt T683 (ET), a son of Nightingale Defiance E264 and Rawbourn Rosebud H860 sold for 2,500gns.

In the female section of the sale - first in class, female champion and reserve overall Glympton Essie T120 by Glympton Lord Harry N726 and out of Glympton Essie K452 went for 3,250gns. Additionally, second heifer in the class Glympton Tilda T156 by Glympton Danny N724 and out of Glympton Tilda J407 sold for 3,000gns.

**Average bulls:** .....just over 3,414gns

**Average females:** ..... 3,125gns

## Worcester Sales - September 2018

## Top price of 3,180gns at Worcester

TA sale of Pedigree Aberdeen-Angus Cattle as part of the Traditional Breeds at Worcester recorded a top price of 3,180gns for "Temple Jupiter Eric" a 20-month-old son of Temple Northern Prince from Judith Denning, Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd Somerset, having been Champion Male Calf Winter Agri Expo 2017 he was knocked down to C Thomas, Montgomery, Powys.

The main section of the sale was the Dispersal of the Blackacre herd for J F W Biggs, Pembrokeshire. Cows and Calves in his section peaked at 2,750gns for Blackacre Beauty with heifer calf taken by R Coney, Narberth, Pembs. Blackacre Juliet Erica by Netherallan Peter Pershore with bull calf at foot levelled at 2,300gns to M & EA Ford, Droitwich, Worcs.

A split cow and calf for Blackacre Oakleaf and her bull calf Blackacre Onyx totalled 2,470gns - the cow at 1,450gns to T Ives & Sons, Buckingham and the bull calf at 1,020gns to R Coney Pembs. The 6-year-old stock bull Glympton To Bee enjoyed a close following and was finally secured by TA & R Laird and K Dunlop, Lanark for 2,350gns.



Temple Jupiter Eric.

### Averages: BLACKACRE

15 Cows & Calves or in-calf .....	£1,754.90
2 Served Heifers .....	£1,396.50
4 Unserved Heifers .....	£1,128.75
1 Bull .....	£2,467.50

### Averages: WOODSTON

4 Cows & Calves .....	£1,916.25
3 Unserved Heifers .....	£1,057.00
1 Bull .....	£2,047.50

### Averages: TEMPLE

1 Bull .....	£3,339.00
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## Top call of €4,700 at first Irish sale of 2018



Supreme Champion and top priced bull at the Carrick-On-Shannon February sale, Corlismore Proud Boss S897.

### Carrick-on-Shannon - February 2018

**The first major sale of Aberdeen-Angus bulls in the Republic of Ireland of 2018 saw a top call of €4,700 at Carrick-On-Shannon in February. A large entry of over 70 pedigree Aberdeen-Angus bulls resulted in a clearance of just over 50% with buyers proving to be selective on the day.**

Sale leader, Corlismore Proud Boss S897, exhibited by Sean McKiernan, Corlismore House, Corlismore, Co. Cavan sold for the day's top price of €4,700. One of the youngest bulls offered for sale at just 13 months of age, this yearling bull also took the supreme Aberdeen-Angus championship honours in the pre-sale show. He is sired by

Rawburn Boss Hogg N630 and is out of a home-bred dam by Aynho Rossiter Eric B125.

Frank McKiernan, Drumcrow, Corlismore, Co. Cavan secured the next best price of the day in the Aberdeen-Angus section, selling the 19-month-old Drumcrow Philadelphia S659 for €3,500. A son of the homebred Drumcrow Joker, this one is out of a Netherton Mr Brazilian E377 dam and was a second-prize-winner in the show ring earlier that day. The Drumcrow Aberdeen-Angus herd also took home €3,000 for another 19-month-old bull, Drumcrow Pathfinder S030. This bull is sired by Nightingale Dunbarr K551 and had a five-star terminal breeding index.

Rounding out the principal prices in the sales ring were Eustace & Deirdre Burke, Ballyginnane, Carrigaline, Co. Cork who sold Clontead Black Bionic S226 for €3,000. Another Rawburn Boss Hogg N630 son, this 15-month-old bull was a prize-winner in his class and is out of an imported dam, Wedderlie Blackbird L263.

The reserve Aberdeen-Angus championship was awarded to Amanda Bogan & Conor Craig, Coolarty, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford with Millbawn Apollo T229. This bull failed to meet his reserve in the sales ring and was unsold.



## Carrick-on-Shannon - April 2018

## History made at Carrick-on-Shannon in April

A little piece of history was made at Carrick-On-Shannon in April as Angela Armstrong, Gibbstown, Navan, Co. Meath became the first female judge to ever officiate at a pedigree bull and heifer sale at the venue.

The April sale has long been established as one of the most prestigious and renowned events of the spring calendar in the region and Angela described her selection as master judge as a "total honour and a massive privilege" before going on to thank the Midland & Western Livestock Improvement



Judge for the April sale at Carrick-On-Shannon, Angela Armstrong with the reserve champion, Knockadrian Blackboy S644.



Reserve Champion at the Carrick-On-Shannon April sale, Knockadrian Blackboy S644.

Society for the opportunity to adjudicate over such top quality cattle.

Angela, a well-known breeder herself and owner of the Crerogue Aberdeen-Angus herd, went on to award the supreme breed championship to Patrick Murphy, Puntabeg, Charlestown, Claremorris, Co. Mayo with Lecarrow Peter. This bull failed to meet his reserve and was unsold in the sales ring.

Tom Reynolds, Knockadrian, Johnstons Bridge, Bornacoola, Co. Leitrim claimed the reserve supreme breed championship with the 13-month-old Knockadrian Blackboy T644. This five-star replacement index bull had previously been awarded the reserve male championship at the National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show last October and he sold for €2,800.

## Carrick-on-Shannon - May 2018

## High clearance at Carrick-on-Shannon in May

The May sale at Carrick-On-Shannon produced an extremely healthy 80% clearance rate at an average price of €2,250. This was a heartening improvement from previous sales held at the venue and although the average price was down on previous years, customers were in more plentiful supply. There was no pre-sale show on this occasion, which limited opportunities for photographs on the day.

Turning to the sales ring, Frank & Margaret McKiernan, Drumcrow, Corlismore, Co. Cavan sold Drumcrow

Panama T680 for €3,150. This bull was born in February 2017 and is sired by the home-bred Drumcrow Joker and is out Drumcrow Princess Lima N533 who is a daughter of Netherton Mr Brailian E377. This bull carried a double five-star index for both terminal and replacement traits as well as a calving ease figure below the official breed average.

Local breeder, Ernest Bohan, Drumkielvey, Mohill, Co. Leitrim took home €3,000 for his 15-month-old bull, Drumkielvey Match Box T170. This one is sired by the famed three-time All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus champion, Rosemead Karona J957 and also had

a five-star terminal and replacement breeding index.

Finally, Michael Sheahan, Luddenmore, Grange, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick topped a very small female offering, selling the in-calf heifer, Luddenmore Ebony S288 for €2,100. This 22-month-old heifer is a daughter of Friarstown Prairie Cloud N250 and is out of the Ebony family at Luddenmore which descends from the successful brood cow, Hoff Ebony.



# Clearance rate soars at Premier Spring Sale

The 2018 Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association Premier Spring Sale of pedigree bulls in Nenagh produced a clearance rate of 80%, at an average price of €2,700. The sale average remained on par with last year's sale average, despite much more challenging weather conditions this time round. It is also heartening to notice a significant increase in the clearance rate (up from 58% last year), which is testament to the growing strength in demand for the Aberdeen-Angus breed.



**Supreme Champion & joint second priced bull, Drumcarbin Black Tarzan T255.**

The Liss Aberdeen-Angus herd of John McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co. Meath secured the top price of the sale, selling the 13-month-old bull, Liss Matthew T695 for €3,500. This one also took the Reserve Championship in the pre-sale show, under master judge, Mr. Eustace Burke of the Clontead Aberdeen-Angus herd. This one is sired by Mogeely Lord Harrow M191 who was the recipient of the Best Stock Bull prize at the Connaught/Leinster Herds Competition Awards last autumn and is out of Liss Minree M415 who is a daughter of The Moss Ethelorange L132.

The day's Supreme Champion, Drumcarbin Black Tarzan T255 exhibited by Shane McKiernan, Lacken Lower, Ballinagh, Cavan, Co. Cavan sold for the joint second highest price of €3,300. This five-star replacement index bull boasted the lowest calving difficulty figure of the entire sale, at just 0.8%. He is a son of the AI bull DMM Dynasty 03G and is out of the Black Beatrice cow line

at Drumcarbin that descends from the Scottish-bred cow, Rawburn Evening Star Z019.

Also selling at €3,300 to match the day's joint second highest price was Sheemore Norman, bred by Paddy Farrell, Ballinwing,

Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim. One of the oldest bulls on offer, this one is sired by Lisduff Dandy K895 and carried a double five-star terminal and replacement breeding index. He is out of a home-bred dam, Sheemore Polly M372 and was a second-prize-winner in the pre-sale show.

Shane McKiernan, Lacken Lower, Ballinagh, Cavan, Co. Cavan sold the youngest bull of the sale, Drumcarbin Lord Handsome T018, for €3,250. This one had barely turned 12 months of age and is sired by Netherton Figo C244 and was a first-prize-winner earlier in the day.

Finally, John McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co. Meath sold two bulls, Liss Elton T696 and Liss Buzz Man T691, for €2,900 and €2,800 respectively. Both bulls were sired by the home-bred junior stock sire Liss Marty P417 and both bulls carried a five-star terminal index.



**Reserve Champion & top-priced bull, Liss Matthew T695.**

# Top price of €6,100 at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Autumn Premier

**It was a day to remember for Matthew & Rita Goulding, Kilmore, Ballyduff, Tralee, Co. Kerry at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Autumn Premier Sale in Carrick-On-Shannon with their offering of three heifers selling to an average of €4,970, topping the entire sale and sweeping the board in the pre-sale show, clinching both championship rosettes.**

The sale leader, Goulding N Missie 808, attracted tremendous interest on the day and after several minutes of intense bidding in the sales ring was eventual knocked down at €6,100 to top the day's trading. This 26-month-old heifer is due to calve in the spring and is sired by the AI bull Blelack Duke J262 and goes back to the show, Goulding Missie K415 on the dam's side. This one also carried a five-star replacement index and also took the reserve championship honours, under show judge, Mr. Thomas F. Beirne of the Drumbeera Aberdeen-Angus herd.

Another in-calf heifer from Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding Aberdeen-Angus herd, Goulding Pamela 834 took the second highest price of the day, selling for €4,500. This 21-month-old heifer is due to calve in February 2019 and is sired by the AI bull, Nightingale Proud Jake G405 and also carried a five-star replacement index. This one sold to new breeders Gordon & Rachel Elliott of the Minran Aberdeen-Angus herd, Armagh, Northern Ireland.

The day's supreme female champion, Goulding Belinda U906, also exhibited by Matthew & Rita Goulding, sold for the day's next best price at €4,300. This stylish young calf was just ten months



**Top priced female, Goulding N Missie 808.**

old on the day of sale and had compiled a highly impressive list of show results during 2018, claiming the supreme female championship at the National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show and a first prize win at the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships too. This four-star heifer is sired by the AI bull, Goulding Man O Man and is out of a Nightingale Papa A069 daughter. This one was also exported to Northern Ireland and buyer here was Cathy O' Hara of the Innisfayle Aberdeen-Angus Herd, Ballymena, Co. Antrim.

Rounding out the principal prices of the day in a very in-demand female section were Dermot Lynch & Josephine Byrne, Tomriland, Laragh, Co. Wicklow who sold the in-calf heifer, Tomriland Esmerica T318 for €3,000. This five-star heifer is due to calve in spring 2019 and is a maternal sister to Tomriland Esmerica U348 who won the best junior heifer calf prize at the recent Connaught/Leinster Aberdeen-Angus Club herds competition awards. This one sold to new breeder, Niall Conaty, Ballyhaise, Co. Cavan.

Turning to the male section, the top male price went to Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork who sold Mogeely Jerry T534 for €3,900. This five-star bull had barely turned 12 months of age and was one of the youngest bulls catalogued for sale. Another prolific winner from the 2018

show season, this one had previously claimed a first prize win at the National Livestock Show, Tullamore as well as taking the Munster Junior Bull of the Year title. This one took the reserve supreme male championship in the pre-sale show and is a son of herd stock bull, Wedderlie Oscalade R250.

Albert & Jennifer DeCogan also secured the second highest price in the male section, selling Mogeely Dreamer T534 for €3,500. Another five-star bull on both replacement and terminal index traits, this one was born in September 2017 and was a second-prize-winner in the pre-sale show. This one sold to well-known pedigree breeder John McEnroe of the Liss Aberdeen-Angus herd, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.

The supreme male championship was awarded to Luddenmore P313 Fury from Michael Sheahan, Luddenmore, Grange, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. This one failed to meet his reserve in the sales ring and was unsold.

Overall, females were in particularly high demand with heifers averaging an incredible €3,450 (a massive increase of over €1,000 on last year's average of €2,400) at a very healthy 70% clearance rate. In keeping with market trends across all breeds, the offering of bulls couldn't quite match the females in terms of clearance but still managed a satisfactory average price of €2,650.



**Supreme Male Champion, Luddenmore P313 Fury.**

# Buoyant trade at Dungannon in February as Aberdeen-Angus bulls soar to 5,000gns

Dungannon - February 2018

**Aberdeen-Angus bulls attracted a ready market at the society's show and sale hosted by Dungannon Farmers' Mart in February 2018. Prices peaked at 5,000gns, with auctioneer Trevor Wylie confirming an almost complete clearance resulting in 11 bulls selling to average £3,646 – an increase of £646 on this time last year when 14 lots were traded to level at £3,000.**

NI breed club chairman Alan Cheney from Trillick said:

*"It's been a good day, and probably one of the best sales we've witnessed at Dungannon for some time. Dairy and suckler herd owners were out in force to buy bulls, and the buoyant trade reflected the quality of the animals on offer."*

Topping the sale at 5,000gns was Kiltariff Deacon S875, bred and exhibited by Kenneth Bready, and son Steven, from Rathfriland. Born in May 2016 he was sired by Netherton Americano M703 ET, and is bred from the Ardrossan Admiral A2 daughter Kiltariff Darlene M492. Placed fourth in his class, he attracted a number of admirers around the packed salering, and after intense bidding was secured by Ballymoney suckler herd owner Desmond Fulton.

Kenneth Bready, who also produced the joint sale leader at the Society's April 2017 sale, was pleased with the end result, saying: *"I've always thought a lot of this bull, he stood out from early age."*

The Bready duo also sold the Tonley Pele M841 son Kiltariff Dante S864 for 3,400gns.



Kiltariff Deacon S875, selling for 5,000gns

Judge Michael Smith from the 25-cow Lawsons Ford Herd in Cootehill, County Cavan, awarded the male championship to Drumhill Lord Handsom S963 bred by Jonathan and Lisa Doyle, Cookstown. This April 2016 bull was sired by the herd's 11,000gns stock bull Hallington Jack Eric N398 – purchased at Stirling in February 2015. His dam is the Netherallan Peter Pershore E052 daughter Blelack Lady Heather J169.

Michael Smith praised the champion: *"The quality has been good throughout, but the champion really caught my eye. He has length, a great top, excellent breed character and super ring presence."*

Sam McCollum, who established his Priestland Herd at Bushmills in 1954, realised 4,000gns for the third prize winner Priestland Dan S766. This May 2016 entry is a son of the herd's stock bull Tonley Palacios K715 and is bred from a dam carrying the Ballyheather prefix. This one sold to L Mathers from Strabane. Another Tonley Palacios K715 son from the sale vendor attracted a bid of 3,000gns from William Henry, Garvagh.

James Porter from the Gillhall Estate based at Dromore, County Down, secured the reserve male championship

ribbons with Old Glenort Piper S537. Born in July 2016 and sired by stock bull Cardona Fergus N892, he is bred from Old Glenort Precious Pollot M714 – one of 60 cows in the herd. This one came under the hammer at 3,600gns, selling to Brian Begley from Carrickmore.

Templepatrick dairy farmer James Watt paid out 3,500gns to secure James Porter's second placed Old Glenort Ernie S541. Sired by the 14,000gns herd sire The Moss Quebec K027 – purchased at Perth six years ago – he is out of a home-bred dam by Haymount Wessuro B198.

A small entry of females peaked at 1,900gns, paid to Richard and Fiona McKeown, Templepatrick, for the female champion Ashvale Lady Jane T167. This yearling heifer is a daughter of Netherton Mr Brazilian E377 and is out of Woodvale Lady Jane J896.

Mr Anderson also paid out 1,500gns to secure the reserve female champion Ballyvaston Lady Tina T052 bred by Jackie Strain from Downpatrick. Born in January 2017, she is by Thrunton Picador N567, and is out of Drumawhey Lady Tilly J901 – one of five cows in the herd founded ten years ago.



## Aberdeen-Angus bulls to 3,800gns at Dungannon in April 2018

Aberdeen-Angus bulls reached a ceiling of 3,800gns at the native breeds show and sale, hosted by Dungannon Farmers' Mart. Following a 60% clearance, auctioneer Trevor Wylie confirmed that nine bulls changed hands to level at £2,847 – down £198 on last year, but with five more bulls sold.

Topping trade was the second-prize-winner Drumlone Manhattan T132 bred by Kenneth Veitch from Lisbellaw. This 15-month-old bull was sired by Blelack Prince Consort A286 and is bred from the Dalrene Crauz 11F daughter Drumlone Mandy L714. The closing bid came from Mervyn McCombe from Strabane.

Two lots shared a price tag of 3,000gns. First to go was the two-year-old Ember Pedro S133 bred by Freddie Davidson from Banbridge. Sired by Birches Lord John M052, his dam is the Coldstream Genetic Trend 80F daughter Birches Pearl J794. In the breed's top 5% for daughter calving ease +3.2, he sold to Robin Scott from Hillsborough.

Also selling at 3,000gns was the Cardona Fergus N892 son Old Glenort Black Bingo S283 consigned by James Porter, Gillhall Estate, Dromore, Co Down. This two-year-old bull was snapped up by F Warwick from Moorefields, Ballymena.

Following close behind at 2,900gns was the fourth-prize-winner Island Farm Esquire S316, bred by Kevin McOscar from Cookstown. Born in November 2016, he is by Retties JFK M195, and is bred from the Nightingale Ernie B133 daughter Blelack Eyrie G197. This one is in the top 20% for milk +15 and sold to Robert Anderson from Richhill.

The April 2016-born Drumawhey Piper S091 came under the hammer at 2,700gns for Timonhy Scott from Newtownards. Sired by the Irish-bred Clooncarne Kyle, his dam is the Cheeklaw Eirwyn D165 daughter Drumawhey Pinky Perky K133. Buyer was Peter McKeown from Camlough.



**Drumlone Manhattan T132, selling for 3,800gns**



**Male champion  
Hazeldene Emerson S304.**



**Old Glenort Black Bingo S282,  
selling for 3,000gns**

James Porter sold the second-placed Old Glenort Marko S515 at 2,600gns. Born in May 2016, he is by Cardona Fergus N892 and out of a home-bred dam by Haymount Wessuro B198. Buyer was K McGuinness from Whitecross. Also selling at 2,600gns was the March 2016 Lurgaboy Archie S867 bred by Joe Conlon from Markethill. This one was sired by Wall Royal Leo L837, and is out of Penguin Annie K427. He sold to A McNeice from Keady.

The pre-sale show was judged by freelance stockman Keith Jempson from Banbury in Oxfordshire. He awarded the male championship to the September 2016-born Hazeldene Emerson S304 bred by Andrew Napier, Ballynahinch. Sired by jointly owned stock bull Woodvale Top Papa P692, he is out of the Woodvale Elixer L294 daughter Hazeldene Eyrie P902 – one of five cows in the herd. Mr Napier founded his herd seven years ago and was delighted to secure his first-ever championship rosette.

Runner-up in the male championship was the August 2016 Racrane Prince North S472 bred by Robert Black from Omagh. He is by Rawburn Edge J983 and is out of Baronagh Penelope L531. Buyer at 1,800gns was Neil Watson from Dungannon.

Claiming the female championship was Island Farm Florance S272 from Kevin McOscar's 15-cow herd in Cookstown. She is daughter of Blelack Duke J262 and is bred from the Lockerly Kobra H954 daughter Glenbuchat Fearn M345. This May 2016 heifer sold at 2,000gns to pedigree breeder Mark Clements from Magherafelt.

James Porter's Old Glenort Katie S434 secured the reserve female championship. Born in April 2016, she is by Cardona Fergus N892, and is out of the Royal Added Value 19D daughter Old Glenort Katie J595.

## Kilkenny - March 2018

## Drumcarbin Herd tops Kilkenny in March at €3,900

Shane McKiernan, Lacken Lower, Ballinagh, Cavan, Co. Cavan topped the first of three multi-breed pedigree bull sales at Cillin Hill, Kilkenny in March. The sale leader was also the day's supreme Aberdeen-Angus champion, Drumcarbin Bouncer S244, who went on to sell for the day's best price of €3,900. A five-star terminal index bull, this one is coming off the very successful Bell cow family at Drumcarbin, along with a calving ease figure of just 1.4%.

Second best price of the day went to John & Kate Tait, Westwood, Rostellan, Midleton, Co. Cork who sold Westellen Fergie S808 for €3,700. This double five-star index bull is sired by the home-bred AI bull, Westellen Diego M734 who has sired several notable top priced and prize-winning progeny of late. This one is out of Westellen Flora P764 who descends from the well-known Netherton bred brood cow, Netherton Flora B162.

John McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co. Meath sold two bulls, Liss Dinky S646 and Liss Majestic S651 for €3,000 each. Both bulls were born in September 2016 with the former sired by HF Rebel 53Y and the latter sired by Carton Roe David.

Overall, the sale was not helped by the poor weather conditions and recent snow storm with a clearance rate of just over 50% in the Aberdeen-Angus section at an average price of €2,650.



Supreme Champion & top priced bull, Drumcarbin Bouncer S244.

## Kilkenny - April 2018

## High clearance at April sale in Kilkenny

The second of three pedigree bull sales at Kilkenny saw a much-improved demand for bulls with a 70% clearance at a very healthy average price of €2,700. Farmers are still battling the aftermath of several months of poor weather conditions, but customers seemed more willing to secure bulls on this occasion.

Frank & Margaret McKiernan, Drumcrow, Corlismore, Co. Cavan sold their October 2016-born Drumcrow Port Of Call S674 for €3,500. This five-star replacement index bull is sired by the home-bred Drumcrow Joker and is out of a Coldstream Genetic Trend 80f cow from the Petula family at Drumcrow. The McKiernan family also sold Drumcrow Naples, another autumn 2016-born bull, for €3,450.

John & Kate Tait, Westwood, Rostellan, Midleton, Co. Cork took home €3350 for their bull, Westellen Foley S815. This one is sired by Hf Rebel 53Y and is out of Luddenmore Flora J030 who descends

from the well-known Flora cow family at Netherton. A five-star bull for both terminal and replacement index traits, this one had also taken 3rd prize in the pre-sale show.



A selection of the cattle at the Kilkenny sale in April.



## Bandon: Munster Club High Health Status Sale tops at €3,400



Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Brookfield Pedro.

**The annual high health status sale of Aberdeen-Angus bulls took place at Bandon Mart during the first week of April. This sale is organised by the Munster Aberdeen-Angus Club, in conjunction with Cork Marts, and has been developed into one of the leading sales of its kind in the province over the last couple of years.**

The rigorous pre-sale health requirements, which includes tests for BVD, IBR, Johne's Disease as well as several mandatory preventative vaccinations attracted significant interest from buyers. On the day itself, it was the older, autumn 2017-born bulls that sold most freely with customers opting for age and maturity over the younger bulls on this occasion.

Sale leader at €3,400 was Inchisine Nial bred by Denis O' Riordan, Inchisine, Toames, Macroom, Co. Cork. This 19-month-old bull is sired by stock bull, Cooldaniel Jane, a son of Cheeklaw Eirwyn D165 and carried a five-star replacement breeding index along with a calving ease figure of 1.9%. One of the oldest bulls offered for sale, this one drew a flurry of bids in the sales ring before securing a personal herd-best public sales record for the O' Riordan family.

John & Kate Tait, Westwood, Rostellan, Midleton, Co. Cork secured the joint second highest price of the sale, selling Westellen Duke S809 for €3,000. This one was born in September 2016 and is sired by the AI bull, Shankill Max and is out Liss Dana E680 who has bred very successfully at Westellen. This one was a second-prize-winner in the pre-sale show and was also shown on the summer circuit last year.

Also selling at €3,000 was Mogeely Flack S490 from Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork. Another autumn 2016-born bull, this one is sired by Liss Boss Man M422 and descends from the prestigious Flora cow family on the dam's side, tracing back to the noted brood cow Netherton Flora B162. This was also a prize-winner in the pre-sale show and carried a five-star terminal breeding value.

The supreme breed championship was awarded to first-time exhibitor at Bandon, Clive Jennings, Boulteen, Enniskeane, Co. Cork with the 14-month-old Brookfield Pedro. This one is a son of Early Sunset High Time 81g and failed to meet his reserve in the sales ring and was unsold.

Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork took the reserve championship honours under show judge, Mr. Edward Jeffrey of Ladysbridge, Midleton, Co. Cork with their spring 2017-born bull, Mogeely Equity T512. Once again, this bull failed to meet his reserve in the sales ring with potential customers continuing to focus their attention on the older bulls.

Overall, the sale enjoyed an average price of €2,860 (up considerably from last year's average of €2,750) at a clearance rate of just under 50%.





## The dispersal of the Ribble Herd of Aberdeen-Angus is a resounding success

**The dispersal sale of the entire Ribble Aberdeen-Angus pedigree herd from Henry Rowntree, of Rowntree Farms, Gisburn, was deemed a runaway success by all concerned when staged at Skipton Auction Mart on Saturday 22nd September 2018. The sale saw 390 head sell to joint highs of 7,500gns.**

Conducted jointly by Craven Cattle Marts and United Auctions in Stirling, it was one of the biggest dispersals of Aberdeen-Angus cattle ever staged in the UK, with 390 head offered for sale, comprising 157 cow and calf outfits, two in-calf cows, 40 in-calf heifers, 26 heifers and seven bulls.

With the main Skipton ring packed to the rafters, the sale saw some tremendous prices and averages. There were 57 individual buyers in total from all four home nations - England, Scotland, as far

north as Orkney, Wales and Northern Ireland, as well as Belgium.

Joint top calls of 7,500gns fell to a heifer and calf outfit, and one of the bulls. The former was the March 2016-born Ribble Black Belinda S489, by the Fordel Enniskillen H512 son, Ribble Euston L544, out of the Bleack Lord Hancock K453 daughter, Black Belinda N093. She entered the ring with her March-born heifer calf, Black Belinda U793, by Rulesmains Jimo Eric R666. The dam, AI'd to Fordel

Loch Torridon N420, has since run with Fordel Bishop Monkton T780. The high-class duo attracted keen interest at the ringside before falling to Scottish buyers J&T MacFarlane, of Berwickshire.

The joint top price 7,500gns bull was the high performance five-year-old Ribble Eritrean N031, himself by the prolific Fordel Enniskillen, out of the Ribble Plover D472 daughter, Ribble Elka G030. He found a new home in Wales with WT Jones, of Gwynedd.



**Ribble Eritrean N031.**



**Fordel Bishop Monkton T780.**

Another young up-and-coming bull selling well at 7,000gns was the very last entry into the sale ring, the aforementioned March 2017 born Fordel Bishop Monkton, bred by Dinar Estate Management, before joining the Ribble herd. The Fordel Loch Torridon son, out of the Fordel Java Eric H525 daughter, Fordel Border Maid L593, fell to Slawston Grange Estate, based in the Welland Valley in South Leicestershire.

Two further bulls both made 6,000gns. First up was the three-year-old Rulesmains Jimo Eric R666, acquired from breeder Andrew Hodge. The son of Rulesmains Master M258, out of the Carrington Park Time On B7 daughter, Rulesmains Jasmine Erica M302, found pastures new in Ireland with J Doyle, of Co Tyrone.

The second 6,000gns sale was claimed by Ribble Martin Porres S435, a two-year-old bull by Oakchurch Duster M109, out of the Fordel Enniskillen daughter, Ribble Petal Maid M730. This found a local buyer in Addingham's Max Holmes.

Pedigree bulls averaged a heady £5,250, with the pedigree cow and calf section also producing a very strong overall selling average of £3.596.

Top price here of 6,500gns fell to the September 2013 born Ribble Pride N162, by Blelack Lord Hancock, out of the Fordel Dominant daughter, Ribble Pride K488. With her April-born female calf, Ribble Pride U875, an Eritrean daughter, the duo – the dam has since been run with Ribble Black

Burn – joined AR Bell, of Hawick in the Scottish Borders.

Hitting 6,000gns was Ribble Bellemere P221, an April 2014 born daughter of Blelack Lord Hancock, out of another Fordel Dominant daughter, Ribble Bellemere J276, accompanied by her June-born fostered bull calf by Wedderlie Princean N908, out of Ribble Black Belinda R922. The dam has since been run with Rulesmains Jimo Eric and the outfit sold to WM&A Aitken, of West Linton in southern Scotland.

Other notable section sales were 5,500gns for Ribble Passionetta N010 and her bull calf, 5,200gns for Ribble Nereid N082 with heifer calf, and a brace of 5,000gns sales for Ribble Black Belinda N155 with bull calf and Ribble Elita M856 and heifer calf.

Back with the pedigree heifers and calves, second top call in section of 5,000gns went to the April 2016 born Duster daughter, Ribble Passaic S492, out of Passaic M717, by Blelack Lord Hancock, and her April-born bull calf, Ribble Pinner U856, by Rulesmains Jimo Eric. This was another dam since run with Black Burn and the outfit became a further J&T MacFarlane acquisition.

There were two 4,500gns sales for Ribble Elka S484 and her heifer calf, and Ribble Portia S543, also with heifer calf at foot, plus four 4,200gns sales for Ribble Lady Jet S413 with heifer calf, Ribble Equidora S460 and bull calf, Ribble Eliza S461 with heifer calf, and Ribble Emma S550 and heifer calf. The section average was £3,887.

In-calf heifers averaged a healthy £2,428, peaking at 2,900gns for the May 2017 born Black Burn daughter, Ribble Equidora T727, out of Equidora M750. Run with Ribble Martin Porres, the mother-to-be was also claimed by W&AM Aitken.

A quartet of Ribble in-calf heifers all made 2,800gns, namely Black Belinda T635, Spartrina T663, Eartha T687 and Elka T716, with Spartrina T738 also catching the eye at 2,700gns.

Pedigree heifers averaged £1,558, selling to joint tops of 2,200gns for a brace of Black Burn daughters, the March 2017-born Ribble Lady Jane T672, out of Ribble Lady Jet M777, by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052, and the June 2017-born Ribble Passionetta T776, out of a Ribble Euston daughter. The former became a further WT Jones buy, the latter falling to AR&HE Cox, of Ripon.

Two further heifers, Ribble Black Belinda T720 and Ribble Essie T773, each sold away at 2,000gns, closely followed at 1,900gns by Ribble Elize T771.

Of the two in-calf cows offered for sale, best on price at 2,200gns was the five-year-old Ribble Elize N007, by Ribble Ethelbald, out of the Fordel Dominant daughter, Ribble Elize J370. Run with Fordel Bishop Monkton, she was claimed by local buyers, CN&SA Harrison, of Elslack. The second in-calf cow, Ribble Scherie R329, also a

three-year-old run with Fordel Bishop Monkton, made 1,300gns, the duo averaging £1,925.

Following the sale, Mr Rowntree, who farms at Windy Pike, Gisburn, and established his greatly respected pedigree herd in 2002 said:

“It was fantastic to see so many previous customers at the sale and have such tremendous support from far and wide. I hope that all the buyers enjoy success with their Aberdeen-Angus cattle and I look forward to perhaps seeing some of them in their new homes. I must thank CCM and UA for putting the sale together, my staff at home, the CCM handlers and, in particular, Mark Phillips and his team for the tremendous presentation of all the animals.”

Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society chief executive, Barrie Turner, commented:

“One of the biggest sales that the Aberdeen-Angus breed has seen in recent years has been a reflection of two things that we are seeing going forward. Firstly is the recognition of really good breeding, with Henry Rowntree focusing on the figures to produce animals in the top percentiles of the Breedplan EBVs without taking an eye off the animal itself. The sale averages reflect this policy. Secondly, the recognition that the Aberdeen-Angus as a breed are very much on the up, as beef producers look to adapt to both market conditions and ease of management, and bring more focus on to the economics of production by engaging with the breed and the brand to ensure a sustainable and profitable enterprise. We look forward to welcoming our new incoming breeders into the society, where we can offer plenty of help and advice to make sure that their choice to invest in Aberdeen-Angus runs successfully.”



Ribble Pride N162.





## Moncur Herd dispersal tops at 22,000gns

After 26 years in operation, the Moncur Herd of Aberdeen-Angus went under the hammer at the October 2018 Stirling Bull Sales at Stirling Agricultural Centre and saw a top price of 22,000gns reached on the day. People were out in their numbers for this dispersal of the herd which had become renowned for its aim to breed animals full of character, good conformation and not too large in frame.

Topping the dispersal for the Taylor family of Moncur was their 17-month-old in-calf heifer Moncur Laura T314, an ET daughter of Blelack Duke and out of Haughton Laura, having been run with Moncur Predator S296 from 31st July

2018. Laura went to the Fraser family of the Idvies herd of Aberdeen-Angus based in Forfar at the day's joint top price for the Aberdeen-Angus breed of 22,000gns.

July 2017-born maiden heifer Moncur Esther was the next best selling for 6,000gns to NA & JDE Cogan of Killanuckey Farm in Castle Martyr in Ireland. Esther is an AI daughter out of Kincardine Castle Esther and sired by Blelack Duke and was sold with three straws from Retties Lazy Rascal R308.

Then followed two lots that sold for 5,000gns, the first of those being the five-

year-old cow Moncur Jill Erica N211 with her heifer calf by Hallington Prince at foot. Jill Erica is by Eastfield Foreman and out of Jill Erica L166, and ran with Hallington Prince P454 from 25th June 2018 to 23rd July 2018 then with Logie Lord Bruce R611 from 23rd July 2018. This pair were sold to AW Neish of Rodmead Farm in Wiltshire. At the same price was the three-year-old cow Moncur Edwina R258, by Eastfield Foreman out of Moncur Edwina L160, with her heifer calf by Hallington Prince. Edwina and her calf went to A Mylius & Partners of the St Fort Home Estate at Newport on Tay.

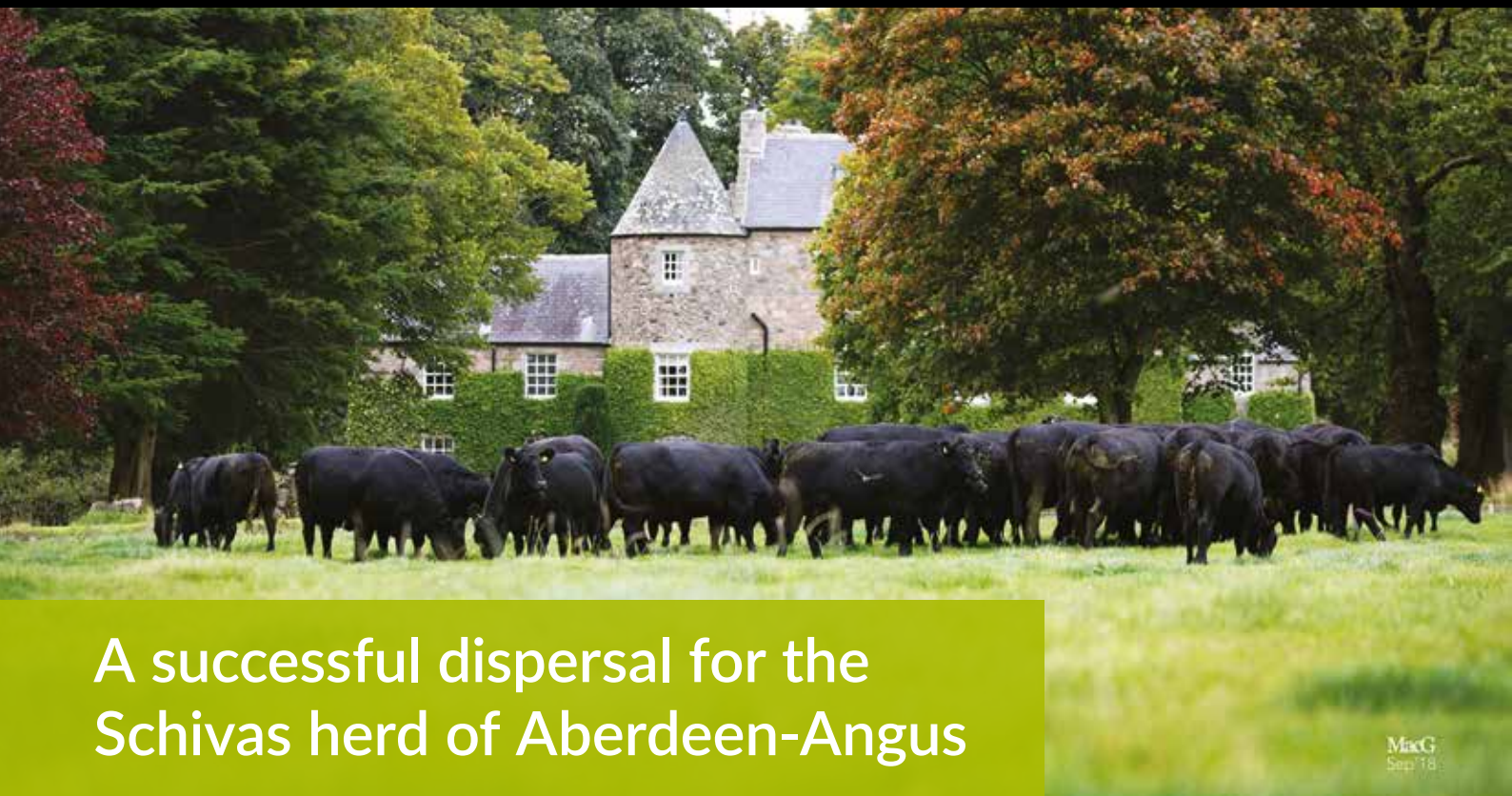
Two lots also sold for the price of 4,500gns, with the first at that price being Moncur Jill Erica P247 with her female calf by Hallington Prince. Jill Erica is by Eastfield Foreman and out of Moncur Jill Erica M199 and the pair were sold to the McDonalds of Pheasants Nest Farm in Bucks. At the same price was stock bull Moncur Predator S296 by Rawburn Edge and out of Moncur Pauline, selling to the Tillyfour Farms Partnership at Inverurie in Aberdeenshire.

After a great few decades in operation in which they contributed greatly to the Aberdeen-Angus breed, with Russell Taylor sitting on Council for seven years and standing as breed president in 2013/2014, all at the Society would like to wish the Taylor family and all those at Moncur the very best in their future endeavours.



Top price at the Moncur dispersal, Moncur Laura T314.





## A successful dispersal for the Schivas herd of Aberdeen-Angus

In October 2018, Stirling Agricultural Centre played host to the dispersal of the Schivas herd of Aberdeen-Angus as part of the annual Stirling Bull Sales, with around 100 adult cattle and 70 calves forward due to a change in family policy which led to the dispersal. The sale of the herd based at Schivas Estates in Ythanbank in Ellon was a great success with a top price reached of 18,000gns, one of three five-figure sums achieved for Schivas on the day.

The top price of 18,000gns was paid by J&L Doyle of Cookstown in Northern Ireland for the April 2016-born in-calf heifer Schivas Morning Princess S430 out of Schivas Morning Princess M083 by Water End Jackpot Eric. This one ran with Schivas Edge N135 from 7th

April 2018 to 2nd July 2018, PD'd 18th September and three month in-calf at the time of sale.

Next best for Schivas at 16,000gns was the five-year-old cow Schivas Miss Betty N149 by Schivas Evolution Tommy out of Schivas Betty G529. With her bull calf Schivas Methlick Boy by Gretnahouse Exocet at foot, Miss Betty went to Brailes Livestock of Upper Brailes in Oxfordshire.

Three-year-old cow Schivas Jane Erica R431, by Hallington Powerline, with her heifer calf by Schivas Edge sold for 12,000gns at the next best. They sold to Renton & Readon Partners from Windmill Way at West Ramparts Business Park.

The Schivas dispersal also included 8,500gns for the five-year-old cow Schivas Lady N122 by Bleack Evril out of Logie Lady, with her bull calf at foot by Netherton Kentucky. Lady was run with Weeton Ronan P420 from 15th May 2018 to 20th August 2018 and went to Philip Hallhead of Norbreck Genetics.

Selling for 7,500gns was the March 2016-born in-calf heifer Schivas Lady S398 by Netherton Kentucky out of Ettrick Miss Bee. Lady went to Renton & Readon Partners from Windmill Way at West Ramparts Business Park with their second high-priced purchase of the event.

J&L Doyle were back in again when they paid 6,000gns for the six-year-old cow Schivas Morning Princess M083 with her heifer calf by Netherton Kentucky. Morning Princess is by Cardona Rito and out of Schivas Morning Princess F462 and ran with Netherton Kentucky from 15th May 2018 to 5th July 2018 then with Schivas Edge from 6th July 2018 to 15th August 2018.

With the roots of this herd dating back to 2001 when it was first established, the Schivas herd was well respected in the industry with some great accolades collected over the years. All at the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society would like to wish all the best to farm manager Doug Shand and all at Schivas for their future post-dispersal.



Top price at the Schivas dispersal, Schivas Morning Princess S430.

# Woodington reduction sale sees a new West Country record for Aberdeen-Angus



Back in July 2018, the major reduction sale of the Woodington Herd of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus of Mrs UM & Mr RJ Venner was a great success, setting a new Sedgemoor record. The price of £6,510 which was achieved is also believed to be a new West Country record for any Aberdeen-Angus heifer with calf, testament to the work of Mr and Mrs RJ Venner.

Woodington Pinky Gloria R488, born January 2015, by Oakchurch Darkley

M088 and out of a home-bred Dark Lane Extra Eric H326 set the ring alight, with her Woodington Ellen Erica U582 embryo-bred heifer calf at foot. Woodington Ellen Erica by Rawburn Fast Ball P844 out of Rawburn Ellen Erica J926, possibly the best breeding cow at Rawburn, was snapped up by Mr AW Neish of the Rodmead herd. Mr Neish also purchased heifer Woodington Pinky Gloria R491, by Dark Lane Jonty L402 and out of the home-bred Lockerley Top Gun F731 sired cow with embryo heifer calf Woodington Idlewyld Rachis U580 at foot for £4,620. Woodington Idlewyld Rachis was by Remitall H Rachis 21R, the 2007 Edmonton Farmfair Grand Champion and Supreme Interbreed Champion and out of Hoff Idlewyld SC S34 300, who is

from one of the best female lines in North America.

Rob Venner commented that he was absolutely delighted with their reduction and wished breeders and new establishing breeders the best of luck with their purchases. He added that he hoped and looked forward to seeing many of them shown in the near future.

## Averages:

Cows and heifers with calves.... £2,382  
Served heifers..... £1,669  
Maiden heifers..... £1,523

Auctioneers: Greenslade Taylor Hunt.

# 7th Annual Aberdeen-Angus Group auction in Germany

The first day of rain for weeks did not put a damper on trade at the 7th Annual Aberdeen-Angus group sale in Germany at the tail end of October this year. An enthusiastic crowd from several countries ensured 100% clearance of the eight bulls 12 in-calf cows and 41 in-calf heifers on offer.

Top price of the day was €6,100 for a bull sold by Bernard Delle. The March 2017-born Donaumoos Edwin T659 was bred from Wedderlie Ecaspa L306 by Donaumoos Lieutenant Harry.

The eight March 2017-born bulls from Donaumoos, all naturally presented, had a strong trade to average €4,600.

Two lots made the next highest prices of €3,700. First was an in-calf cow from

Bernard Delle, Donaumoos Penny P076 bred from the Penny family at Bleack. Matching this was a heifer from Willie Lawson from Scotsmill, Alford. Scotsmill Early Primrose T933 by Belhaven Quebec P098 sold in-calf to Retties Lord Admiral went to established German breeders from Hessen.

Next at €3,600 was Donaumoos Diana N842, a 2013 born cow by Donaumoos Lord Zorro J602 out of Skill Diana E369. A number of Donaumoos cows sold for €3,300, all originating from notable UK families. D. Delia N844 from the Skail Delias; D. Polly Perkins P035 from Tofts Polly Perkin; D. Nervene P057 and D. Nervene R202 both from Wedderlie Nervene.

The Comlongon herd of Colin Rodgers opened the sale with the highest heifer average of €2,666 for three which included €3,000 for Comlongon Lola T101, a granddaughter of Lockerley Laura D444.



Willie Lawson of Scotsmill with joint top price of €3,700 for a smart in-calf heifer.

Next was the Surrey-based Perrywood herd of Simon Maiklem that averaged €2,625 for four in calf heifers, followed by Willie Lawson's Scotsmill herd with an average of €2,611 for 18 head.

A nice group of three heifers from John Coultrip's Wingfield herd in Kent also averaged €2,311.

After the sale, Bernard Delle said:

"The seventh sale of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus stock successfully held at Gundelfingen has lived up to expectation and confirms the European consumer confidence in the quality of Aberdeen-Angus beef."





## Females to the fore at the Balmoral Show

### Females stole the limelight at the 150th Balmoral Show in Northern Ireland where heifers claimed both the supreme and reserve supreme championships.

The Judge Lisa Frain's top award went to the two-year-old class leader, Taugh Blane Blackbird Special S376, from Iain Colville who was winning his first supreme championship in three years of showing. This in-calf heifer, a daughter of Rawburn Boss Hogg, is one of over 20 females in Mr Colville's Glen Howie herd. The herd also won the pairs class with two home-bred heifers with reserve going to John and Ann Henning's Drumcorn herd.

Mr Colville is a barrister in London and founded the Glen Cowie Herd four years ago with the purchase of females

from the Taugh Blane, Cheeklaw and Belhaven prefixes. The herd currently has 21 breeding females and chalked up its first supreme championship after just three years of showing at Balmoral. Mr Colville secured Balmoral's best of opposite sex award with the senior cow Belhaven Zephyr L370 in 2017.

"The supreme overall champion was faultless and is a fine example of the Aberdeen-Angus breed," said judge Lisa Frain who runs a livestock haulage business alongside 14 pedigree females in her Cornwall-based Allabury Herd. "The champion oozes femininity and breed character. She has excellent locomotion and great ring presence, and is my ideal type of animal."

A 15-month-old heifer, Coolermoney Frances T703, by Hallington Edition, took the reserve supreme and junior championships and best-bred by exhibitor award for Adrian and Graeme

Park's from their eight-cow herd, to follow second placings as a youngster at two calf shows.

"This is another super young heifer with fabulous locomotion. She has clean lines, great breed character, and isn't over fleshed. A future star in the making," added the judge.

The same herd also won the best opposite sex to champion award with their yearling bull Coolermoney Samson T725, by Cloghogmill Eric R233, and Northern Ireland AA Club secretary, Freddie Davidson, took the reserve junior championship with the yearling heifer, Ember Princess Lil T251. An earlier Princess Lil was reserve female champion at the show in 2017.

Reserve best opposite sex to the champion was the yearling bull, Denamona Prince Cartier T216, by Glassel Del L886, from Moses Irwin.

# Results

## Senior cow:

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Iain Colville's Cheeklaw Peony N456  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Wm Vogan's Cavanbellaghy Erica N706

## Three-year-old cow:

Callum McAleese and Jayne Kyle's  
 Macknagh Mills Evora Q624

## Two-year-old heifer:

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Iain Colville's Taugh Blane Blackbird Special S376  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** John and Ann Henning's Drumcorn Ergessa S304  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** John and Ann Henning's Drumcorn Lady Ida S382

## Yearling heifer:

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Adrian and Graeme Park's Coolermoney Frances T703  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Freddie Davidson's Ember Princess Lil T251  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Moses Irwin's Denamonna Black Ida T264

## Yearling bull:

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Adrian and Graeme Park's Coolermoney Samson T725  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Moses Irwin's Denamona Prince Cartier T216  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Adrian and Graeme's Coolermoney Rupert T751

## Pair:

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Adrian and Graeme Park;  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Iain Colville  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Moses Irwin

## Supreme champion:

Iain Colville's Taugh Blane Blackbird Special S376

## Reserve supreme champion, junior champion and best bred by exhibitor:

Adrian and Graeme Park's Coolermoney Frances T703

## Reserve junior champion:

Freddie Davidson's Ember Princess Lil T251

## Best opposite sex to champion:

Adrian and Graeme Park's Coolermoney Samson T725

## Reserve best opposite sex to champion:

Moses Irwin's Denamona Prince Cartier T216

## Pair heifers:

Iain Colville's Glen Cowie Helena T236 and Glen Cowie Fedella T192

## Reserve best pair heifers:

John and Ann Henning's Drumcorn Lady Ida S282 and Drumcorn Ergessa S304



Supreme Champion  
 Taugh Blane Blackbird Special.



Supreme Reserve  
 Coolermoney Frances.



Best Opposite Sex to Champion  
 Coolermoney Samson.



Reserve Junior Champion  
 Ember Princess Lil.





**Twenty-four-year old Stephanie Dick, who bought her first Aberdeen-Angus heifer four years ago and has come up through the breed's Youth Development Programme where she is a former winner, achieved what many breeders take a lifetime to aspire to, when she carried off the Aberdeen-Angus championship at the Royal Highland Show.**

Stephanie, who helps run the family's renowned Ronick Limousin herd with her father and grandfather at Mains of Throsk, Stirling, beat off strong competition to secure the top award with her 23-month-old heifer, Crew Lady Jasmine S247.

Bred by Samantha Allen in Northern Ireland and sired by Netherton Fabulous Cruz Y300, the heifer – put to the top by judge, Hamish Sclater – was bought at Stirling as a calf after winning the championship at the Northern Ireland Aberdeen-Angus calf show in 2016.

She went on to win the senior breed title at the 2017 Stars of the Future show at Stirling and the Royal Highland was her third championship in a row this year following successes at Stirling and Gargunnoch shows.

Stephanie has a few Limousin cows of her own but would like to expand her Aberdeen-Angus herd.

"I'd like to increase my Aberdeen-Angus cow numbers to justify buying my own bull but I do buy them all myself from my own funds so that might take some time!" she says.

It was also a good day for freelance stockman, Richard Rettie, and his wife, Carol, now based at Methven, Perth, who have established their own Retties herd to complement their successful livery bringing out show and sale cattle for a number of top herds.

**A Royal Highland Show to remember with Crew Lady Jasmine S247 triumphing**



They picked up two red tickets and went on to take the reserve supreme and male championships with their five-year-old stock bull, Water End Payton N108, who was on his first outing since his private purchase in 2016 from Charlie Gorn in Orkney.

Bred by Mr and Mrs P Dobson, Water End Farm, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, York, the bull is a son of Blelack Evergreat H003. His first calves with the Rettie's are on the ground and "showing promise".

The Rettie team also secured the reserve female and reserve junior accolades with their January, 2017-born heifer, Retties Ruisseau T391, a daughter of Retties JFK which was sold privately to Donald Rankin to become stock bull in his Kilmaluag herd.

The heifer was adding to a strong of earlier successes on the calf show circuit, standing reserve at both the breed's Winter National show at Agri-Expo at Carlisle and at Thirsk, and reserve female at Stars of the Future where she was one of the winning interbreed pairs team.

The second prize winner to the champion in the senior bull class followed through to stand reserve male champion for John Lascelles, Balmachie, Carnoustie. This was the rising home-bred four-year-old bull, Balmachie Rodger P190, by Balmachie Ben Vorlich L105, which was reserve supreme and male champion at the show in 2017 and beef breeder and junior interbreed champion in 2016.

It was a clean sweep for Donald Rankin in the pairs and group of three awards. The best pair comprised the third prize senior two-year-old heifer, Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191 and the reserve junior bull, Kilmaluag Eriskay T203, and they were joined by the second prize junior two-year-old heifer, Kilmaluag Laura S199, for the group of three award.

The Aberdeen-Angus team comprising Crew Lady Jasmine S247, Retties Ruisseau T391 and Rulesmains Egbert T872 went on to win the native breeds' interbreed competition.



**Supreme Champion Crew Lady Jasmine.**



**Reserve Supreme & Male Champion  
Water End Payton.**



**Reserve Female & Reserve Junior  
Champion Retties Ruisseau.**



**Reserve Male Champion  
Balmachie Rodger.**



**Best Cow  
Duncanziemere Miss Belinda.**



# Prize List

## Junior yearling heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> W D Allen's Stouphill Millie Princess T178
- 2<sup>nd</sup> David Walker's Galcantray Betty T072
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Ruth T207

## Senior yearling heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Ruisseau T391
- 2<sup>nd</sup> James T Wilson's Ugie Baby Princess T676
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandy Watt's Swordale Evergreen T224

## Junior two-year-old heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stephanie Dick's Crew Lady Jasmine S247
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Laura S199
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Callum Dunlop's Donnie Black Beauty S107

## Senior two-year-old heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> W D Allen's Stouphill Patsy S152
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Rankin's Blelack Lady Blackcap S746
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191

## Three-year-old cow with calf at foot

- 1<sup>st</sup> AJR Farms' Kincardine Castle Pam R092
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith and Allan Rennie's Mosston Muir Estrelita

## Senior cow

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alistair Clark's Duncanziemere Miss Belinda P092
- 2<sup>nd</sup> W and E I Brown's Drumdow Pure Pridella M925
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Hodge's Rulesmains Karen L239

## Junior yearling bull

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gordon Brooke Estate's Linton Gilbertines Elgin T149
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Brooke Estate's Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse T169
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ken and Margaret Howie's Cairnton Blackbeard T420

## Senior yearling bull

- 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Hodge's Rulesmains Egbert T872
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Eriskay T203
- 3<sup>rd</sup> AJR Farms' Logie Dynamite T740

## Two-year-old bull

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Lascelles' Balmachie Fearless
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Brooke Estate's Cragg Lord Leviathan S132
- 3<sup>rd</sup> David Walker's HW Jeremy Eric S114

## Senior bull

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard and Carol Rettie's Water End Payton N108
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John Lascelles' Balmachie Rodger P190
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Keith and Allan Rennie's Mosston Muir Excalibur P342

**Supreme, female and junior champion:** Stephanie Dick's Crew Lady Jasmine S247

**Reserve supreme and male champion:** Richard and Carol Rettie's Water End Payton N108

**Best cow:** Alistair Clark's Duncanziemere Miss Belinda P092

**Reserve female champion and reserve junior female:** Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Ruisseau T391

**Best junior bull and best bull born after January 1, 2016:** Andrew Hodge's Rulesmains Egbert T872

**Reserve junior bull:** Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Eriskay T203

**Reserve male champion and best bred by exhibitor:** John Lascelles' Balmachie Rodger P190

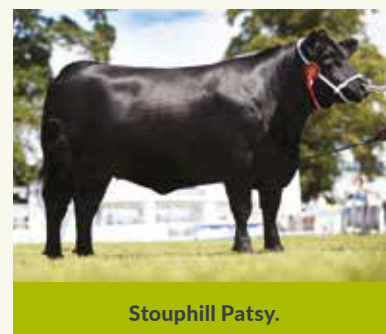
**Reserve junior female:** Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Ruisseau T391

**Pair:** Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191 and Kilmaluag Eriskay T203

**Group of three:** Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Laura S199, Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191 and Kilmaluag Eriskay T203



Rulesmains Egbert.



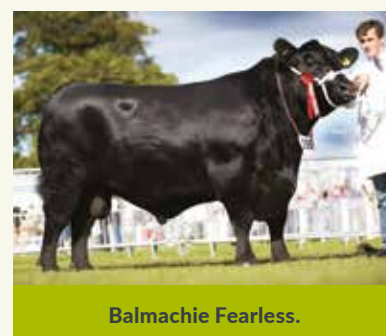
Stouphill Patsy.



Kincardine Castle Pam.



Linton Gilbertines Elgin.



Balmachie Fearless.

# Summer National at Westmorland County Show

This year's Summer National event took place at the wonderful setting of the Westmorland County Show and lived up to expectations with some wonderful cattle on display. The judge for the event was Andrew Hodge of Rulesmains Aberdeen-Angus, a well-known name in the world of Aberdeen-Angus and a worthy judge of such an event.

Mr Hodge's overall champion on the day was Kilmaluag Eriskay of Donald Rankin, a highly decorated winner in the 2018 show season in what was a great year for the Isle of Skye based breeder. Standing reserve to Eriskay was Dalcrest Joylady Erica of Mr CA Rodger's Comlongon Herd based in Dumfries in the South-West of Scotland.

The senior male championship saw triumph for Messrs R&C Rettie with Water End Payton, while reserve went to Mr D Walker's HW Jeremy Eric in another competitive section. Kilmaluag Eriskay was also the junior champion while reserve went to Mr D Walker again, this time with Galcantray Betty. In the female section of the show, champion was the overall reserve Dalcrest Joylady Erica while reserve went to Ballindalloch Home Farms with Ballindalloch Ebony.

The other results and class winners were as follows:

**Bull Calf Champion:** Crook Hill Duster - Mr & Mrs Taylor

**Reserve Bull Calf:** Galcantray Energiser - Mr D Walker

**Senior Male Champion:** Water End Payton - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Reserve Senior Male:** HW Jeremy Eric - Mr D Walker

**Overall Male Champion:** Kilmaluag Eriskay - Mr D Rankin

**Reserve Male:** Water End Payton - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Heifer Calf Champion:** Retties Evita - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Reserve Heifer Calf:** Retties Ruisseau - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Junior Female champion:** Galcantray Betty - David Walker

**Reserve Junior Female:** Retties Ruisseau - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Senior Female Champion:** Dalcrest Joylady Erica - Mr A Rodger

**Reserve Senior Female:** Ballindalloch Ebony - Ballindalloch Home Farms

**Overall Calf Champion:** Retties Evita - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Reserve Overall Calf:** Crook Hill Duster - Mr & Mrs W Taylor

**Bull calf born in 2018**  
1<sup>st</sup> Crook Hill Duster - Mr & Mrs W Taylor

**Bull born between 1 August and 31st December 2017**  
1<sup>st</sup> Brae Jethro Eric - Mr K Catten

**Bull born between 1st April and 31st July 2017**  
1<sup>st</sup> Retties Lord Harvey - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Bull born between 1st January and 31st March 2017**  
1<sup>st</sup> Kilmaluag Eriskay - Mr D Rankin

**Bull born between 1st January and 31st December 2016**  
1<sup>st</sup> HW Jeremy Eric - Mr D Walker

**Bull born before 31 December 2015**  
1<sup>st</sup> Water End Payton - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Heifer born on or between 1st August and 31st December 2017**  
1<sup>st</sup> Retties Ruisseau - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Heifer born on or between 1st April and 31st July**  
1<sup>st</sup> Galcantray Betty - Mr D Walker

**Heifer born on or between 1st January and 31st March 2017**  
1<sup>st</sup> Retties Ruisseau - Messrs R&C Rettie

**Female born in 2016 with first calf at foot**

1<sup>st</sup> Glyptom Duchess Eileen S091

**Female born in 2016**  
1<sup>st</sup> Ballindalloch Ebony - Ballindalloch Home Farms

**Female born between 1st January and 31st December 2015 with calf at foot**  
1<sup>st</sup> Gretna House Fleur - Brailes Livestock

**Female born on or before 31st December 2014 with natural calf**  
1<sup>st</sup> Dalcrest Joylady Erica - Mr CA Rodger

**Best pair**  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr D Rankin

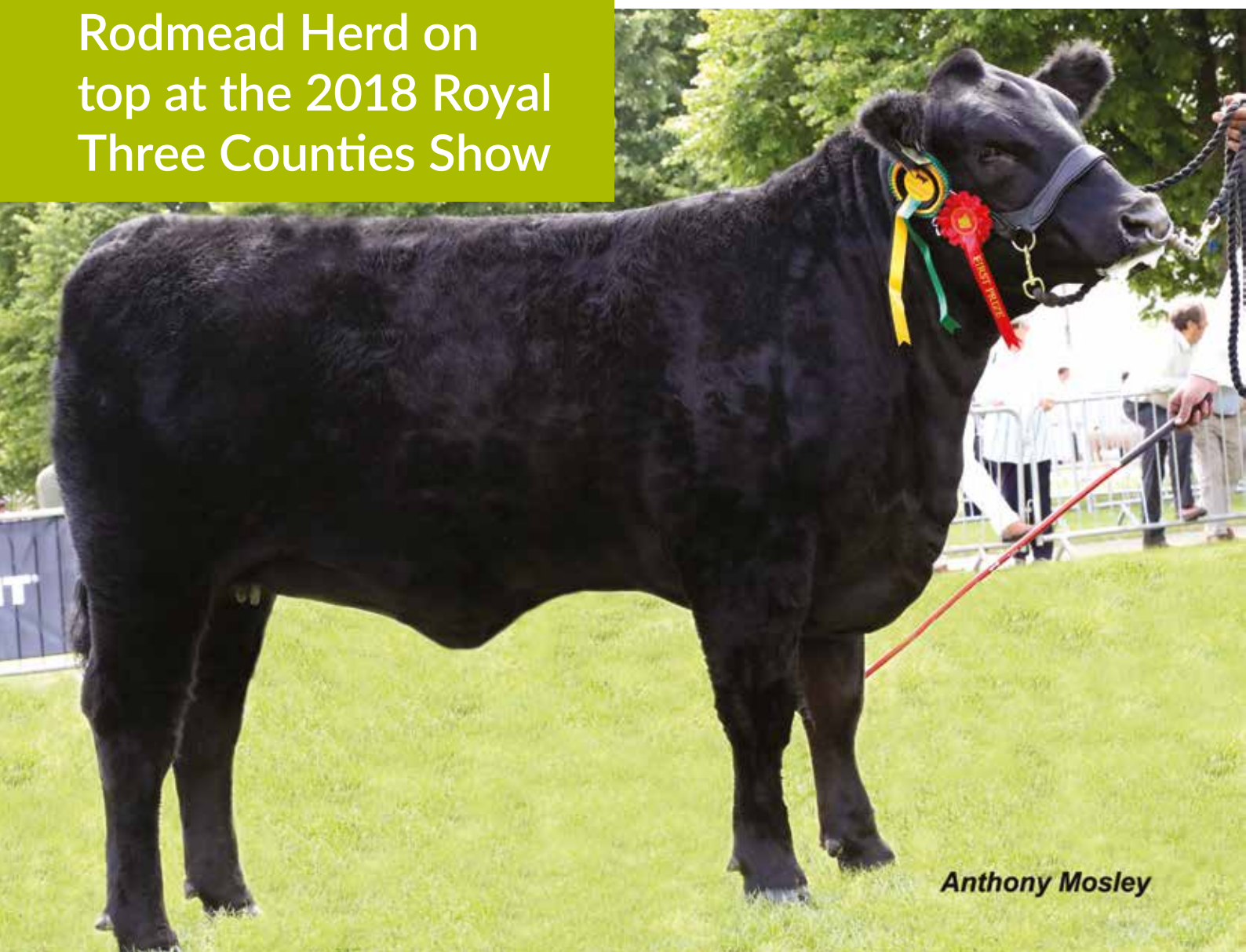
**Best group of three**  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr D Rankin



Overall Champion  
Kilmaluag Eriskay.



## Rodmead Herd on top at the 2018 Royal Three Counties Show



*Anthony Mosley*

**Overall Champion Rodmead Pribaby.**

David Watts was the judge for the 2018 Royal Three Counties Show, always one of the most anticipated events on the yearly agricultural calendar and synonymous with excellent shows of cattle throughout the years. On a competitive day of judging, Mr Watts selected Angus Neish's January 2017 born heifer Rodmead Pribaby T815 as the Supreme Aberdeen-

**Angus Champion. This one from Rodmead Farm in the West of England is out of namesake Wedderlie Pribaby and by Warrenho Elite.**

The Aberdeen-Angus Male Championship went to the Warrenho Herd of Rob Bishop and family with the much-decorated Warrenho Empire taking the championship ahead of reserve Balgay Elfhelm R368 of C Hutchings & Sons. In the females, it was Oakchurch Duchess R212 of Melview Farming who took the reserve after Rodmead Pribaby T815 was selected as champion. Oakchurch Duchess is

a Bleack Blackrod daughter out of Oakchurch Duchess J123.

It was also great news for the Society as the Aberdeen-Angus won the Supreme Interbreed Championship for a group of three at the event. Pictured is the presentation including from left to right: Glyn Morgan MBE, Paul Frain, John Westaway, Kian Frain with a Glympton heifer, Keith Jempson and judge David Watts. Alongside the Glympton heifer, the other animals in the group of three were owned by the Westaway family.

The full results from all classes at the 2018 Royal Three Counties were as follows:

# Results

## Bull born on or before 31 December 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> Balgay Elfhelm R368  
C Hutchings & Sons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oakchurch Desomond R201  
Melview Farming

## Bull born on or between 1 January and 31 March 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Warrenho Empire AE & CR Bishop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Jupiter Eric A & J Denning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rodmead Principle T809  
Mr A Neish

## Cow, in milk, or in calf, born before 1 January 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> Melview Patricia P152  
Melview Farming
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oakchurch Duchess R212  
Melview Farming

## Heifer born on or between 1 January and 31 December 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> Glympton Egan S118 Glympton  
Farms Ltd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Roses S663 A & J Denning

## Heifer born on or between 1 January and 31 March 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rodmead Pribaby T815 Mr A Neish
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Glympton Pride Jean Glympton  
Farms Ltd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Warrenho Emerald D138  
AE & CR Bishop

## Heifer born on or after 1 April 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Temple Lollytop A & J Denning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Melview Diva T293 Melview Farming

## Group of three animals, to include both sexes

- 1<sup>st</sup> AE & CR Bishop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> A & J Denning

## CHAMPION MALE - TCAS Rosettes for Champion and Reserve

**Champion:** Warrenho Empire AE & CR  
Bishop

**Reserve:** Balgay Elfhelm R368 C  
Hutchings & Sons

## CHAMPION FEMALE - TCAS Rosettes for Champion and Reserve

**Champion:** Rodmead Pribaby T815 Mr  
A Neish

**Reserve:** Oakchurch Duchess R212  
Melview Farming

## BREED CHAMPION - £100. Robinson Perpetual Cup (10), a gift of the late Lady Robinson

**Supreme Champion:** Rodmead Pribaby  
T815 Mr A Neish

**Best opposite sex to supreme champion**  
Warrenho Empire AE & CR Bishop



Aberdeen-Angus wins Supreme Champion Interbreed group of three.



## A great day for Shadwell Estate at the Great Yorkshire Show



Junior, Female and Supreme Champion Shadwell Pam.

The usual Scottish stranglehold of top honours at the Great Yorkshire Show was broken by Shadwell Estate from Thetford, Suffolk, who carried off the junior, female and supreme championships with an attractive yearling heifer, Shadwell Pam T942.

This daughter of the privately-purchased Idvies Eland N59 (a son of Shadwell Black Broughton K485) and out of an earlier Pam, was adding to her native breeds' interbreed championship at the Royal Norfolk Show and breed championship at the South of England Show for herd manager, Robert Clarke.



Supreme Reserve and Male Champion Water End Payton.





Reserve Female Champion Crew Lady Jasmine.



Reserve Male Champion Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse.

Reserve and male champion – repeating a similar success at the Royal Highland Show two weeks earlier – was the five-year-old, Water End Payton N108, exhibited by well-known show fitters, Richard and Carol Rettie, and son, Jamie, from their own herd at Devonside, Clackmannanshire.

Bred by Mr and Mrs P Dobson, Water End Farm, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, York, the sire was purchased privately as a mature bull from Orkney breeder, Charlie Gorn – renowned for bringing out the breed's record priced bull, Lindertis Evulse, sold at the Perth bull sales in 1963 for 60,000gns – and his promising first crop is already on the ground in the 25-strong Retties herd.

Also flying the flag for Scotland, former Youth Development Programme winner, Stephanie Dick Westerton, Cowie, Stirling, took the reserve female championship with her Royal Highland Show champion, the two-year-old, Crew Lady Jasmine S247, by Netherton Fabulous Cruz Y300, from her four-cow Stepchick herd which runs with her parents noted Ronick Limousin herd at Mains of Throsk, Stirling.

The Gordon Brooke Estate, run by John Elliot on behalf of the trustees at Upper Huntlywood, Earlston, who won both the breed championship and reserve at last year's show, were again to the fore, taking the reserve male championship

with their Royal Highland Show Beefbreeder native breeds champion, Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse T169, a yearling son of Rawburn Dublin K218, which was also a second-prize-winner in the breed classes at Ingleston.

### Class results

#### Senior bull

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard and Carol Rettie's WaterEnd Payton N108
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marsdens Farms Ltd's Shadwell Earl P773
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon Brooke Estate's Cragg Lord Leviathan S132

#### Senior yearling bull

- 1<sup>st</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Iriskay T203
- 2<sup>nd</sup> AE and CR Bishop's Warrenho Empire T655
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's Temple Jupiter Eric

#### Junior yearling bull

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gordon Brooke Estate's Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse T169
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Brooke Estate's Linton Gilbertines Elgin T149
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brailles Livestock's Cheeklaw Black Bisto T595

### Cow

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shadwell Estate Co Ltd's Shadwell Jayne Erica L506
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TA and P Johnson's Rawburn Eston Anne

### Two-year-old heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stephanie Dick's Crew Lady Jasmine S247
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191
- 3<sup>rd</sup> D and PA Evans' Tree Bridge Polly Perkins

### Senior yearling heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shadwell Estate Co Ltd's Shadwell Pam T941
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Ruisseau T391; 3 Glympton Farms Ltd's Glympton Pride Jean T127

### Junior yearling heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robert McNeill and Jamie Rettie's Doune Castle Lola T012
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Juliette Swires' Cragg Lady Lauren
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Ruth T207



## Shadwell to the fore at the Royal Welsh Show

A small turnout of Aberdeen-Angus at the Royal Welsh Show at Builth Wells was led by the senior bull, the five-year-old Shadwell Ebenezer N672, by the former Blelack and Shadwell stock bull, Netherallan Peter Pershore E052, shown by Shadwell Estate Ltd, Thetford, Suffolk.

Reserve male champion, also all the way from the East of England, was the yearling bull, Fenland Poldark T011, by the home-bred Fenland Maximus Prime R003, from Robbie Moore, Oak Farm, Fen Lane, Grimston, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

A yearling heifer, Glympton Pride Jean T127, by Glympton Danny N724, took the female and reserve championship for Glympton Farms Ltd, Glympton, Woodstock, Oxford, who were also placed reserve female with the two-year-old heifer, Glympton Duchess Eileen S091, by Glympton Glespin K470

### Class results

#### Senior bull

1<sup>st</sup> Shadwell Estate Co Lt's Shadwell Ebenezer N672

#### Junior bull

1<sup>st</sup> Robbie Moore's Fenland Poldark T011

2<sup>nd</sup> Glympton Farms Ltd's Glympton Master Bute T131 3 TG and EM Hart and Son's Elmview Dollar T264

#### Cow

1<sup>st</sup> Harry Emslie's Tonley Elma M850

#### Two-year-old heifer

1<sup>st</sup> Glympton Farms Ltd's Glympton Duchess Eileen S091

#### Yearling heifer

1<sup>st</sup> Glympton Farms Ltd's Glympton Pride Jean T127

2<sup>nd</sup> Shadwell Estate Ltd's Shadwell Red Fleur T938



Overall Champion Shadwell Ebenezer N672.



Reserve Male Champion Fenland Poldark T011.



# Shankill & Liss herds share top honours at Tullamore Show



Tullamore Show is the largest one-day show in Ireland and this year's event saw 60,000 spectators descend onto the spectacular 260-acre show site in Blueball, just outside the town of Tullamore in the heart of the midlands. A three-way panel of joint master judges officiated over the Aberdeen-Angus section on the day, with Mr. Robin Lamb of Richhill Aberdeen-Angus, Mrs. Dawn Miller Wilson from Canada and Mr Michael Horan of Coolcran Aberdeen-Angus taking on judging duties this year.

## SENIOR SECTION



**Supreme Senior Aberdeen-Angus Champion,  
Drumhill Lord Harry R635.**

The Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Senior Championship was awarded to Pat & Finbarr Cahill, Shankill Lower, Cavan, Co. Cavan with their three-year-old stock bull, Drumhill Lord Harry R635. This bull took the Reserve All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championship at Newry Show in 2017, described by the judges as "a perfect specimen of the breed", and topped a tremendous section of senior cattle to secure the Supreme Senior Championship. This one is sired by Nightingale Proud Jake G405 and is out of Bleack Lady Heather J169 and drew many compliments from the packed audience of spectators ringside.

The Reserve Championship in the senior section went to Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan, Millbawn, Coolarty, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford with their junior cow, Millbawn Nancy. This two-year-old cow was shown with a prize-winning spring 2018-born heifer calf at foot and had previously been awarded the Junior Champion at last year's Tullamore show. The cow is sired by Canadian AI bull, Cudlobe Millenium 12M and was one of the youngest females to be shown with a calf at foot on the day.

Albert DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork secured both the Reserve Female and Reserve Male Championships in the senior section with Knockadrian Blackbird P599 and Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 respectively. The former was recently awarded the 2018 Munster Provincial Trophy and was shown with a prize-winning autumn 2017-born heifer calf at foot, whilst the latter is sired by Cardona Proud Punch L752 and was last year's Supreme Senior Champion at Tullamore Show.

## JUNIOR SECTION



**Supreme Junior Champion, Liss Kim S641.**

John McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co. Meath emerged victorious in a fiercely contested junior section, winning the Junior Championship with the senior heifer, Liss Kim S641. This one is sired by Te Mania Berkley B1 and is an embryo daughter from the Scottish-bred donor brood cow, Halbeath Kim E152 - who is sired by Bleack Telestar A240. The junior section, which was kindly sponsored by Angus Beef Ireland, offered substantial prize money across both male and female sections and attracted a tremendous entry of top quality youngstock.

One of the youngest exhibits at this year's show, Knockmountagh Robert from Eamon & John McKiernan, Newtown, Monasterboice, Drogheda, Co. Louth took the Reserve Junior Championship. This one was born in February 2018 and is sired by Rawburn Jagger Eric R094 and was out of a home-bred dam. This young calf had previously been awarded the overall Junior Male Championship earlier in the day.

The Reserve Junior Male Championship also went to a 2018-born calf with Knockadrian Rob from Tom Reynolds, Knockadrian, Johnston's Bridge, Bornacoola, Co. Leitrim securing the title. This young bull was born in March 2018, is a son of Liscahill Donall J310, and is out of Bohey Georgina.

Meanwhile, the Reserve Junior Female Championship was awarded to Bernard Kerins, Carnaree, Ballymote, Co. Sligo with the September 2017-born heifer calf, Kerins Perkemi. This one was a 1st prize winner at several shows this summer and is a daughter of the former All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Reserve Supreme Champion, Kerins Kemi and is sired by Bunlahy Kojack.





## First All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus trophy for Grangeview herd

*Edward Dudley*

The annual All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships were staged at the 91st Mohill Show in August with a record entry of over 100 cattle catalogued for this year's finals. The All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships are the pinnacle of an extensive showing circuit in Ireland and all four provinces were represented on the day. Master judge for this year's finals was Mr. Clive Jennings, Boulteen, Enniskeneane, Co. Cork. Mr. Jennings thanked the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association for the great honour of being selected to officiate over this year's show and described the line-up of cattle present on the day as 'spectacular right across each and every class'.



Reserve Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Champion & Overall Junior Champion  
Millbawn Aurora T238.

The top accolade of the day, the Supreme All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championship, was awarded to Michael & Niamh Barron, Grange, The Rower, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny with their senior cow, Ashtown Katie. This one is sired by the AI bull, Goulding Jumbo King K436 and was shown with a spring 2018-born heifer calf at foot. No stranger

to the winner's enclosure, she has put together a spectacular show record having previously been awarded the RDS Champion of Champions award last spring, on the back of an incredible 2017 show season, and was also a former first-prize-winner at the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships as a yearling heifer back in 2015.

The day's master judge, Mr. Clive Jennings described his Supreme Champion as a 'hard-working and productive cow with oodles of breed character and fantastic ring presence'. She also proved to be a very popular choice with spectators ringside with rapturous applause at the moment she was tapped out as Champion.

Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan, Coolarty, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford secured the overall Junior Championship and Reserve Supreme All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus championship with their stylish young heifer calf, Millbawn Aurora T238. This one is sired by Netherton Mr Brazilian E377 and is out of Gigginstown House Another Level M955, who is a Friarstown Empire J160 daughter. One of the youngest autumn 2017-born heifers exhibited on the day, this one beat out tremendous competition from a mighty entry of young bulls and heifers to win the Junior Championship before going one step further and taking the Reserve Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Championship. It was the first time in several years that a young calf has placed in the overall championship line-up and marked the continuation of a fantastic show season for the Craig &

Bogan families after they had won the Reserve Supreme Championship at Tullamore Show just a week ago with their show cow, Millbawn Nancy.

The Reserve Senior Championship went to Pat & Finbarr Cahill, Shankill Lower, Cavan, Co. Cavan with Drumhill Lord Harry R635. This one is sired by Nightingale Proud Jake G405 and is out of Blelack Lady Heather and was purchased at the Stirling Bull Sales in Scotland some years ago. This three-year-old stock bull was also the Reserve Senior Champion at last year's All-Ireland and was coming off a victorious day at last week's Tullamore Show where he claimed the Supreme Senior Championship there.

The Reserve Junior Championship was awarded to Cathal & Cormac Duignan, Laheen House, Eslin, Mohill, Co. Leitrim with Laheens Pierre. This September 2017-born bull calf won one of the largest classes of the show and is sired by the UK-bred bull, Rawburn Enigmatic P886. Longtime exhibitors at Mohill Show, the Duignan's Laheens Aberdeen-Angus herd also won the Reserve Supreme Championship at last year's show and collected several rosettes this year too.



First prize winner, Senior Young Stockperson.



Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Ashtown Katie.



Reserve Senior Champion, Drumhill Lord Harry R635.



Reserve Junior Champion, Laheens Pierre.



First-prize-winner, Clooncarne Prestige.



First prize winner, Owenmore Relter.



# Class Results



1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize Winners, Junior Young Stockperson.

## Aberdeen-Angus bull born before 1st September 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pat & Finbarr Cahill's Drumhill Lord Harry R635 by Nightingale Proud Jake G405
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Albert DeCogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 by Cardona Proud Punch L752
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John McEnroe's Mogeely Lord Harrow M191 by Wedderlie Blackbox J935

## Aberdeen-Angus bull born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Prestige by Clooncarne Frank
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan's Millbawn Prizeman by Rawburn Eventer 2nd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Faughnan's Molloy Lord Hugh T243 by Gear Fury N290
- 4<sup>th</sup> John McEnroe's Liss Butcher T705 by Fordel Mighty Paidi R248

## Aberdeen-Angus bull born between 1st September and 1st December 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cathal Duignan's Laheens Pierre by Rawburn Enigmatic P886

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathal Duignan's Laheens Prince of Eslin by Rawburn Jagger Eric R094

- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Brady's Lisnafanna Dustin T037 by Te Mania Berkley B1

- 4<sup>th</sup> Albert DeCogan's Mogeely Dreamer T534 by Wedderlie Blackbox J935

## Aberdeen-Angus bull born between 1st January and 31st March 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Scanlon's Owenmore Relter by Bunlahy Kojak
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathal Duignan's Laheens Reputation by Weeton Diamond Mine P444
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Evaluator U410 by Friarstown Evolver N274
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tom Reynolds' Knockadrianan Ronan by Drumgowna Norman

## Aberdeen-Angus bull or heifer born after 1st April 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Rommel by Baronagh Producer N662
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Eustace Burke's Clontead Lady Jane U263 by Goulding Man O Man
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Reynolds' Knockadrianan Ruby by Drumgowna Norman

- 4<sup>th</sup> John McEnroe's Liss Bilban U816 by Liss Marty P417

## Aberdeen-Angus cow with her own calf at foot, born before 1st December 2015

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael & Niamh Barron's Ashtown Katie by Goulding Jumbo King K436
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Albert DeCogan's Knockadrianan Blackbird P599 by Nightingale Dunbarr K551
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John McEnroe's Liss Minree P415 by The Moss Ethelorange L132
- 4<sup>th</sup> Eustace Burke's Clontead Lady Jane R177 by Goulding Extra

## Aberdeen-Angus cow born on or after 1st December 2015

- 1<sup>st</sup> John McEnroe's Liss Myrlo S608 by Mogeely Lord Harrow M191

## Aberdeen-Angus heifer born between 1st September 2016 and 28th February 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bernard Kerins' Kerins Nikemi by Redwood Ei
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John McEnroe's Liss Kim S641 by Te Mania Berkley B1
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Albert DeCogan's Mogeely Lady Hazel S471 by Rosemead Karona J957



First-prize-winner, Clooncarne Rommel.



First-prize-winner, Liss Myrlo S608.



First-prize-winner, Owenmore Nessie.



### Aberdeen-Angus heifer born between 1st March and 31st August 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sean & Paul Moreton's Sheffield Pam by Friarstown Ideal Pete K202
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Rosita T736 by Ankonian Elixir 100
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Morgan Mulhern's Lecarrow Pamela by Bunlahy John G

### Aberdeen-Angus heifer born between 1st September 2017 – 31st December 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan's Millbawn Aurora T238 by Netherton Mr Brazilian E377
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John McEnroe's Liss Myrlo T737 by Rosemead Karona J957
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bernard Kerins' Kerins Perkemi by Bunlahy Kojak
- 4<sup>th</sup> Albert DeCogan's Mogeely Blackbird T542 by Rosemead Karona J957

### Aberdeen-Angus heifer born between 1st January and 31st March 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Goulding's Goulding Belinda R906 by Goulding Man O Man
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Lady Helly U411 by Friarstown Evolver N274
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Reilly's Bridgehouse Ria by Baronagh Producer N662
- 4<sup>th</sup> Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan's Millbawn Razzle Dazzle by Ardrossan Admiral A2

### Best matching pair of Aberdeen-Angus cattle

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Rommel & Clooncarne Rita



Best Pair of matching Aberdeen-Angus.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Evaluator U410 & Lawsons Ford Lady Helly U411
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Albert DeCogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 & Knockadrian Blackbird P599
- 4<sup>th</sup> John McEnroe's Liss Minree P415 & Mogeely Lord Harrow M191

### Aberdeen-Angus crossbred bullock, under 30 months

- 1<sup>st</sup> John McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Noel Faughnan, Lisadadnan, Mohill, Co. Leitrim

### Aberdeen-Angus crossbred heifer, under 30 months

- 1<sup>st</sup> Noel Faughnan, Lisadadnan, Mohill, Co. Leitrim

- 2<sup>nd</sup> John McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co. Meath

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Faughnan, Clooncarne, Bornacoola, Co. Leitrim

### Young Stockperson aged 17 – 25 years

- 1<sup>st</sup> Conor Craig, Coolarty, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Smyth, Navan, Co. Meath

### Young Stockperson under 17 years

- 1<sup>st</sup> Zara Sheehan, Gortfadda, Mohill, Co. Leitrim
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Bohan, Gortfadda, Mohill, Co. Leitrim
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fiona Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co. Leitrim.



First-prize-winner, Kerins Nikemi.



First-prize-winner, Sheffield Pam.



First-prize-winner, Goulding Belinda R906.

# Mogeely Herd claim their 7th consecutive Munster provincial trophy win

The Mogeely Aberdeen-Angus herd of Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork swept the board at the 2018 Munster Provincial Trophy finals that were staged at Dungarvan Agricultural Show in July.

The annual provincial trophy, which is presented by the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association to the best pedigree Aberdeen-Angus in the Munster region has been won by the DeCogans for the last seven years consecutively. Their winning streak is probably one of the longest in the trophy's illustrious history and their latest title holder came in the form of their senior cow, Knockadrian Blackbird P599. This October 2014-born cow is sired by the AI bull, Nightingale Dunbar K551 and is out of Fullam Blackbird C123. This one was also the inter-breed beef female champion at Carbery Summer Show in July and took



The presentation of the supreme championship at Dungarvan Show.

first prize at the National Livestock Show in Tullamore in August.

The Mogeely Aberdeen-Angus herd also claimed the reserve breed championship at Dungarvan too, with their stock bull, Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 standing as reserve champion on the day. This one is sired by Cardona Proud Punch L752 and

is one of several sires in use at Mogeely.

Mr. Louis Byrne of the Tomriland Aberdeen-Angus herd in Co Wicklow acted as master judge for this year's show and was fulsome in his praise for the Munster Aberdeen-Angus Club on the incredibly high standard of cattle presented for judging.



Munster Provincial Trophy winner, Knockadrian Blackbird P599.



Reserve Munster Provincial Champion, Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535.





## Impressive turnout of calves and yearlings at the 2018 Winter National

**A yearling heifer from Donald Graham's Carruthers herd at Birsca Farm, Corrie, Lockerbie, took championship honours in a strong turnout of calves and yearlings at the Winter National Aberdeen-Angus Show held as part of Agri-Expo at Carlisle.**

The winning heifer, Carruthers Elspeth T116, just a few days short of her first birthday and sired by Halbeath Kitemark N500, was led to victory by Mr Graham's 14-year-old son, Jack, winning the junior yearling heifer class and the yearling heifer and yearling championships on her way to the top.

Her sire was purchased privately from Martin McCornick, Boreland, Newton Stewart, for Mr Graham's 50-cow herd and she is one of the first daughters of the home-bred, Carruthers Elspeth R729, which was second in her class at Moffat Show and a third at the breed's summer national show at Westmorland.

Leading freelance stockman, Richard Rettie, and his wife, Carol, who now have their own 25-cow herd at Methven, Perth, continued on their winning way to take the reserve overall and male

championships with the 21-month-old, Retties Lord Harvey T406, which was also a first prize winner at Westmorland.

Sired by Gretnahouse Blackpot T406, which sold for 10,000gns to John Gilmour's Belhaven herd at Stirling in February, 2016, and out of a McCornick Eventer-sired dam whose first son is a stock bull at Haymount, Lord Harvey is destined for the breed show and sale at Stirling in February.

The Rettie team also paraded the reserve female champion, a November, 2017-born heifer, Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220, by the privately-purchased Retties Euromillions R307, on behalf of owner, Donald Rankin, Kilmaluag, Isle of Skye. This heifer stood second to the overall champion in her class and followed through to take the reserve yearling heifer and reserve heifer

championships and going on to stand reserve for the top award.

In a successful day's showing, the Rettie's also took the heifer calf championship on their own account with Retties Evita U005, a daughter of Retties JFK M195.

The long journey from Suffolk also proved worthwhile for Shadwell Estate Co who carried off the calf championship and reserve bull championship with the 10-month-old bull calf, Shadwell Blue Diamond U035, an AI son of the 14,000gns Weeton Diamond Mone P944, shown by stockman, Robert Clarke and his daughter, Maddie. This youngster is the first calf from Shadwell Blue Belle R822, the 80-cow herd's unbeaten show heifer from last year.



# Results



## Senior yearling bull

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lord Harvey T406
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Martin McCornick's McCornick Evander T337
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon Gray's Ettrick Eagle T200

## Junior yearling bull

- 1<sup>st</sup> M and HD Currie's Kingholm Real Deal T195
- 2<sup>nd</sup> M and HD Currie's Kingholm Big Deal T198
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Shadwell Estate Co's Shadwell Evolution T003

## Senior bull calf

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shadwell Estate Co's Shadwell Blue Diamond U035
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Hodge's Rulesmains Kentucky
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's Temple Furdinand U755

## Intermediate bull calf

- 1<sup>st</sup> Henry Duncan's Longbank Jack Eric U873
- 2<sup>nd</sup> W and M Taylor's Crook Hill Duster U016
- 3<sup>rd</sup> David Walker's Galcantray Elite U133

## Junior bull calf

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brailes Livestock's Brailes Black Bonanza U013
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Juliet Swires' Cragg Lord Laurence U152
- 3<sup>rd</sup> RH Dick and Sons' Hardlawbank Mr Hollywood U921

## Senior yearling heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Martin McCornick's McCornick Kerry T329
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Ruth T207
- 3<sup>rd</sup> WD Allen's Stouphill Lady Rose T196

## Junior yearling heifer

- 1<sup>st</sup> Donald Graham's Carruthers Elspeth T116
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Pam T420

## Senior heifer calf

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Evita U005
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's Temple Erica U761
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Owen Tunney's Morpheus Rosie U040

## Intermediate heifer calf

- 1<sup>st</sup> Colin Rodger's Comlongon Joylady Erica U103
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Duncan's Longbank Ethel U896
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Juliet Swires' Cragg Minnea Belle U130

## Junior heifer calf

- 1<sup>st</sup> D and PA Evans' Tree Bridge Estella U713
- 2<sup>nd</sup> David Walker's Galcantray Lassie U159
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Owen Tunney's Morpheus Kristina U042

## Pair

- 1<sup>st</sup> Donald Rankin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Duncan

**Yearling bull champion:** Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lord Harvey T406

**Reserve yearling bull champion:** M and HD Currie's Kingholm Real Deal T195

**Bull calf champion:** Shadwell Estate's Shadwell Blue Diamond U035

**Reserve bull calf champion:** Henry Duncan's Longbank Jack Eric U873

**Champion bull:** Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lord Harvey T406

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**Calf champion:** Shadwell Estate Co's Shadwell Blue Diamond U035

**Reserve calf champion:** Henry Duncan's Longbank Jack Eric U873

**Overall champion:** Donald Graham's Carruthers Elspeth T116

**Reserve overall champion:** Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lord Harvey T406



Carruthers Elspeth T116.



Retties Lord Harvey T406.



Kilmaluag Lady Iris.



Retties Evita U005.



Temple Erica U761.



Shadwell Blue Diamond U035.



Longbank Jack Eric U873.



Kingholm Real Deal T195.



# Young stars shine at national Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show



**This year's showpiece attracted a total youngstock entry of just under 90 calves, including a small but select entry from Northern Ireland. Youth triumphed over maturity in the championship line-up as for the first time in many years, the Champion and Reserve in both the male and female section were both found from the winners of the spring-born classes.**

Show judge for the day was Mr. Noel Hooke of the Beech Hill Aberdeen-Angus Herd from Hillsborough, Co. Down, Northern Ireland. Speaking after the conclusion of the judging, Mr. Hooke commented that he 'was blown away with the incredibly high standard of cattle presented for judging throughout the day'. He also added that he had chosen to award prizes only to stock that were reflective of the commercial realities of the Aberdeen-Angus breed. Finally, he commented that both Champions were exceptional animals and 'were very worthy winners, especially in the face of such tough and high-quality opposition.'

The Supreme Male Championship was awarded to Anthony Scanlon, Carnaree, Ballymote, Co. Sligo with Owenmore Relter. This January 2018-born bull is sired by Bunlahy Kojak and is out of a home-bred cow by Owenmore Kit. Expertly presented and shown by Anthony's nephew, Bernard Kerins (who himself is a regular exhibitor on the show circuit), this one has taken many significant wins over the summer season, including a first prize win at the All-

Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships in Mohill last August.

The Reserve Male Championship went to Martin Garvey, Liscolvin, Hillstreet, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Roscommon with Liscolvin Rossie. Martin has been a regular winner at the National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show over the years and made a welcome return to the championship line-up on this occasion. This young bull calf is sired by the AI bull, Luddenmore Fionn G441 and is out of a Lawsons Ford Bagatelle Z094 daughter.

The Supreme Female Championship went to Matthew & Rita Goulding, Kilmore, Ballyduff, Co. Kerry with Goulding Belinda U906. This stylish young heifer was born in January 2018 and is out of Goulding Belinda M545 and is sired by the home-bred Goulding Man O Man, who is now standing in Irish AI and was himself a former first-prize-winner at the National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show. This

one also took a first prize win at the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships and is the latest in a long line of success stories for the well-known Goulding Aberdeen-Angus Herd.

Michael & Barry Smith, Market Street, Cootehill, Co. Cavan took the Reserve Female Championship with Lawsons Ford Lady Helly U411. This one was born in February 2018 and is sired by Friarstown Evolver N274 and goes back to Rawburn Rommel E423 on the dam's side. This young heifer has enjoyed a stellar season on the pedigree show circuit and had also taken first prize at the National Livestock Show in Tullamore.

Finally, in the young handlers section, former YDP Junior & Intermediate winner, Conor Craig from Coolarty, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford won the senior section whilst Avril Crowe, Mohill, Co. Leitrim, who is just coming off a successful trip to this year's YDP Finals in the UK, won the junior section.



**Supreme Female Champion, Goulding Belinda U906.**



# Class Results



**Supreme Male Champion,  
Owenmore Relter.**



**Reserve Male Champion,  
Liscolvin Rossie.**



**Reserve Female Champion,  
Lawsons Ford Lady Helly U411.**

## Junior Stockperson (open to boys and girls aged 14 years and under)

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Avril Crowe, Mohill, Co. Leitrim  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Zara Sheahan, Mohill, Co. Leitrim  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Fiona Mulligan, Dromod, Co. Leitrim

## Senior Stockperson (open to boys and girls aged 14 – 18 years)

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Conor Craig, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** John Smyth, Oldcastle, Co. Meath  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Stephen Crowe, Mohill, Co. Leitrim

## Bull born between 1st September and 31st October 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Thomas Mulligan's Clooncarne Pellet by Beryl Jamey  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** John & Kate Tait's Westellen Duke T826 by Bova Lord Bonanza N266  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** John Brady's Lisnafanna Rich Doug T038 by Drumcrow Joker

## Bull born between 1st November and 31st December 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Michael Reynolds' Bohey Paschal by Westellen Diego M734  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Martin Garvey's Liscolvin Porter by Steil Knockranny 248  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Joe Kelly's Glostermin Lord Harrison T021 by Friarstown Ideal Pete K202

## Bull born between 1st January and 15th February 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Anthony Scanlon's Ownemore Relter by Bunlahy Kojak  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Evaluator U410 by Friarstown Evolver N274

- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan's Millbawn Rocket by Ardrossan Admiral A2

## Bull born between 16th February and 31st March 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Martin Garvey's Liscolvin Rossie by Luddenmore Fionn G441  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Ronan by Drumgowna Norman  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding Role Model by Goulding Man O Man

## Bull born after 1st April 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding Real Leather by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Mark Beirne's The Grove Retriever by Rawburn Boss Hogg N630  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** John McEnroe's Liss Michael U801 by Liss Darl R561

## Heifer born between 1st September and 31st October 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup>** John Mullooly's Lavally Lady Jacqui T363 by Dillon Knight Eagle Challenger  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding P Tibbie 892 by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Bernard Kerins' Kerins Perkemi by Bunlahy Kojak

## Heifer born between 1st November and 31st December 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan's Millbawn Aurora T238 by Netherton Mr Brazillan E377

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Martin Garvey's Liscolvin Peach by Bohey Jasper

## Heifer born between 1st January and 15th February 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding Belinda U906 by Goulding Man O Man  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan's Millbawn Razzle Dazzle by Ardrossan Admiral A2  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Rose U773 by Netherton Figo C244

## Heifer born between 16th February and 31st March 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Lady Helly U411 by Friarstown Evolver N274  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding R Philippa 919 by Oakchurch Dirk N131  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Rita by Lisduff Dandy K895

## Heifer born after 1st April 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Ruby by Drumgowna Norman  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Thomas Mulligan's Clooncarne Rita by Rawburn Boss Hogg N630  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** John McEnroe's Liss Bilban U816 by Liss Marty P417

# Aberdeen-Angus calves impress at 14th annual Northern Irish Calf Show

A great show with some very flashy calves was how English judge Rob Bishop described the Northern Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Club's 14th annual calf show, hosted by Dungannon Farmers' Mart. Mr Bishop who runs the 45-cow Warrenho Herd in Berkshire said: "This is my first time judging in Northern Ireland, and I'd like to thank the club for his invitation and hospitality. The standard was high in all classes, but I am particularly impressed by the femininity of the females, and the number of bull calves showing great potential."

After a three-hour judging stint Rob Bishop tapped out Crew Destiny U601 ET as the winner of the coveted JB Lamb Memorial Cup for the supreme overall champion. This seven-month-old heifer was bred by Samantha Allen and Allen Shortt, from Strabane, and also won the heifer calf championship. Sired by Hallington Evo L333, she is bred from the 2012 All-Ireland senior heifer winner Crew Dakota L101 - one of seven cows in the herd.

"The overall winner oozes ring presence and is picture perfect," said the judge. "She led an 8-strong class, and is full of breed character, well fleshed for her age, and has good locomotion."

Claiming the reserve overall championship was the bull calf champion Richhill Major U002 bred by Robin Lamb, Richhill. This seven-month-old bull was sired by the 40-cow herd's stock bull Weeton King Lear R452. His dam, Richhill Missie N322 goes back to the 30,000gns Netherton Missie A114. Commenting on Major, Rob Bishop said: "This is another great calf with a lot of potential. He is long and clean, has a good second thigh, and walks well."

Alwyn and Carol Armour and Sons, Dromara, claimed the reserve heifer calf championship with the April 2018-born Woodvale Tidy Bee U322. Sired by Oak Moor Mr Paul S311, she is out of Woodvale Tidy Bee H782. The reserve male calf championship went to the January 2018-born Cloghogmxsill Eric U546. Bred by Robert and Joyce Smyth, he was bought privately by Adrian and Graeme Parke, Strabane. This one was

sired by Cloghogmill Prince Pete R255, and is out of Cloghogmill Emma R244.

Securing the yearling championship ribbons was the January 2017 in-calf heifer Dartrey Exquisite T585 exhibited by Hylda Mills and Brian Johnston, who run a herd of 27 breeding females at Scarva. She is a daughter of Dartrey Duleo R241 and is bred from Dartrey Exceed R237. This one was best of opposite sex to the breed champion at Castlewellan Show in July. Rob Bishop added: "This is another flashy female. She has a great Angus head, good locomotion, and is well-fleshed."

Standing reserve in the yearling championship line-up was the April 2017 bull Coolermoney Samson T725 from Adrian and Graeme Parke's

herd at Strabane. He was sired by Cloghogmill Eric R233 and is bred from The Moss Saville L073. This bull won numerous first prize rosettes on the show circuit, and was male champion at Balmoral, and supreme champion at Armagh. "This is a super young bull with great conformation," commented the judge. "He is long and deep, has a great second thigh and will grow into a good stock bull."

The Parke family also won the Mossbrook Perpetual Trophy for the best pair of calves. The winning duo were the January 2018 heifer Coolermoney Rose U773, and Cloghogmill Eric U546. Both secured first prizes in their respective classes and were well matched for size and conformation. The reserve award went



Champion: Crew Destiny U601.

to Freddie Davidson, Banbridge, who exhibited the January born bull Ember Daniel U402, and the March born bull Ember Prince U446.

The Northern Irish Aberdeen-Angus club chairman Alan Morrison thanked everyone who contributed to the

success of the event, saying: "Thanks to Rob Bishop for judging our 14th annual calf show. We are also indebted to the Wylie family for the use of the excellent facilities at Dungannon Farmers' Mart. Thanks also to our sponsors for their generous financial support." Sponsors of the event include: Irish Aberdeen-

Angus Association, ABP Newry, John McElderry Ltd, Dovea Genetics, Fane Valley, RJ Mulligan Agri, Irwins Feed and FS Heron.



Richhill Major U002.



Dartrey Exquisite T585.



Bailey Smyth, Strabane, winner of the junior handling class.

## Results from the judging ring:

### Young handlers

#### Junior handler, aged 8 to 13 years old:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bailey Smyth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Molly Troughton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joe Mallon
- 4<sup>th</sup> Pippa Troughton

### Yearling classes

#### Senior yearling heifer, born January to August 2017:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hylda Mills and Brian Johnston, Dartrey Exquisite T585 by Dartrey Duleo R241
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Lamb, Richhill Elba T626 by Richhill Monarch P473
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Cromie, Aughnahugh Eva Polly T267 by Netherton Brazilian E377

#### Junior yearling heifer, born September to December 2017:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Freddie Davidson, Ember Bonnie Bell T343 by Cheeklaw Edgar R515
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fiona Troughton, Tullybryan Lady Jalapeno T002 by Tullybryan Black Brandy R755
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fiona Troughton, Tullybryan Lady Juniper T024 by Tullybryan Black Brandy R755

#### Senior yearling bull, born January to August 2017:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adrian Parke, Coolermoney Samson T725 by Cloghogmill Eric R233
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hylda Mills and Brian Johnston, Dartrey Viscount Cid T655 by Prospect Lord Jake M412

### Calf classes

#### Senior heifer calf, born January or February 2018:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adrian Parke, Coolermoney Rose U773 by Netherton Figo C244
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Moore, Crieve Dolly U652 by Deveron Latimer G188

#### Intermediate heifer calf, born March or April 2018:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Allen and Allen Shortt, Crew Destiny U601 ET by Hallington Evo L333
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alwyn and Carol Armour and Sons, Woodvale Tidy Bee U322 by Oak Moor Mr Paul S311
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Frank Moore, Crieve Bronaghs Bonnie U685 by Carlhurlie Forthex S129

#### Junior heifer calf, born May or June 2018:

- 1<sup>st</sup> James Mallon, Knockoneill Eston Annie U735 by Bunlahy John G

#### Senior bull calf, born January or February 2018:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adrian Parke, Cloghogmill Eric U546 by Cloghogmill Prince Pete R255
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Freddie Davidson, Ember Daniel U402 by Cheeklaw Edgar R515

#### Intermediate bull calf, born March or April 2018:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Lamb, Richhill Major U002 by Weeton King Lear R452
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Moore, Crieve Pedro Eshton U663 by Carlhurlie Forthex S129
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Freddie Davidson, Ember Prince U446 by Cheeklaw Edgar R515

#### Junior bull calf, born May or June 2018:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fintan Keown, Home Farm Lord Highlight U264 by Netherton Americano M703
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fiona Troughton, Tullybryan Picasso U094 by Liss Brendan P465

#### Pair, property of exhibitor, born in 2018:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adrian Parke, Coolermoney Rose U773 and Cloghogmill Eric U546
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Freddie Davidson, Ember Daniel U402 and Ember Prince U446
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alwyn and Carol Armour and Sons, Woodvale Edwina U274 and Woodvale Proud Paul U285



# Evenly spread honours at the 20th Black Beauty Bonanza

**Honours were evenly distributed at the 20th Black Beauty Bonanza which attracted an outstanding entry of more than 100 Aberdeen-Angus calves and yearlings from 30 herds from Clachmannan to Ross-shire.**

Organised by the North East Aberdeen-Angus Club, with Glenrinnies Estate, Dufftown, as main sponsor, the show was widely viewed by the large ringside audience as the best in the 20 years of the event and drew warm praise from the judge, Rob Bishop, owner of the noted Warrenho herd in Berkshire.

"It's a fantastic well-organised show and the top bulls, displaying style and breed character along with conformation and good tops, will go on and do well at the bull sales," said Mr Bishop. "The heifers, although sometimes not the biggest, were very correct and a credit to the breed."

Leading the entry of 53 bull calves born in 2018 was a promising January-born calf, Blelack Dakota U898, by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052, from regular winners at the event, NF Massie and Sons, Blelack, Dinnet, Aboyne, closely followed in reserve place by the March-born, Cardona Jeweliot Eric U047, by the North American sire, SAV Solid Gold 9187, from Scotbeef managing director, Robbie Galloway's Cardona herd at Doune.

Yearling bulls were topped by the 20-month-old, Logie Dynamite T740, a well-grown son of Logie Electric P438, from AJR Farms, Mains of Collieston, Ellon, who acquired the Logie herd from

the Bruce family last year, retaining Andrew and James Reid as cattlemen.

Runner-up was the second prize winner in the same class, the 20-month-old, Tonley Elijah T367, by Tonley Essien N955, from Sellars Agriculture managing director, Neil Wattie and son, Mark, from Mains of Tonley, Alford.

Champion heifer calf was the January-born, Tulloes Pride U003, by the privately purchased Blelack Jock Eric R434, following her native breeds junior championship success at Stars of the Future, from first-time exhibitor, David Raeburn, Burnside of Tulloes, Letham, Forfar.

Reserve, and again the second prize winner in the class, was the January-born, Retties Evita U005, by Retties JFK M195, shown by Richard and Carol Rettie, Devonside, Clackmannanshire, from their herd at Methven, Perth.

The Rettie's had a successful day, bringing out the yearling heifer and reserve champions from their livery, on behalf of Donald Rankin, Kilmaluag, Duntulm, Isle of Skye, who took top honours with the 18-month-old, Kilmaluag Lady Ruth T207, another by Retties JFK M195, with reserve spot going to the furthest travelled exhibitor, Richard Hassel, of Brailes Livestock in Oxford - though all

his cattle are kept in Scotland - with the 18-month-old, Cheeklaw Black Beath T597, by Balmachie Lord Jack R198, bought at the Cheeklaw dispersal.

The coveted McCombie Trophy for the best pair of calves went to Robbie Galloway with his reserve bull calf, along with a second prize April-born bull calf, Cardona Prize Fighter U053. Blelack were reserve with their champion, which was paired with the first prize April-born bull calf, Blelack Dual Mine U913, by Weeton Diamond Mine P944.

Winner of the Shand Trophy for the best pair of yearlings was Hamish Sclater, Denhead, Dunlugas, Turriff, with two yearling bulls, Deveron Exstatic T593, by Gretnahouse Blacksmith L500, and the fourth prize, Deveron Joules Eric T581, by Deveron Master Banbury L376.

Standing reserve were two by Retties Euromillions R307 from Mr Rankin, the third prize heifer, Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220, and the unplaced bull, Kilmaluag Jack Eric T216.

The new award for herds of 20 cows or fewer founded within the last five years went to Moray farmer and vet, Hugh Thomson and his wife, Cara, whose class placings included a red ticket with the April-born heifer calf, Tynet Diana U041, by Gretnahouse Blacksmith L500.



Blelack Dakota U898.



Logie Dynamite T740.



Tulloes Pride U003.

# Championship Results

**Heifer calf** – David Raeburn, Burnside of Tulloes, Letham, Angus, with 10-month-old, Tulloes Pride U003, by Bleack Black Jock R534; **reserve** – Richard and Carol Rettie, Devonside, Clackmannanshire, with 10-month-old, Retties Evita U005, by Retties JFK M195

**Yearling heifer** – Donald Rankin, Kilmaluag House, Duntulm, Isle of Skye, with 18-month-old, Kilmaluag Lady Ruth T207, by Retties JFK M195; **reserve** – Brailes Livestock, Upper Brailes, Banbury, Oxford, with 18 month old, Cheeklaw Black Beth T597, by Balmachie Lord Jock R198

**Bull calf** – NF Massie and Sons, Bleack, Dinnet, Aboyne, with 10-month-old, Bleack Dakota U898, by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052; **reserve** – Robbie Galloway, Cardona, Doune, Perthshire, with the eight-month-old, Cardona Jeweliot Eric U047, by SAV Solid Gold 9187

**Yearling bull** – AJR Farms, Milton of Collieston, Ellon, with 21-month-old, Logie Dynamite T740, by Logie Electric P438; **reserve** – Neil Wattie, Mains of Tonley, Alford, with 20-month-old, Tonley Elijah T367, by Tonley Essien N955

**Pair home-bred calves** – Robbie Galloway with 20-month-old, Cardona Jeweliot Eric U047, and 19 month old, Cardona Prize Fighter U053; **reserve** – NF Massie and Sons with 22-month-old, Bleack Dakota U898, and 19-month-old, Bleack Dual Mine U913

**Pair home-bred yearlings** – Hamish Sclater, Denhead of Dunlugas, Turriff, with 19 month old, Deveron Joules Eric T581, and 19-month-old, Deveron Exstatic T593; **reserve** – Donald Rankin with 12 month old, Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220, and 12-month-old, Kilmaluag Jack Eric T216

**New herd award** – Hugh Thomson, Burnside Cottage, Tynet, Buckie

**Special prize for endeavor** – Katie Meston, Ballater

## Junior Showmanship

### Junior

- 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Reid, Mains of Collieston, Ellon;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Forbes, Lochdhu, Nairn;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fraser Neve

### Intermediate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Faye Wilkie, Echt;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Lockhead-Anderson, Glassel, Banchory;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nicola Howie, Cairnton, Lumphanan

## Class Awards

### Heifer calf (born 2018)

#### 7th Jan – 10th March

- 1<sup>st</sup> David Raeburn's Tulloes Pride U003;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Evita U005;  
3<sup>rd</sup> FJ Fraser and Son's Idvies Privola U820

#### 15th March – 2nd April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hugh Thomson's Tynet Diana U041;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Murray's Wolflaw Jill U728;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ewen and Gill MacGregor's Raddery Elderflower U220

#### 7th April – 9th May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hamish Sclater's Deveron Jill Erica U615;  
2<sup>nd</sup> David Walker's Galcantray Lassie U159;  
3<sup>rd</sup> NF Massie and Sons' Bleack Evora U920

### Yearling heifer (born 2017)

#### 3rd Jan – 22nd Nov

- 1<sup>st</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Ruth T207;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brailes Livestock's Cheeklaw Black Beth T597;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220

### Bull calf (born 2018)

#### 12th Jan – 28th Feb

- 1<sup>st</sup> NF Massie and Sons' Bleack Dakota U898;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Wattie's Tonley Everest U481;  
3<sup>rd</sup> AJR Farms' Kincardine Castle Expectation U215

#### 2nd March – 13th March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robbie Galloway's Cardona Jeweliot Eric U047;  
2<sup>nd</sup> C and E McCombie's Auchincrieve Jura Eric U267;  
3<sup>rd</sup> FJ Fraser and Son's Idvies Euro U821

#### 15th March – 31st March

- 1<sup>st</sup> FJ Fraser and Son's Idvies Proud Parish U823;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ewenn and Gill MacGregor's Raddery Elan U219;  
3<sup>rd</sup> David Walker's Galcantray Jewjet Eric U138

#### 1st April – 10th April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hamish Sclater's Deveron Fantastic U608;  
2<sup>nd</sup> FJ Fraser and Son's Idvies Euroman U831;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Murray's Wolflaw Proud Imran U735

#### 11th April – 24th April

- 1<sup>st</sup> NF Massie and Sons' Bleack Dual Mine U913;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robbie Galloway's Cardona Prize Fighter U053;  
3<sup>rd</sup> David Walker's Galcantray Duke U155

### Yearling bull (born 2017)

#### 24th Feb – 12th April

- 1<sup>st</sup> AJR Farms' Logie Dynamite T740;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Wattie's Tonley Elijah T367; 3 Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lord Harvey T406

#### 27th April – 17th Nov

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hamish Sclater's Deveron Exstatic T593;  
2<sup>nd</sup> AJR Farms' Logie Defiance T774;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wendy Willox's Strathinver Jacobite T048

# Stars of the Future Calf Show

Every year, the Stars of the Future Calf Show comes to United Auctions in Stirling with anticipation and excitement for what is always a great event, and 2018's show was no different with crowds and entrants turning out in their numbers. The judge for the 2018 event in mid-November was Bert Taylor, who was spoilt for choice with a wonderful standard on display.

The senior championship went to Richard and Carol Rettie with Retties Pam T420. This one is out of Retties Pam R321 and sired by Deveron Leggat P469, a worthy winner on the day for the Perth-based Rettie's who also took the senior female championship.

The reserve champion was the August 2017-born senior male champion Kingholm Real Deal T195 of M and H Currie, out of Weeton Rosebud M349 by Rawburn Boss Hogg N630.

All other results from the event were as follows:

**Senior female reserve:** Carruthers Elspeth - C Graham

**Senior males reserve:** HW Dramatist T560 - HW Angus

**Junior female champion:** Tulloes Pride - D Raeburn

**Junior female reserve:** Galcantray Lassie U159 - D Walker

**Junior male champion:** Galcantray Duke U155 - D Walker

**Junior male reserve:** Drumdown Rasper U335 - W and E Brown

**Junior champion:** Tulloes Pride - D Raeburn

**Reserve junior:** Galcantray Duke U155 - D Walker

**Native interbreed champion:** Retties Pam T420 - R and C Rettie

**Native junior champion:** Tulloes Pride - D Raeburn

## Class 18 - Bulls born 24th July to 17th November 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kingholm Real Deal T195 - M and H Currie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HW Dramatist T560 - HW Angus
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingholm Big Deal T198 - M and H Currie
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kilmaluag Jack Eric T216 - D Rankin

## Class 19 - Heifers born 2nd August to 22nd November 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Retties Pam T420 - R and C Rettie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carruthers Elspeth - C Graham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220 - Donald Rankin
- 4<sup>th</sup> Retties Ruisseau T416 - R and C Rettie

## Class 20 - Bulls born 13th Jan to 19th Jan 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Retties Eviction U003 - R and C Rettie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Swordale Gizmo - Messers Watt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Retties Premier League U001 - R and C Rettie

## Class 21 - Bulls born 1st March to 31st March 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Drumdown Rasper U335 - W and E Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Schivas Methlick Boy U725 - Brailes Livestock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wolflaw Proud Ian U781 - D and P Murray
- 4<sup>th</sup> Galcantray Jewjet Eric U133 - D Walker

## Class 22 - Bulls born Apr 1 to Apr 18, 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Galcantray Duke U155 - D Walker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Deveron Fantastic U608 - H Sclater
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wolflaw Proud Imran U735 - D and P Murray
- 4<sup>th</sup> Retties Lord of the rings U015 - R and C Rettie

## Class 23 - Heifers born 7th Jan to 10th March 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tulloes Pride - D Raeburn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tulloes Perfection - D Raeburn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Retties Perfection - R and C Rettie
- 4<sup>th</sup> Auchengray Evavera U949 - W and R Dunlop



Senior Champion Retties Pam.



Reserve Senior Champion Kingholm Real Deal.



# Double success for Aberdeen-Angus at Premier Meat Exhibition



M&S Head of Agriculture, Steve Maclean (left) presented awards for the winners of the Aberdeen-Angus finishing competition to (l-r) Robert Barbour (first), Kirsty Rhind (second) and Thyna Oosterhof (third).

**It was a black whitewash at the Scottish National Fatstock Club's Premier Meat Exhibition at Scotbeef, Bridge of Allan, where Aberdeen-Angus swept the boards to take both championship and reserve in the UK's premier beef carcass show, which attracted an entry of more than 300 from farms throughout Scotland and the North of England.**

The annual exhibition, organised in conjunction with leading meat processors, Scotbeef, major suppliers of beef and lamb to Marks and Spencer (M&S), attracted an entry of more than 300 from farms across Scotland and the North of England.

Winner of the coveted Scotbeef Silver Steer trophy for the champion and £1,000 cash prize was an Orkney-bred Aberdeen-Angus heifer from leading Aberdeenshire producers, Alan and Gavin Ross, of Ross Brothers, who run a large-scale beef and lamb finishing enterprise from Wardhead, Strichen.

Bred by James Ritch and daughter, Alison, at Keirfold Farm, Sandwick, in Orkney West Mainland, the heifer was

earlier placed third in the live cattle judging at Caledonian Mart, Stirling. Sired by Auchincrieve Excalibur N671, bought at a Thainstone bull sale for 5,000gns, and out of an Aberdeen-Angus cross cow, the champion killed out at 60.6% to produce a 394.1kg carcass which classified U+4L.

To crown a successful day, Ross Brothers were also named winners of the award for the producer supplying the highest percentage of cattle to meet the M&S carcass spec over the last year, achieving a percentage of 98%.

"This is almost as important as winning the championship," said Gavin Ross, who runs the Ross Brothers business with his father, Alan. "It means we are producing the right cattle for the market place, which is becoming ever more important.

"We as producers are rewarded with a premium price for delivering in spec cattle but it means a price deduction if you are out of spec which we can't afford in these difficult times for the beef industry."

Mr Ross said he was "over the moon" to win the championship at only his second attempt.

"It's a great honour to win in competition with all the best cattle from top producers across Scotland and the North of England and it's something we might never achieve again," he said.

The Ross family are buyers of store cattle and lambs at virtually every market in Scotland for their large-scale beef and lamb finishing business. Cattle are finished on a diet of home-grown silage and bruised barley along with Harbro's protein supplement, Beefstock. Mr Ross paid tribute to Harbro sales director, David Mackenzie, who advises on rations for their beef and sheep finishing enterprises.

And it was an Aberdeen-Angus steer, placed second in the live judging, which took the reserve carcass championship for Andrew Purdon and Partners, Stravenhouse, Law, Carluke, who also won the Carrick Primestock Shield for the most points in the live and dead judging.

The award for the best pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus went to M and HD Currie, Skewbridge, Mouswald, Dumfries.

The award in Scotbeef's Aberdeen-Angus beef finishing competition went to RG Barbour and Son, Crailing Hall, Jedburgh, with James Rhind, Woodside, Kinloss, Forres, taking reserve and Sjirk and Thyna Oosterhof, Savoch, Lonmay, in third place. This was judged based on the management of the beef enterprise on the farm judged by Neil Rendall, Holland, Papa Westray, Orkney, the suitability of finished cattle for M&S and assessment of the beef by a tasting panel.

# Ringside - Scotland



## ALYTH

<b>Champion</b>	Alan Rennie's four-year-old bull, Mosston Muir Excalibur P342
<b>Reserve</b>	J M Steel's two-year-old heifer, Westdrums Proud Isla S181
<b>Judge</b>	F Thompson

## ANGUS

<b>Champion</b>	Alan Rennie's four-year-old bull, Mosston Muir Excalibur P342
<b>Reserve</b>	J M Steel's two-year-old heifer, Westdrums Proud Isla S181
<b>Judge</b>	Andrew Adam

## AYR

<b>Champion</b>	A Clark and Sons' four year old cow, Duncanziemere Miss Belinda P092
<b>Reserve</b>	J M Steel's two year old heifer, Westdrums Proud Isla S181
<b>Judge</b>	David Johnstone,

## BANCHORY

<b>Champion</b>	Ken and Margaret Howie's yearling bull, Cairnton Blackbeard T420
<b>Reserve</b>	Ken and Margaret Howie's yearling heifer, Cairnton Elizabeth T426
<b>Judge</b>	Angela McGregor

## BERWICKSHIRE

<b>Champion</b>	Andrew Hodge's seven-year-old cow, Rulesmains Karen L239
<b>Reserve</b>	Andrew Hodge's yearling bull, Rulesmains Egbert T872
<b>Judge</b>	Graeme Fraser

## BLACK ISLE

<b>Champion</b>	David Walker's three year old cow, Galcantray Pam R880
<b>Reserve</b>	Alan Rennie's four-year-old bull, Mosston Muir Excalibur P342
<b>Judge</b>	Neil Wattie

## DOUNE AND DUNBLANE

<b>Champion</b>	W and H Brown's six-year-old cow, Drumdow Pure Pridella M925
<b>Reserve</b>	Richard and Carol Rettie's yearling heifer, Retties Lady Rose T394
<b>Judge</b>	J Redpath

## BORDER UNION

<b>Champion</b>	Andrew Hodge's seven-year-old cow, Rulesmains Karen L239
<b>Reserve</b>	W D Allen's two year old heifer, Stouphill Patsy S152
<b>Judge</b>	Richard Rettie

## BRACO

<b>Champion</b>	Richard and Carol Rettie's two-year-old heifer, Retties Lady Ruth S351
<b>Reserve</b>	Richard and Carol Rettie's two-year-old heifer, Retties Lady Ruth S359
<b>Judge</b>	I Millar

## CAITHNESS

<b>Champion</b>	Robert Coghill's yearling bull, Dunn Proud Julius T001
<b>Reserve</b>	Robert Coghill's yearling bull, Dunn Proud Eugene T002
<b>Judge</b>	Ann Macpherson

## DALRY

<b>Champion</b>	A and L Wilson's two-year-old bull, Carlhurlie Epee S143
<b>Reserve</b>	S McNair and Son's four-year-old cow, Moy Sinead
<b>Judge</b>	J Scott

## COYLTON

<b>Champion</b>	W and H Brown's six-year-old cow, Drumdow Pure Pridella M925
<b>Judge</b>	D Henderson

**DRYMEN**

<b>Champion</b>	Robbie McNeill and Jamie Rettie's 11-month-old heifer, Doune Castle Lola T012
<b>Judge</b>	Mrs Marjory Davidson

**DUMFRIES**

<b>Champion</b>	D Graham and Son's yearling bull, Carruthers Eden Park T982
<b>Reserve</b>	C Rodger's seven-year-old cow, Dalcrest Joylady Erica L221
<b>Judge</b>	Donald Biggar

**ECHT**

<b>Champion</b>	Harry Emslie's six-year-old cow, Tonley Elma M850
<b>Reserve</b>	Ken and Margaret Howie's yearling bull, Cairnton Blackbeard T420
<b>Judge</b>	Henry Durward

**FETTERCAIRN**

<b>Champion</b>	Courtney Steel's two-year-old heifer, Bleack Eyrie S774
<b>Reserve</b>	Graeme and Fiona Willox's two-year-old heifer, Cheeklaw Elma S544
<b>Judge</b>	M Auld

**FIFE**

<b>Champion</b>	Alan Rennie's four-year-old bull, Mosston Muir Excalibur P342
<b>Reserve</b>	Richard and Carol Rettie's two-year-old heifer, Retties Lady Ruth S351
<b>Judge</b>	Robert Aitken

**GARGUNNOCK**

<b>Champion</b>	Ballindalloch Home Farm's two-year-old heifer, Ballindalloch Ebony S499
<b>Reserve</b>	Donald Rankin's two-year-old heifer, Kilmaluag Lady Isabelle S191
<b>Judge</b>	Bert Taylor

**KEITH**

<b>Champion</b>	Ballindalloch Home Farm's two-year-old heifer, Ballindalloch Ebony S499
<b>Reserve</b>	Neil Wattie's five-year-old bull, Tonley Pato N938
<b>Judge</b>	Stephanie Dick

**KINROSS**

<b>Champion</b>	Richard and Carol Rettie's two-year-old heifer, Retties Lady Ruth S351
<b>Reserve</b>	Stephanie Dick's 22 month old heifer, Crew Lady Jasmine S247
<b>Judge</b>	A McNee

**KIRRIEMUIR**

<b>Champion</b>	Alan Rennie's four-year-old bull, Mosston Muir Excalibur P342
<b>Reserve</b>	Alan Rennie's eight-year-old cow, Mosston Muir Tidy Bee K264
<b>Judge</b>	Neil Caul

**LOCHABER**

<b>Champion</b>	E Campbell's two-year-old heifer, Kilmallie Kyllie S037
<b>Judge</b>	H MacPhail

**LORN**

<b>Champion</b>	E Campbell's yearling bull, Kilmallie Boss Man T005
<b>Reserve</b>	E Campbell's two-year-old heifer, Kilmallie Kylie S037
<b>Judge</b>	P Boyd

**NAIRN**

<b>Champion</b>	David Walker's three-year-old cow, Galcantray Pam R880
<b>Reserve</b>	A and K Rhind and Son's two-year-old bull, Newton-Struthers Evo S252
<b>Judge</b>	Ian Davidson

**NEILSTON**

<b>Champion</b>	A and L Wilson's three-year-old bull, Carlhurlie Drumbeat R055
<b>Judge</b>	I Millar

**NEW DEER**

<b>Champion</b>	Neil Wattie's eight-year-old cow, Tonley Emiline K741
<b>Reserve</b>	Ken and Margaret Howie's yearling bull, Cairnton Blackbeard T420
<b>Judge</b>	David Johnstone



# Ringside - Scotland



## ORKNEY COUNTY

<b>Champion</b>	Phyllis Hepburn's four-year-old cow, Newlot Emeraldal W114
<b>Reserve</b>	J S Baillie and Co's heifer, Sebay Electra
<b>Judge</b>	Michael Tait

## ORKNEY WEST MAINLAND

<b>Champion</b>	B and S Slater's yearling heifer by Duncanziemere Magic Boy M021
<b>Reserve</b>	Colin Davidson's bull
<b>Judge</b>	Finlay Munro

## PEEBLES

<b>Champion</b>	Ian Watson and Jim Ford's yearling heifer, Kersquarter Jo Erica
<b>Reserve</b>	B McSporran's yearling bull, Eilean Extra T115
<b>Judge</b>	G Clark

## PERTH

<b>Champion</b>	Richard and Carol Rettie's five-year-old bull, Water End Payton N108
<b>Reserve</b>	Stephanie Dick's 22-month-old heifer, Crew Lady Jasmine S247
<b>Judge</b>	Neil Wattie

## STEWARTON

<b>Champion</b>	A and L Wilson's two-year-old bull, Carlhurlie Epee S143
<b>Reserve</b>	S McNair and Son's four-year-old cow, Moy Sinead
<b>Judge</b>	I Macdonald

## STIRLING

<b>Champion</b>	Stephanie Dick's 22-month-old heifer, Crew Lady Jasmine S247
<b>Reserve</b>	Robbie McNeill and Jamie Rettie's 11-month-old heifer, Doune Castle Lola T012
<b>Judge</b>	Ian Campbell

## STRANRAER

<b>Champion</b>	W and H Brown's six-year-old cow, Drumdow Pure Pridella M925
<b>Judge</b>	Wanda Hobbs

## SUTHERLAND

<b>Champion</b>	E L M Laing's seven-year-old cow, Wester Fearn Princess Royal L448
<b>Reserve</b>	T J and G Maclean's yearling bull, Raddery Esprit T205
<b>Judge</b>	D Leslie

## TARLAND

<b>Champion</b>	Graeme and Fiona Willox's two-year-old heifer, Cardenwell Blossom
<b>Reserve</b>	Graeme Willox's yearling heifer, Cardenwell Bluebell
<b>Judge</b>	J Smith

## TURRIFF

<b>Champion</b>	AJR Farms' eight-year-old cow, Kincardine Castle Flying Starlet
<b>Reserve</b>	A and K Rhind and Son's two year old bull, Newton-Struthers Evo S252
<b>Judge</b>	Russell Taylor

## WEST FIFE

<b>Champion</b>	Donald Rankin's yearling bull, Kilmaluag Eriskay T203
<b>Reserve</b>	J M Steel's two-year-old heifer, Westdrums Proud Isla S181
<b>Judge</b>	Andrew Hodge

## WIGTOWN

<b>Champion</b>	M R McCornick's yearling bull, McCornick Evander T337
<b>Judge</b>	Ann Findlay

# Ringside - England & Wales



## ALRESFORD

<b>Champion</b>	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Empire T655
<b>Reserve</b>	A E and C R Bishop's heifer Warrenho Emerald



Bucks County Champion - Warrenho Empire T655.

## BUCKS COUNTY

<b>Champion</b>	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Empire T655
<b>Reserve</b>	Glympton Farms' Glympton Pride Jean
<b>Judge</b>	Adrian Johnson,

## DEVON

<b>Champion</b>	Melview Farming's three-year-old bull, Oakchurch Desmond R201
<b>Reserve</b>	C J and J L M Hutchings and Sons' three-year-old bull, Balgay Elfhelm R368
<b>Judge</b>	Albert De Cogan

## DORSET COUNTY

<b>Champion</b>	A Edmunds' Cosmore Queenie
<b>Judge</b>	D Barker

## EDENBRIDGE

<b>Champion</b>	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warreno Empire T635
<b>Reserve</b>	A E and C R Bishop's heifer, Warreno Erica

## GILLINGHAM AND SHAFTESBURY

<b>Champion</b>	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Empire T655
<b>Reserve</b>	Angus Neish's two-year-old heifer, Rodmead Pribaby T815
<b>Judge</b>	T R J Kenner

## LINCOLNSHIRE

<b>Champion</b>	Robbie Moore's two-year-old bull, Fenland Endurance S005
<b>Reserve</b>	D and P A Evans' two-year-old heifer, Tree Bridge Polly Perkins S626
<b>Judge</b>	John Coultrip

## MONMOUTHSHIRE

<b>Champion</b>	T G and E M Hart and Son's Elmview Rosie Lee
<b>Reserve</b>	S Symonds' Newgrove Eriexmore
<b>Judge</b>	Colin Hutchings

## NORTHUMBERLAND

<b>Champion</b>	Gordon Brooke Estate's two-year-old bull, Cragg Lord Leviathan S132
<b>Reserve</b>	Gordon Brook Estate's yearling bull, Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse T169
<b>Judge</b>	Michael Story

## NORTH YORKSHIRE

<b>Champion</b>	T A and P Johnson's two-year-old heifer, Yearsley Royal Lady S239
<b>Reserve</b>	Juliet Swires' yearling heifer, Craggy Lady Lauren T140

# Ringside - England & Wales



## ROMSEY

<b>Champion</b>	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Empire T655
<b>Reserve</b>	A E and C R Bishop's heifer, Warrenho Emerald

## ROYAL BATH AND WEST

<b>Champion</b>	Angus Neish's yearling heifer, Rodmead Pribaby T815
<b>Reserve</b>	Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's yearling bull, Temple Jupiter Eric T681
<b>Judge</b>	J Prince

## ROYAL BERKSHIRE

<b>Champion</b>	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Empire T655
<b>Reserve</b>	A U and C R Bishop's seven-year-old cow, Warrenho Elmolo L397
<b>Judge</b>	Andrew Hodge

## ROYAL CHESHIRE

<b>Champion</b>	Owen Tunney's Morpheus Rosebud
<b>Reserve</b>	Owen Tunney's Glympton Duchess Eileen
<b>Judge</b>	R Clarke

## ROYAL CORNWALL

<b>Champion</b>	C J and J L M Hutchings and Sons' three-year-old bull, Balgay Elfhelm R368
<b>Reserve</b>	D Luxton and Partners three-year-old bull, Ballathie Emblem R301
<b>Judge</b>	John Henning

## ROYAL NORFOLK

<b>Champion</b>	Shadwell Estate Co's five-year-old bull, Shadwell Ebenezer N672
<b>Reserve</b>	Robbie Moore's two year old bull, Fenland Endurance S005
<b>Judge</b>	Alex McLaren

## ROYAL THREE COUNTIES

<b>Champion</b>	Angus Neish's yearling heifer, Rodmead Pribaby T815
<b>Reserve</b>	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Empire T655
<b>Judge</b>	T W Ives

## RYEDALE

<b>Champion</b>	T A and P Johnson's Yearsley Royal Lady S239
<b>Reserve</b>	Gary Rock's Jackrock Polly Perkins
<b>Judge</b>	V McLaren

## SOUTH OF ENGLAND

<b>Champion</b>	Shadwell Estate Co's yearling heifer, Shadwell Pam T941
<b>Reserve</b>	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Empire T655
<b>Judge</b>	Alex McLaren



Royal Norfolk Champion - Shadwell Ebenezer N672.





Westmorland Champion - Kilmaluag Eriskay T203.

STOKESLEY	
<b>Champion</b>	D and P A Evans' two-year-old heifer, Tree Bridge Polly Perkins S626
<b>Reserve</b>	Juliet Swires' yearling heifer, Cragg Lady Lauren T140
<b>Judge</b>	Jessica Musk

WESTMORLAND	
<b>Champion</b>	Donald Rankin's yearling heifer, Kilmaluag Eriskay T203
<b>Reserve</b>	C A H Roger's seven-year-old cow, Dalcrest Joylady Erica L221
<b>Judge</b>	Andrew Hodge

SUFFOLK	
<b>Champion</b>	Shadwell Estate Co's yearling heifer, Shadwell Red Fleur T938
<b>Reserve</b>	Shadwell Estate Co's seven-year-old cow, Shadwell Jayne Erica L506
<b>Judge</b>	Owen Tunney

SURREY	
<b>Champion</b>	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Empire T655
<b>Reserve</b>	A E and C R Bishop's heifer, Warrenho Erica

# Ringside - Northern Ireland



ANTRIM	
<b>Champion</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Frances T703
<b>Reserve</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Samson T725
<b>Judge</b>	Michael Lagan

ARMAGH	
<b>Champion</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Samson T725
<b>Reserve</b>	Richard & Fiona McKeown's Ashvale Victoria T204
<b>Judge</b>	Michael Smith

BALLYMENA	
<b>Champion</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Frances T703
<b>Reserve</b>	Michael Lagan's Macknagh Mills Dolly S731
<b>Judge</b>	William McMordie

BALLYMONEY	
<b>Champion</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Frances T703
<b>Reserve</b>	Michael Lagan's Macknagh Mills Dolly S731
<b>Judge</b>	Alan Morrison

CASTLEWELLAN	
<b>Champion</b>	James Porter's Old Glenort Ethan S246
<b>Reserve</b>	Brian Johnston and Hylda Mills' Dartrey Viscount Cid T655

CLOGHER VALLEY	
<b>Champion</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Frances T703
<b>Reserve</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Samson T725
<b>Judge</b>	David Johnstone

FERMANAGH	
<b>Champion</b>	Moses Irwin's Denamona Ida T264
<b>Reserve</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Frances T703
<b>Judge</b>	James Porter

LONDONDERRY/LIMAVADY	
<b>Champion</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Frances T703
<b>Reserve</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Eventer T747
<b>Judge</b>	Hamish Dunlop

LURGAN	
<b>Champion</b>	W & V Vogan's Bann Ruby T291
<b>Reserve</b>	Emily Peters' Corriewood Lucy Lady S275



**Omagh Champion Denamona Black Ida T264.**

OMAGH	
<b>Champion</b>	Moses Irwin's Denamona Black Ida T264
<b>Reserve</b>	Adrian Parke & Family's Coolermoney Frances T703

SAINTFIELD	
<b>Champion</b>	The Matchett Family's Cheeklaw Black Beauty N458
<b>Reserve</b>	Emily Peters' Corriewood Lucy Lady S275

# Ringside - Ireland



ARVA	
<b>Champion</b>	T. Mulligan's Clooncarne Jena
<b>Reserve</b>	Amanda Bogan & Conor Craig's Millbawn Aurora
<b>Judge</b>	Michael Fox

BALLINA	
<b>Champion</b>	S Brennan's Owenmore Maisie
<b>Reserve</b>	S Brennan's Doonowney Rosa Erica
<b>Judge</b>	S McGarry

BALLINAMORE	
<b>Champion</b>	T & P Beirne's Drumbeera Miss Cheeky
<b>Reserve</b>	C & C Duignan's Laheens Pierce
<b>Judge</b>	Mervyn Richmond

BANDON	
<b>Champion</b>	J O'Brien's Clooncolligan Minnie & Interbreed Champion
<b>Reserve</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
<b>Judge</b>	Ben Ryall

BANTRY	
<b>Champion</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 & also Interbreed Champion
<b>Reserve</b>	Albert De Cogan's Knockadrinan Blackbird P599
<b>Judge</b>	Shane Healy

BARRYROE	
<b>Champion</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
<b>Reserve</b>	Albert De Cogan's Knockadrinan Blackbird P599
<b>Judge</b>	Pat Sheedy

BELGOOLY	
<b>Champion</b>	E & D Burke's Clontead Lady Jane R177
<b>Reserve</b>	E & D Burke's Clontead Lady Hotshot T243
<b>Judge</b>	Shannon & Aidan Kinahan

BONNICONLON	
<b>Champion</b>	G Kilgallon's Mayo Karen
<b>Reserve</b>	Niamh Brennan's Owenmore Noeleen
<b>Judge</b>	Pat Cahill

CAPPAMORE	
<b>Champion</b>	J Kelly's Portouns N Vanessa
<b>Reserve</b>	Denis Twomey's Tubridmore Prince John
<b>Judge</b>	Conor Craig

CARBERY	
<b>Champion</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
<b>Reserve</b>	Albert De Cogan's Knockadrinan Blackbird P599
<b>Judge</b>	Ben Ryall

CLONAKILTY	
<b>Champion</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
<b>Reserve</b>	Keith Vickery's Carbery Plaxton
<b>Judge</b>	Grainne Horan

CLOONE	
<b>Champion</b>	Stephen & Avril Crowe's Millbawn Nikki
<b>Reserve</b>	Brian & Mary Faughnan's Molloy Lord Hugh T243
<b>Judge</b>	Michael Flanagan



# Ringside - Ireland



## CORK

<b>Champion</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 & Interbreed Champion
<b>Reserve</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Pru S541
<b>Judge</b>	John Henning

## ENNISCRONE

<b>Champion</b>	S Brennan's Owenmore Maisie
<b>Reserve</b>	B & J Kerins's Kerins Perkemi
<b>Judge</b>	A Dockery

## DUALLA

<b>Champion</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 & Reserve Interbreed Champion
<b>Reserve</b>	D & E Burke's Clontead Prime Time T250
<b>Judge</b>	Michael Smith

## FINGALL

<b>Champion</b>	J Mc Enroe's Liss Myrlo S608
<b>Reserve</b>	M & B Smith's Lawsons Ford Evaluator U410
<b>Judge</b>	N Faughnan

## DUNDALK

<b>Champion</b>	John Brady's Lisnafanna Ricky U038
<b>Reserve</b>	John Brady's Lisnafanna Dustin U037
<b>Judge</b>	Mr Tom Fitzgerald

## GRANARD

<b>Champion</b>	Amanda Bogan & Conor Craig's Millbawn Aurora
<b>Reserve</b>	Thomas P Reynolds's Knockadrinan Princess
<b>Judge</b>	Michael Smith

## DUNGARVAN

<b>Champion</b>	Albert De Cogan's Knockadrinan Blackbird P599
<b>Reserve</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
<b>Judge</b>	Louis Byrne

## LIMERICK

<b>Champion</b>	J McEnroe's Liss Minree M415
<b>Reserve</b>	K & C Vickery's Carbery Princess
<b>Judge</b>	Ms Angela Armstrong McFadden

## LONGFORD

<b>Champion</b>	Michael & Oliver Flanagan's Moydrum Natasha
<b>Reserve</b>	Tom Reynolds's Knockadrinan Princess
<b>Judge</b>	Shane McKiernan

## DUNMANWAY

<b>Champion</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
<b>Reserve</b>	Albert De Cogan's Knockadrinan Blackbird P599
<b>Judge</b>	Thomas Beirne

## MOHILL

<b>Champion</b>	Michael & Niamh Barron's Ashtown Katie
<b>Reserve</b>	Conor Craig & Amanda Bogan's Millbawn Aurora T238
<b>Judge</b>	Clive Jennings

MULLINGAR	
<b>Champion</b>	J McEnroe's Liss Minree M415
<b>Reserve</b>	M & O Flanagan's Moydrum Perfume
<b>Judge</b>	Padraig Connor

OLDCASTLE	
<b>Champion</b>	J McEnroe's Liss Minree M415
<b>Reserve</b>	Tom Reynolds's Knockadrinan Princess
<b>Judge</b>	C McCormack

TINAHELY	
<b>Champion</b>	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 & Interbreed Champion
<b>Reserve</b>	Michael Barron's Ashtown Katie
<b>Judge</b>	Jim Forrestal

Trim	
<b>Champion</b>	Pat & Finbarr Cahill's Drumhill Lord Harry R635
<b>Reserve</b>	Amanda Bogan & Conor Craig's Millbawn Aurora
<b>Judge</b>	John Blackburn

TULLAMORE	
<b>Senior Champion</b>	Pat & Finbarr Cahill's Drumhill Lord Harry R635
<b>Senior Reserve</b>	Amanda Bogan & Conor Craig's Millbawn Nancy
<b>Judge</b>	Robin Lamb / Michael Horan / Dawn Miller Wilson

VIRGINIA	
<b>Champion</b>	John McEnroe's Liss Minree M415
<b>Reserve</b>	John Brady's Lisnafanna Dustin
<b>Judge</b>	Michael Flanagan



## Provincial Trophies

### Ulster (Newry Show)

A & G Parke's Coolermoney Frances T703

### Leinster (Oldcastle Show)

John McEnroe's Liss Minree M415

### Munster (Dungarvan Show)

A De Cogan's Knockadrinan Blackbird P599

### Connaught (Cloone Show)

Stephen & Avril Crowe's Millbawn Nikki

# Obituaries

## Bert Rugg

One of the leading Aberdeen-Angus and Beef Shorthorn cattlemen of his generation, Bert Rugg, who was mentor to budding stock persons as an instructor with the Agricultural Training Board, has died aged 91. Born at Advie Mains near Aberlour, Bert started work as a 14-year-old at the Tillyrie Herd before becoming junior stockman with J Ernest Kerr's renowned Harviestoun Herd at Dollar.

Working under the top cattleman of the era, Gavin Ogg, he achieved the remarkable feat in the 1940s of producing six Perth champions in seven years before rejoining his father, who by that time was managing the Lindertis herd at Kirriemuir for Sir Torquil Munro, and two years later securing his first stock management job looking after Boots Pure Drug Co's Beef Shorthorn and Aberdeen-Angus herds at Wetdrums, near Brechin, where he struck up a highly successful partnership with the overall farm manager, Gerry Rankin.

From there he moved to Alan H B Grant's Thorn herd at Alyth where in 1960 he won the Perth championship with Election of Thorn, which sold for 22,500gns to Harold Samuel's Wych Cross herd in Sussex, managed by his brother, George, and the following year selling Black Bellringer of Thorn for 17,000gns to Osmond's Barnoldby herd near Grimsby.

He also achieved outstanding success with fatstock cattle, standing reserve to his brother's champion, Prince of Merger, at the Royal Smithfield Show in 1960 with Mr Grant's Pride of Morenia and the following year carrying off the championship at both the Scottish National and Royal Smithfield shows with the three-quarter Beef Shorthorn/Aberdeen-Angus cross, Snowflake, which was the first all-white animal to win at Smithfield in the 150-year history of the show.

A further championship success was achieved at Smithfield the following year with the Newhouse-bred Aberdeen-Angus steer, Black Bob, turning the tables on George who took the reserve championship from Wych Cross. Bert always attributed his success to a "good dandy brush and plenty of elbow grease" and every animal passing through his hands had to look its best before entering the ring.

After nine successful years at Thorn, he was approached by Mr and Mrs Michael Colefax who had bought the farm of Wester Lownie near Forfar and were moving their Shawbury herd up from Berkshire. Bert always maintained he was interviewed for the job in a hotel room in London's Dorchester Hotel by Mrs Colefax – an ex-actress – sprawling across her bed in a silk dressing gown!

A particular honour was taking part in the Queen Mother's 100th birthday procession in London with a bull from Chris and Penny Harvey's Gogland herd in Devon. In his second 15-year long career as an instructor with ATB, he travelled the country imparting his skills in cattle dressing, foot trimming, halter making and other livestock skills and was awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to the agricultural industry.

Mr Rugg is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Peg, daughter Marilyn, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, as well as his sister, Eva, in Australia.

## Bob Eggo

The death has occurred of retired Borders grain merchant, Bob Eggo, who was also a keen breeder of Aberdeen-Angus on his farm of Easter Cruicksfield, Duns, Berwickshire.

The Broxmouth herd remained quite small but Mr Eggo aspired to high standards, sharing stock bulls with Jim Stobo's Tweedside herd, including Hurdcott Pink Guardian, reserve supreme and junior champion at Perth in October, 1993, when purchased by Mr Stobo for 8000gns. This helped the herd to pick up at least two first-prize tickets at the Perth bull sales over the years.

Mr Eggo initially worked with grain merchants, JD Martin and Sons, before setting up his own business. He was always to be found at the ringside at the bull sales and his passion for Aberdeen-Angus extended beyond cattle to Aberdeen-Angus wine from Argentina which is especially bottled for the Argentine Aberdeen-Angus Association.

Mr Eggo moved to Preston, near Duns, when he retired and later to Kelso.

## David Steane

Highly respected geneticist, David Steane, who advised a number of Aberdeen-Angus breeders during his time with the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC), has died at a hospice in England at the age of 80, only a few months after returning to the UK from Thailand. Mr Steane undertook his MSc degree course in the 1960s while working with Dr John King on pig breeding experiments at the Animal Breeding Research Organisation in Edinburgh.

He spent 28 years with the Pig Industry Development Authority (PIDA) and MLC which absorbed PIDA on its formation in 1968, before taking up a post in 1989 as an animal production officer with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) in Rome. In 1991, he took charge of animal genetics and initiated the first world watch list for domestic animal diversity and the Global Strategy on Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR). He moved to Bangkok to manage the AnGR project in 12 Asian countries, including China and India, before retiring in Thailand in 1999. He returned to the UK because of ill-health in 2018 and bought a house in Chesterfield.

"I enjoyed a close working relationship with David and he was always keen to help with our breed improvement work," said former Aberdeen-Angus breed president, Willie McGregor, father of the Society's current president, Angela McGregor. Mr Steane kept in contact with many of his former colleagues and attended the midsummer lunch of former MLC colleagues. He is survived by his partner, Unchana (known to all her friends as Lek).

## Duff Burrell

Well-known Northumbrian Aberdeen-Angus breeder, and former chairman of the National Beef Association, Charles Henry Algeron (Duff) Burrell, of Broome Park, Alnwick, died at the end of November after a short illness.



Educated at Eton and Sandhurst, where he was awarded the Sword of Honour as best officer cadet on the course (of which, typical of his modesty, he was so dismissive), Mr Burrell saw service with his regiment, the Royal Hussars, in various countries, including Germany, Canada and Sweden.

He retired from the army after 19 years at the age of 38 to take up farming at Broome Park, which has been the Burrell family home for 385 years, and indulge his love of the outdoors and country sports.

He soon turned to Aberdeen-Angus when his initial mixed farming enterprise of cropping, sheep and Irish and continental cattle proved unprofitable, founding a pedigree herd with initial purchases at the Fairoaks dispersal sale and from Wedderlie.

Early stock bulls included two of the last bulls to be imported into the UK from North America, Young Dale Sizzler and Nightingale Entwhistle, with subsequent imports of embryos from Canada, Australia and New Zealand enabling the herd to expand quickly to the present 180 high quality, high performance cows.

The herd is run on a commercial basis with 15-20 bulls sold off the farm each year along with heifers not retained for breeding which in recent years have met a strong demand from the continent. The farm is mostly grass with only 20 acres cropped each year for the purpose of reseeded. Steers are finished off grass at 16-17 months.

With a focus on beef quality, Mr Burrell was always keen to try new technology and tools. He was a strong advocate for a change in the EUROP system of classifying carcasses at abattoirs to reward quality rather than quantity which he thought would be best for the whole beef industry long-term.

He served for three years as chairman of the National Beef Association, taking on the top role at a time when the association was facing particular organisational difficulties. His strong leadership qualities helped resolve the situation and the association has gone from strength-to-strength.

The large attendance of around 500 at his funeral at St Michael's Church, Alnwick, is a measure of the respect and affection in which he was widely held.

Mr Burrell is survived by his wife, Anneli, and sons, Toby and George. He is buried at Broome Park in sight of the family home.

### Joe Tighe

Owner of the Tara Aberdeen-Angus herd – one of the largest and most prominent in Ireland – Joe Tighe of Piper Hill, Batterstown, Dunboyne, Co Meath, passed away last September at the age of 85 after a long-standing battle with illness.

He had a passion and love of Aberdeen-Angus cattle which his wife, Christina, used to say was the only subject he talked about over the kitchen table.

Joe's love of Aberdeen-Angus cattle started in 1989 when he went to Carrick-on-Shannon and purchased five pure-bred heifers. He went on to buy a bull a year later, the Scottish-bred, Drumcrow Ladro, who, when first shown, won male and reserve

champion overall at the Royal Dublin shows in both 1992 and 1993. This grew Joe's interest and love of showing and the herd grew to the 100 cows of today.

The male championship and reserve overall was also won in 1996 with stock bull, Cuilcagh Frontier, but his proudest moment was winning the Tullamore championship with the home-bred heifer, Tara Telery in 2003.

He also won the 2014 national calf show championship with another home-bred calf, Tara Karachi, and a first prize with Tara Marvel on the same day.

He was instrumental in setting up the now well-known Irish Angus Producer Group in 1997. His vision was one where producers could sell beef and have traceability from farm-to-fork and eventually get paid like the Canadian system where payment is based on level of marbling rather than grade. Unfortunately, this never got going but Joe remained hopeful that in the future someone might have the foresight to push it.

Mr Tighe is survived by his wife and 12 children, including Malachy who has taken over the farm and Tara herd.

### Eamonn Tubman

A leading figure in the Aberdeen-Angus world in Ireland, Eamonn Tubman, passed away at his home, Fenach, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim, on the last day of 2017. He was 74 years of age.

He had a great interest in cattle, and maintained a small herd of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus cattle, but his main contribution to the breed was as a founder director in 2003, and latterly chairman, of the successful marketing co-op, Angus Beef Ireland, which now plays a major role in the marketing of prime Aberdeen-Angus cattle in Ireland.

"He put a lot of work and energy into the development of Angus Beef Ireland and the co-op has gone from strength-to-strength over the years," said his friend, Gerry Smyth, who manages the Gigginstown herd.

He was also a director of the Midland and Western Livestock Improvement Society Ltd, which runs the Carrick-on-Shannon bull sales. His interest in the cattle business stemmed from the small suckler herd on the family farm of Gorravagh, Mohill, where he was born in June, 1943.

His other great interest was in beekeeping, inherited from his beekeeping grandfather, supplying honey to the local retail market from his 30 hives. He was also the driving force behind, and first chairman of, the Digges and District Beekeepers Association and served on the national executive of the Federation of Irish Beekeepers.

He began his working career in Dublin with CIE and later joined Readymix Ltd where he remained as manager in Longford until his retirement. His other interests included athletics, local politics and various local community associations and he enjoyed fishing, hunting and card playing.

Mr Tubman is survived by his wife, Nora, sons Bill, Eamonn and Raymond, and daughter, Noreen.

# Bye-Laws 2019/20

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1. Entries for the Herd Book will only be accepted from members of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.

2. Entries of stock which belonged to a deceased member will only be accepted from his representatives provided such entries are made prior to 1st January following the date of death.

3. A calf shall only be accepted for entry in the Herd Book if its sire and dam have been entered in the Herd Book, it has been ear-tagged according to current EU identification regulations and a sire verified Deoxy Ribonucleic Acid (DNA) profile of the service sire has been lodged with the Society. Furthermore, from 1st January 2015, all pedigree calves eligible for entry into the Herd Book must have a DNA sample taken and sent to and received by the Society before such calves can be registered. The method of collection of the said DNA sample will be prescribed by the Council of the Society from time to time. The Society will occasionally request to carry out tests on samples outwith the normal protocols of registration and pre-official Society sales. For the avoidance of doubt, upon sale, the title to the DNA sample transfers with the ownership of the animal and permission to test will be sought from the owner. The cost of such tests will be borne by the owner. In the event that permission is not granted, the Society reserves the right to take action to limit any potential negative impact (such as identifying carriers of any genetic defects as defined on the Society's website at [www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk](http://www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk)) on the Herd Book.

4. Notwithstanding Bye-law 3, imported animals may be entered in the Herd Book provided they are entered in the Herd Book of the country of origin and that there are supplied such certificates and other documents as the Council of the Society may from time to time prescribe (see Guidance Note at end of Bye-law 22). Imported animals entered in the Herd Book will carry the identifying letters IMP and the pedigrees and all relative details, including information on sires of calves imported in utero, will appear at the end of the Herd Book.

5. The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the date of calving or in the case of a calf got by Embryo Transplant, the owner of the recipient cow.

6. All calves must be ear-tagged according to current EU identification regulations by time of intimation and intimated to the Secretary according to the following rules:-

a). To enter calves in the Herd Book, breeders must intimate them within 27 days either on-line or on the appropriate form which should be obtained in advance from the Society (see also para. 6(b)). All relevant certificates (see para. 13) and fees (inc. VAT) MUST accompany registration forms. Bull calves intimated within 27 days can be registered up 6 months of age from the date of birth of the calf for the standard fee. Heifer calves must also be intimated within 27 days of birth but must be registered within 2 months of the date of birth of the heifer calf. A full list of fees and charges is available on the website at [www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk](http://www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk).

b.) All cases of dead-born calves or of calves which for any reason are not to be entered in the Herd Book must be intimated to the Secretary on the appropriate form. Such intimations must be made within 27 days of the date of birth. Late registration of calves, for which full details, including ID Number, have been so intimated, may be accepted on payment of the appropriate late entry fee and subject to a DNA profile of the animal along with its sire and dam being lodged with the Society. Later registration of heifer calves which were twinned with a bull and for which full details, including ID number, have been so intimated, will be accepted when she is proven to be in-calf on payment of the appropriate late entry fee.

c). Registrations, Intimations or Fees which are incomplete or incorrect when received, will result in all documents being returned to the breeder with an explanation. They must be completed/corrected and resubmitted within a further fourteen days. Failure to respond will result in the registration/s not being accepted

d). While the foregoing rules are designed to apply primarily to home-bred animals, they will also apply where appropriate to imported animals.

7. An animal shall only be entered in the Herd Book by its breeder, or in the case of an imported animal, by its owner

8. Animals entered in the Herd Book under separate ownership by husbands and wives or other family partnerships may be made under the same Herd Name but for all other purposes, such as group prizes at Shows and Sales, they will be considered as being in separate ownerships. Animals entered in the Herd Book by the same owner from different holdings can carry the same Herd Name.

9. Animals showing excessive white markings should not be entered in the Herd Book, and if entered, may be removed from the Herd Book on the instructions of the Council of the Society: (for guidance - normally, white markings are acceptable on females only on the underline behind the navel and on males only on underline behind the prepuce orifice and up to and including the scrotum).

10 (a). Animals showing scurs, whether fixed or moveable, or traces of scurs, will not be accepted for entry in the Herd Book, and if entered unknowingly, may be removed from the Herd Book on the instructions of the Council of the Society.

(b). Animals exhibiting double muscling characteristics (muscular hypertrophy) will not be accepted for entry in the Herd Book, and if entered unknowingly, may be removed from the Herd Book on the instructions of the Council of the Society. (See guidance note at end of Bye Laws) If required, the proof of double muscling shall be a combination of visual appearance (phenotype) and scientific gene testing. Such proof shall be instituted by the Council, who shall appoint a veterinary surgeon and a Council member, who is also a member of the Society's panel of judges, to inspect the animal. If both agree that the animal phenotypically shows double muscling characteristics, the Council shall arrange with the owner of the animal to test for the deleted version of the myostatin gene. If the result of such test is that the animal is homozygous for the gene, the animal shall be considered to be double muscled. Costs of such proof shall be borne by the Society.

## 11. Recessive Genetic Defects

Animals identified as being carriers of Class 1 genetic defects as listed on the Society's website at [www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk](http://www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk) will be ineligible for registration. Any registered animals which are subsequently identified as carriers of such genes will have their carrier status clearly identified on their pedigree certificate. Progeny of such animals will require to have their carrier status determined and identified accordingly.

### Class 1 genetic defects:

Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM) or Curly Calf Syndrome; Dwarfism; Fawn Calf Syndrome; Mannosidosis; Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH); Osteopetrosis (marble bone disease); Syndactyl (mule foot);

Any member who knowingly enters false information in relation to an animal's identity, age or other performance related data will be subject to actions as determined in Article 15 and 15(a) of the Articles of Association of The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.

## I. Status of Currently Registered Females and Bulls

A. As used herein, the word "currently" in the phrase "currently registered" shall mean that date on which laboratories approved by the Society began to provide a commercial DNA test for the mutation to the membership. With respect to Skeletal Muscle Hypertrophy, that date was 1st January 2012.

B. All currently registered females and bulls with the impacted genetics in their pedigrees shall remain registered. In other words, their registrations will not be revoked, cancelled or suspended.

C. All currently registered females and bulls with the impacted genetics in their pedigrees that are tested and determined to be carriers of the mutation shall remain registered.

## II. Resulting Progeny of Carrier Females and Bulls

All resulting progeny of currently registered carrier females or carrier bulls may be registered without submitting to testing. Notwithstanding such registration, the Society shall place or electronically display a notation on each Aberdeen-Angus Pedigree or any other pedigree displayed electronically.

## III. Currently Registered Animals Determined to be Affected by the Mutation

Any animals identified as being homozygous for the mutation, shall therefore be considered to be affected by the defect, and are not eligible for registration under Bye-Law 10(c). In the event that a registered animal is discovered to be affected by the defect, its registration shall be considered null and void, and the Certificate of Registration must be returned to the Society for cancellation.

## 12. A.I. REGULATIONS

General (applicable to all regulations)

(a) A Herd Prefix will constitute one ownership.

(b) Any bull from which semen is drawn for A.I. usage must have a parentage verified DNA profile lodged with the Society.

(c) All calves got by A.I. and registered with the Society will be designated "got by A.I." in the Herd Book.

(d) An insemination certificate signed by a qualified inseminator or Veterinary Surgeon must be retained by the breeder and be available for inspection by the Society for a period of two years following the insemination.

(e) Sales of Semen

If an owner of a bull or of semen (where ownership of semen is separate from that of the bull) notifies the Society that the bull is a royalty bull, or the semen is from a royalty bull, as the case may be, then in order to register a calf got by semen from that bull or semen, the appropriate royalty fee must accompany the registration form. If an owner (of bull or semen) does not notify the Society that the bull is a royalty bull it will be assumed that the requirements of this paragraph are dispensed with.

(f) Import of Semen

Subject to the provisions of the relative preceding paragraphs, progeny got by imported semen may be entered in the Herd Book if the donor bull is or could have been entered in the Herd Book in terms of Bye-Law 4. Providing sole ownership of the semen rights in this country can be verified to the satisfaction of the Society, this will be considered one ownership for the purposes of these A.I. regulations.

## 13. Embryo Transplant Regulations

Registrations of calves got by Embryo Transplants will be accepted subject to the following conditions:

(a) All other bye-laws regarding Herd Book Registrations must be complied with.

(b) The breeder must inform the Society in writing beforehand of the intention to carry out each specific embryo transplant and return to the Society along with the relevant fees and within the times fixed by the Society duly completed certificates (on forms to be approved by the Society) as to the identity of all animals concerned, the pregnancy testing of the recipient cow and the sire verified DNA profiling of the bull, donor cow and, when requested, a parentage verified DNA profile of the resultant calf/calves within three months of such request. If the Council of the Society is not satisfied with any such certificates, the resultant calf will not be eligible for entry in the Herd Book.

(c) Calves got by embryo transplant and registered with the Society will be designated "got by ET" in the Herd Book.

14. In cases where the breeder of an animal is not the owner of its sire, it is necessary for the breeder to either:

- (a) Comply with para. 11(c) and, where appropriate, 11(d) or
- (b) Obtain a completed Hire or Loan Certificate and forward with registration form.

#### 15. Cloning

Any animal which is born as a direct result of cloning technology will not be eligible for entry into the Herd Book. Whilst it is acknowledged that cloned animals are entered into Herd Books of overseas societies, such animals will not be eligible for transfer into the Society's Herd Book. Progeny from such animals whether resulting from natural service, A.I. or E.T. will be eligible for entry into the Herd Book and their pedigree certificate marked accordingly.

16. All animals entered in the Herd Book must be named in accordance with the following rules:

(a) No names likely to prove misleading to the public shall be admitted into the Herd Book.

(b) Breeders, prior to making their first entries in the Herd Book, must apply to Council for the copyright of a Herd Name. A Herd Name copyright is the property of the member only during the period of his membership. The name of each registered animal must be prefixed by the Herd Name of its breeder unless otherwise authorised by Council.

(c) Each animal belongs to the family of its dam, and must be given an individual name

in accordance with the practice of naming for that family. The initial letter of such individual name must be one of the approved initial letters of its family as listed in the Herd Book and must not exceed two words. Where an animal is red in colour, the additional word "Red" must be included at the beginning of the individual name.

(d) All names will include as a suffix a year letter followed by the last three NUMERICS of the animal's official eartag number. No other lineage numbers will be permitted. Year letters indicate the calving seasons which date from January 1st to December 31st.

Year 1st January, 2014, to 31st December, 2015 - Year Letter P.

Year 1st January, 2015, to 31st December, 2015 - Year Letter R and so on. (I, O and Q will not be used).

(e) The total number of characters (including spaces) in an animal's name must not exceed forty.

(f) Once an animal has been entered in the Herd Book under a certain name, no change shall be made in that name thereafter.

17. All Changes of Ownership of Aberdeen-Angus cattle must be intimated by the purchaser if such cattle are to be subsequently used for pedigree breeding, in accordance with the following rules:-

(a). The seller shall comply with the procedures detailed in (c) below, if he is selling Aberdeen-Angus cattle for pedigree breeding purposes at a public or private sale. Where it is not indicated at the time of sale that such cattle are being sold for pedigree breeding purposes, it shall be at the discretion of the seller whether or not he subsequently authorises their use for pedigree breeding by complying with the Change of Ownership procedures detailed in (c) below.

(b) Non-Members may register Changes of Ownership.

(c) To register Changes of Ownership of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, the purchaser shall complete the Certificate of Transfer portion on the reverse side of the Certificate of Pedigree, which he shall obtain from the seller as detailed hereinafter. Such Changes in Ownership shall be countersigned by the immediate preceding owner except where the animal is sold by public auction at a sale for which a catalogue has been published and submitted to the Secretary in which it is clearly indicated that such animal is being sold for pedigree breeding purposes, in which case the catalogue lot number and the name and date of the sale shall be inserted in the place provided for the signature of the seller.

The following procedure shall be adopted:-

(i) A Private Sale. The seller shall hand the Certificate of Pedigree to the purchaser at the time of sale. The purchaser shall complete the Certificate of Transfer

portion and send it to the Secretary with the appropriate fee.

(ii) A Public Sale. The seller shall lodge the Certificate of Pedigree with the Auctioneers as a condition of entry for the sale. The Auctioneers will deliver the Certificate to the Society who shall record the Change of Ownership and forward the Certificate to the purchaser, on receipt of the appropriate fee. The term "Public Sale" in (ii) above refers to a sale at a public auction for which a catalogue has been published and submitted to the Secretary.

18. Herd Records shall be kept, containing the following minimum details relating to each animal in the herd:-

Name, Herd Book Number, Date of Birth, Name and Herd Book Number of Sire, Name and Herd Book Number of Dam. Details, if applicable, of when and where purchased, of when and to whom sold, or date of death.

These records shall be available for inspection at all times by officials of the Society.

19. Council shall have power to instruct a DNA profiling test to be made at any time of any animal entered in the Herd Book and to have the entry in the Herd Book cancelled (it being a condition of acceptance of an entry that the information supplied is accurate) if said test reveals the entry to be inaccurate, in which event the cost of the said test shall be paid by the Member who instructed the Herd Book entry but if the said test confirms the Herd Book entry to be correct, the cost of the said test shall be met by the Society.

20. All fees must be paid with the forms to which they refer. No registrations will be accepted unless all other fees and current membership subscriptions have been paid.

21. The Council shall be at liberty to include reports made to them by any official of the Society or officer of the Department of Agriculture (or appropriate body) in Scotland, England & Wales, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland among the sources of information as to any suspected failure by a breeder in the observance of any of the Bye-Laws heretofore.

22. Animals showing excessive white markings or scurs (or traces of scurs) should not be exhibited in the pure-bred section of any Show.

23. If a herd is advertised and sold as a dispersal, the Herd name may not be used thereafter for entries into the Herd Book without permission of the Council. (Guidance Note re Bye-Law 4)

The following are the documents currently required to register transfers in the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society Herd Book from an overseas Society. Breeders are strongly advised to obtain and lodge with the Society all documents before shipment, as the UK Customs authorities require that imported pedigree cattle be registered with this Society, or the animals will be classified for duty purposes on arrival.

(a) A Five Generation Certificate of Pedigree certified as correct by the Society which registered the bull.

(b) A Certificate of Approval for Export from the overseas Society stating that so far as is known the pedigree of the animal is free from, and the animal itself is not a possible carrier of, any genetic defects.

(c) A DNA profile Certificate

(d) A satisfactory DNA profiled parentage verification. If, for a bona fide reason, this is not possible, the Society with which the animal is registered must supply a certificate of explanation.

#### Cows and Heifers

As above and, if in-calf, service details from the overseas Society, a Certified Four Generation Pedigree Certificate and a sire verified DNA profile certificate for the service sire.

#### Embryos

(a) A four Generation Certificate of Pedigree of both sire and dam with a Certificate from the overseas Society that it approves of both sire and dam and that their pedigrees are free from any known genetic defects.

(b) A sire verified DNA profile certificate for both sire and dam.

(c) Certificates from owner of cow if natural service used, or by A.I. technician if A.I. used, certifying dates of service, tattoo ID number of cow, name and number of bull.

(d) Certificates from ET unit making collection, certifying date of collection, tattoo ID number of cow, number of viable embryos recovered, number of embryos frozen for export and their reference number.

The relevant Society forms and requirements relating to implantation, pregnancy testing and registration will apply.

Where relevant, Bye-Law 12 (a) to (d) will apply.

Guidance Note re Bye Law 10(b)

Double Muscling Characteristics:

1. Increased development of the hindquarter, accentuated in appearance by a groove between the major muscles and a rounded ham appearance.

2. Thick, open shoulders.

3. An unusually wide, stretched stance with the front and hind legs extended, generally creating a swayback appearance.

4. Lean, trim appearance often with a cylindrical middle and tucked up flank.

5. Fine bone.

6. Short tail.

7. Small testes.

8. Tail set forward on top of rump.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER REGULATIONS

The owner of a female ("the base female") which is not registered in the Herd Book may have the female progeny of such female upgraded to a standard acceptable for registration in the Herd Book subject to the following rules:-

(i) The base female and her daughters and grand-daughters shall be entered in a Supplementary Register and only the great grand-daughters of the base female shall be eligible for registration in the Herd Book.

(ii) The base female may be of no known origin, but if so, must be polled, of an obvious beef type, physically correct in all respects, mainly black - defined as allowing some white, but not excessive white, below the underline and only a small amount of white elsewhere. Alternatively, if certified by its breeder as being by or out of a named registered Aberdeen-Angus, must be polled, of obvious beef type and physically correct in all respects.

(iii) The base female and her daughters and grand-daughters must be approved by a Society-appointed inspector before acceptance into the Supplementary Register and the daughters and grand-daughters must be sired by a bull which is registered in the Herd Book. The great-grand daughters of the base female will likewise require to be approved before registration in the Herd Book and must also be sired by a bull which is registered in the Herd Book.

A member aggrieved by the decision of the Society-appointed inspector may appeal against the decision to a Committee of not less than three members of the Society appointed by the Council of the Society. The decision of such committee shall be final and whether or not the appeal is successful, all costs of the appeal shall be paid by the appellant.

(iv) Registration will only be accepted from fully paid-up members of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.

(v) Members intending to register females in the Supplementary Register must intimate their intention to the Secretary at least six months before their initial base female is due to calf.

Participants will be responsible for all inspectors' fees at cost and an entrance fee will be payable for each female registered. The entrance fee will not be less than that payable to register females in the Herd Book.

Base Female (X)

(vi) Must be 15 months or over at time of inspection and double-tagged with an EU style ID number or tattooed with a number allocated by the Secretary.

First Generation Female (Y)

(vii) To be ear-tagged according to current EU identification regulations and registered with the



appropriate fee within two months of the date of birth.  
Colour to be breed standard, polled and physically correct.

To be inspected between 12 and 18 months of age and prior to mating. Failure to pass inspection will result in de-registration or reverting to stage X.

Second Generation Female (Z)

(viii) As para. (vii).

Third Generation Female (Herd Book)

(ix) As para. (viii). To be identified in Herd Book with (S) after the individual name.

(x) All male calves from females in the supplementary register must be steered and births intimated within two months of the date of birth.

## OFFICIAL SALE RULES

All Aberdeen-Angus animals exposed for sale held under the auspices of the Aberdeen- Angus Cattle Society, hereinafter called "the Society", shall be sold subject to and in accordance with the following rules:

(1) The consignor must be a member of the Society. All animals must be ear-tagged according to current EU identification regulations. In the case of imported animals, they must have been registered in the Herd Book of the country of origin and entered in the Society's Herd Book.

(2) Should any dispute arise as to the identification in the Society's Herd Book of any animal exposed for sale or as to the pedigree of any such animal, such dispute should be referred to the Council of the Society or such sub-committee as the Council may appoint as arbiters and their decision shall be final.

(3) The Council of the Society may, prior to any sale, nominate and appoint a Panel to inspect the animals forward at the sale, in order to ascertain that such animals are fit for inclusion in the sale. The members so appointed shall, in consultation with the Auctioneers, be the sole judges as to whether or not the animals may be included in the sale and shall have the power to debar from the sale any animal which they consider is not of a fit standard. No consignor will have any claim for damages in respect of any animal which is rejected under this rule.

N.B. All animals (except in the case of bona fide dispersals) may be subject to pre-sale inspections by the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society in order to establish identity and to provide a minimum standard. Such inspections, however, do not imply any liability or warranty by The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society for animals sold, such liability remains the responsibility of the vendor. Animals are sold with all patent defects and any subsequent claim is against the vendor and not The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

(1) All entries are subject to the Society's male and female warranties.

(2) Members who enter cattle for Sale in the Catalogue and who do not present their animals will be subject to such fines as determined by the Society's official auctioneers from time to time. Reasonable grounds for withdrawal will, if accepted, eliminate the member from such a fine.

(3) Animals entered in the Catalogue must be offered for sale through the ring unless rejected by the Stewards or the Society-appointed Panel of Inspectors.

(4) Prize money will be forfeit on any prize-winning animal which is not sold in the official Pedigree Sale.

(5) Any Female which has been used as a donor for Ovary Transplant purposes must be declared.

(6) Any Female which has had a Caesarean operation must be declared.

(7) Retention of ova must be declared.

(8) Bull semen retention must be declared.

(9) The appointed Stewards have been instructed to reject any animal which is not controllable by normal means at any time whilst in the Show and Sale premises.

Exhibitors are responsible for their cattle throughout the Show and Sale period of the breed.

(10) All cattle presented may be subject to inspection for identity, veterinary approval suitable standard, and weighing and measuring by officers appointed by the Society prior to the event at a time to be advertised.

(11) Any doubt on identity will automatically debar an animal from the show and sale. If the vet considers the animal to be carrying a heritable genetic or phenotypic condition which in his opinion is detrimental to the integrity of the breed then that animal will automatically be debarred from the Show and Sale and the Society will not register any progeny from that animal.

(12) As from January 2011 cattle entered for all official Society sales centres must come from herds which are BVD accredited, in which case, such animals will require to be BVD vaccinated within twelve months prior to the date of the sale. If the animals entered are not BVD accredited herds then they will require to be tested for BVD antigen and vaccinated against BVD prior to the sale. Furthermore, all cattle entered must come from herds which are annually testing for Johnes disease in a CHecS Approved Health Scheme or from Johnes accredited herds.

(13) The use of drugs is totally banned, as undernoted:-

1) Preparation for Sale. Any drug which would affect weight for age, conformation, or growth of hair.

2) Presentation for Sale. Any drug which would affect soundness or temperament at inspection, judging or Auction Sale.

The Society reserves the absolute right to take blood samples from any animal presented at Shows and Sales, and to have the sample independently analysed at a certified laboratory. If any unauthorised drugs have been used, or treatment given without Veterinary certification having been provided, or without a declaration having been made to the Auctioneers, the exhibitor will be reported to the Council of the Breed Society. In any event, the offending entry will be banned from the Show/Sale.

(14) Access to parents for DNA profiling (affecting animals not DNA profiled in proof of parentage). The Vendor must provide access to the purchaser to prove the parentage of any sale animal by DNA profiling provided:-

1) that the request is made in writing to the Society Office within one calendar month of the date of the Sale.

2) that the tests are carried out at the Purchaser's expense.

3) that the sire and dam are alive, and the vendor has access to the parents if they are not in his ownership.

(15) Animals affected by contagious diseases i.e. warts, mange, ringworm, etc, will not be accepted for sale unless accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate indicating that treatment has been given and the condition is no longer contagious.

(16) (a) All bulls must have a nose-ring.

(b) Certificates of Pedigree must accompany each entry.

(17) White markings must not be disguised.

## CONDITIONS OF SALE

### A. SALE

(1) All animals exposed for sale must be bona fide property of the vendors at the time of the sale and free of all liens, charges and encumbrances.

(2) The highest bidder shall be declared the purchaser (subject to Rule A. (3) The auctioneers reserve the right to refuse any bid without giving a reason for doing so. All cattle will be sold in guineas.

(3) The vendor has the right to fix a reserve price and to announce such price before, during or at the conclusion of the bidding. The right to bid by or on behalf of the vendor in terms of the current Sale of Goods Act is expressly reserved. The vendor, or his duly authorised representative, must be with the auctioneer at the sale of the catalogued animal to accept or reject the final bid.

(4) Each animal forward at the sale must be exposed for sale by auction before any private sale shall be permitted or recognised by the Auctioneers.

(5) Immediately after the sale of an animal the price thereof shall be paid by the purchaser in cash to the Auctioneers. On the price being paid the purchaser shall receive from the Auctioneers a written removal order and shall at his own expense remove the animal within one day of the sale or within such period as may be laid down by the Auctioneers at the commencement of the Sale. No animal shall be removed without the Auctioneers' written removal order and any animal so removed shall be recovered by the Auctioneers summarily without any further warrant.

(6) In the event of any purchaser not paying for and not removing the animal purchased in compliance with Rule A. (5) hereof the Auctioneers in their sole discretion may, without the consent of the vendor, either (a) sue the purchaser either in their own name or in the name of the vendor for the price and interest there-on at the rate of 2% per annum above current Bank of Scotland Base Rate, and for the keep of, and other expense incurred by them in connection with such animal or (b) re-sell the animal either publicly or privately and on behalf of the vendor recover from the defaulting purchaser the deficiency (if any) attending such re-sale and interest thereon as aforesaid together with the keep and all other expenses. The defaulting purchaser shall have no right to object to the action taken by the auctioneers. In the event of there being any surplus after paying interest, keep and other expenses as aforesaid, such surplus shall be paid to the defaulting purchaser.

(7) Immediately after the purchase of each animal is declared, the risk of the animal shall pass to the purchaser, but until the price is paid the right of property shall not pass and delivery of the animal may be suspended.

(8) In the case of animals sold privately within the premises of the auctioneers the risk and the passing of the property thereof shall be governed by the bargain made between the parties and Rule A(7) shall not apply thereto. Animals withdrawn from the auction may be sold by private treaty on the auction premises. Private sales will be held to the vendors' guarantees of fertility and must be put through the Official Auction record by the appointed Auctioneers.

(9) No undertaking by the Auctioneers or their servants to take charge of any animal after the sale or to forward it to its destination shall be held to impose upon the Auctioneers any legal obligation or invalidate any of these rules.

(10) No liability whatsoever is undertaken by the Auctioneers for the accuracy or otherwise of the statements appearing in the catalogue or made at the sale. The vendor is responsible for such statements and for any error, omission or misstatement.

(11) (a) If a bull from which semen has been stored is offered for sale, it must be stated in the catalogue (and if different circumstances have arisen since the catalogue was printed, the correct and up-to-date circumstances must be announced from the Auctioneer's rostrum at time of sale) whether the semen so stored is to pass with the ownership of the bull or whether it is to be retained by the vendor. If it is retained by the vendor, then he must declare if he is reserving the right to sell or gift such semen for pedigree and/or commercial use. If such declaration fails to be made it will be assumed that any semen retained is for the vendor's own use only and cannot be sold or gifted for pedigree or commercial use.

(b) If a female in-calf to a royalty bull is offered for sale, it must be stated in the catalogue (and if different circumstances have arisen since the catalogue was printed, the correct and up-to-date circumstances must be announced from the Auctioneer's rostrum at time of sale) whether the payment of the royalty for the subsequent registration of the unborn calf will be the responsibility of the vendor or the vendee. If such declaration fails to be made it will be assumed that payment of the royalty will be the responsibility of the vendor.

(12) If a female is offered for sale as being in-calf and/or with calf at foot, it is the responsibility of the vendor to ensure that a sire verified DNA profile of the service sire/s is lodged with the Society before the date of sale. If a calf at foot is not registered at time of sale, subject to current herd book registration bye laws, the vendor must state if registration is permissible at the expense of the purchaser.

(13) If a female offered for sale through a Society auction has been used as an embryo donor the fact that she has been flushed must be stated in the catalogue along with the number of embryos collected, complete with their sire/sires up to the time of the donor being offered for sale. Within the contract for sale of the female, the Seller must expressly state the number of embryos which they intend to retain for use within their own herd (if any) and the number of embryos which they intend to retain for resale purposes (if any).

(14) In the event of a female carrying a transferred embryo being offered for sale, the number of embryos collected at the same time as that carried by the female entered for sale must be stated in the catalogue.

(15) Apart from the Bull and Female breeding warranties printed in the catalogue or others specifically given by the vendor in the catalogue or made at the sale, animals are sold subject to their condition and to all faults, excepting the case of animals suffering from total or partial blindness.

(16) Should any animal be sold subject to passing tests or re-tests, full details of those must be declared by the vendor to the Auctioneers prior to sale. The bargain shall not be deemed to be concluded until the result of such tests/re-tests are notified to the Auctioneers.

(17) No Rosettes or Sashes won at other Shows or Tests to be affixed to Show animals.

## B. COMMISSION

(1) The Auctioneers shall charge and deduct commission of 6.5p per £1.05 (1.5p of which shall be paid by them to the Society) from the price of all animals sold, including those which may be sold privately in their premises at the time of the sale.

(2) The Auctioneers shall be entitled to charge against the vendor one percent on the price bid or £25 per animal whichever is the greater on all animals put through the sale ring and withdrawn.

(3) The Auctioneers shall not be entitled to charge commission on animals sold which fail a re-test (Sale Rule A 15), but shall be entitled to make a charge against the

owner of £25 per animal in respect of cataloguing, etc.

## C. GENERAL

(1) Without prejudice to the foregoing rules, it is hereby expressly declared that the vendor by selling and the purchaser by purchasing any animal shall be bound by the above rules notwithstanding the terms of any statutory enactment or custom of trade to the contrary.

(2) The Auctioneer is Judge of the Sale, to whom all disputes and differences of any kind which may arise at and in relation to the Auction, either between vendors and bidders or among the bidders themselves, shall be referred and his decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

(3) Any dispute as to any matter for the settlement of which no provision is made in these rules shall be referred to an Arbitrator or Arbitrators to be appointed, failing agreement between or amongst the parties, by the Auctioneers. The decision of the Arbitrators so appointed shall be final and binding on all parties to the dispute. Any Arbitration under this Clause shall be subject to the provision of the Arbitration Act for the time being in force

in Scotland if the sale was in Scotland or in England if the sale was in England and shall be deemed to be a reference to Arbitration thereunder.

(4) In the foregoing rules, the word "animal" shall be held to include dam and a calf when sold together.

## BREEDING WARRANTIES

At auction sales, other than dispersals, held under the auspices of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, the Bull Breeding Warranty of The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society will apply. Full information is available from the Society on 01738 622477.

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# Articles of Association

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2. The Registered Office of the Society will be situate in Scotland.

3. The objects for which the Society is established are:

(a) To maintain unimpaired the purity of the breed of cattle known as Aberdeen-Angus, and to promote the breeding of these Cattle.

(b) To collect, verify, preserve, and publish the pedigrees of the said Cattle, and other useful information relating to them.

(c) To further the above objects by continuing the issue of the publication called "The Aberdeen-Angus Herd Book," under its present or any other name, and for that purpose to acquire the copyright and absolute property in the said publication, and sundry documents relating thereto or connected therewith.

(d) To receive subscriptions and other payments in return for or consideration of the issue of copies of the publications of the Society, and the entry in any such publication of the names and pedigrees of Aberdeen-Angus Cattle.

(e) To make Bye-laws for conducting the business, and regulating the proceedings of the Society, and to enforce the same by fines or otherwise.

4. The income and property of the Society, from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objects of the Society, as set forth in the Memorandum of Association, and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been Members of the Society, or any of them or to any person claiming through any of them. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith in remuneration to any secretary, editor, officer, clerk or servant of the Society, or to any Member of the Society or other person, in return for any services actually rendered to the Society, or prevent the borrowing of money by the Society from any Member thereof under any power of borrowing, at any rate or interest not exceeding £5 per cent.

5. The last preceding paragraph of this Memorandum of Association is a condition on which a licence is granted by the Board of Trade to the Society, in pursuance of the 18th section of the Companies' Act, 1929. For the purpose of preventing any evasion of the terms of the said paragraph, the Board of Trade may from time to time, on the application of any Members of the Society, impose further conditions, which shall be duly observed by the Society.

6. If the Society acts in contravention of the said fourth paragraph of this Memorandum, or of any of the further conditions referred to in the fifth paragraph hereof, the liability of every Member of the Council shall be unlimited, and the liability of every Member of the Society who has received any such dividend, bonus, or other profit as aforesaid, shall likewise be unlimited.

7. Every Member of the Society undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Society, in the event of the same

being wound up during the time that he is a Member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Society, contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a Member, and of the costs, charges, and expenses of winding-up the same, and for the adjustment of the rights of the Contributories amongst themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £10; or in case of his liability becoming unlimited under the sixth paragraph of this Memorandum, such other amount as may be required in pursuance of said paragraph.

8. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association, to be determined by the Members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution, or in default thereof, by such Judge or Judges of the Court of Session or Sheriff Court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

## CONSTITUTION

1. It is declared, for the purpose of registration, that the number of Members of the Society is limited to five thousand.

2. These Articles shall be construed with reference to the provisions of the Companies' Act, 1985, and terms used in these Articles shall be taken as having the same respective meanings as they have when used in that Act.

3. The Society does not adopt any of the regulations contained in Table C in the "Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985".

4. The Society is established for the purposes expressed in the Memorandum of Association.

5. The Society is established under the Companies' Act, 1862, as a limited Company, and is registered under the 23rd Section of the Companies' Act, 1867, as a Company with limited liability without the addition of the word "limited" to its name.

## MEMBERS

6. Membership of the Society shall be open to any person, registered company or corporation having an interest in Aberdeen-Angus Cattle.

6a. Each member shall be required as a condition of membership to co-operate with the Council in the eradication of any hereditary defect or disease detrimental to the breed and failure to observe this condition shall be deemed to be prejudicial to the interests of the Society and shall entitle the Council to invoke Article 15. The decision of the Council as to whether such defect or disease is detrimental to the breed shall be final.

7. Applications for membership shall be made on the prescribed form obtainable from the Secretary of the Society.

8. Except as hereinafter provided, membership may be annual or for life. Life members Except as hereinafter

provided, membership may be annual or for life. Life members shall pay to the Society in addition to the prescribed entrance fee such single subscription as shall be determined in manner hereinafter provided. Annual members shall pay in addition to the prescribed entrance fee such annual subscription as shall be determined in manner hereinafter provided.. Life membership shall not be open to registered companies or corporations.

9. A person carrying on business under a trading name may be registered as a member under that name along with his proper name.

10. Members of a partnership owning a herd may be registered jointly as members of the Society and any change in the membership of the partnership shall be intimated to the Secretary as soon as it occurs. Members of a partnership shall not as such be eligible for life membership but shall be jointly liable to pay the prescribed entrance fee and the annual subscription. A member of a partnership so registered shall nevertheless be entitled to be registered as a member of the Society in his own right and in such case shall be eligible at his option for annual or life membership.

11. The entrance fee and subscription for annual and life members shall be fixed by the Council and shall be subject to confirmation by the Society in General Meeting.

12. The annual subscription shall become due on the 1st day of January in each year. A member whose annual subscription shall remain unpaid on the 1st day of December in the year in which it falls due shall cease to be a member. A member whose annual subscription is in arrear on the 1st day of March in the year in which it falls due, shall not be entitled to receive the Society's publications or to any of the privileges of membership until the subscription shall have been paid.

13. A member may resign on giving written notice to that effect to the Secretary of the Society, but a member shall remain liable to pay the annual subscription unless notice of resignation shall have been given prior to the 1st day of December in the year preceding that in which the resignation is to have effect.

14. The rights and privileges of membership of the Society shall not be transferable or transmissible by act of the member or by operation of law.

15. Any member who shall fail in the observance of any bye-law made by the Council of the Society, or whose conduct in any respect shall be, in the opinion of the Council, derogatory of the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Society, may be removed from the Society by a resolution to that effect passed by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council present and voting at a Special Council Meeting of which not less than twenty-one days' previous notice specifying the intention to propose such resolution shall have been sent to all Members of Council, and at which not less than nine Members of Council, exclusive of the member whose removal is in question, if he shall happen to be a member of Council, shall be present. Provided, however, that any member in respect of whom any such resolution as aforesaid is to be proposed shall have sent to him by the

Secretary a copy of the said resolution and notice at the same time as these are sent to the members of Council, and such member shall be entitled to attend the said Special Meeting and/or to be legally represented thereat, and to make representations why such resolution should not be passed.

15a. The Society shall have the right to cancel the Herd Book registration of any animal deemed by the Council to be carrying any hereditary defect or disease detrimental to the breed. The exercise of this power to cancel shall be entrusted in the first instance to a Sub-Committee of the Council appointed under Article 23(h). Any member may, within twenty-one days of notice being given to him of the decision to cancel registration, appeal in writing to the Council against the decision of the Sub-Committee to cancel registration and, in that event, no such cancellation shall be effective unless and until it has been approved at a special Council meeting subject to the same voting and notice out in Article 15 at which meeting the member appealing shall be entitled to be present and/or be legally represented and to make representations why such cancellation should not be made. Upon cancellation being made or becoming effective as the case may be the registration fee in respect of the animal in question shall be refunded.

15b. The Society shall have the right to refuse Herd Book registration to an animal deemed by the Council to be carrying any hereditary defect or disease detrimental to the breed. The Society shall also have the right to suspend an application for Herd Book registration of any animal that is the progeny of an animal carrying or suspected of carrying any hereditary defect or disease detrimental to the breed until such trial breeding results or other tests, as the Council may from time to time consider necessary, have been obtained and such animal shall be entered in a special list of suspended applications. If such results or tests show to the satisfaction of the Council the animal and/or its parents to be free from such defect or disease it shall be admitted to Herd Book registration. If such results or tests do not demonstrate freedom from such defect or disease to the satisfaction of the Council the animal shall be refused Herd Book registration and the registration fee shall be refunded. The exercise of these powers shall be entrusted in the first instance to a Sub-Committee of the Council appointed under Article 23(h). Any member may appeal to the Council against a decision of the Sub-Committee placing the animal on the list of suspended applications or refusing registration in the same manner and under the same conditions as in Article 15a.

15c. The Council shall have the power to order to be destroyed the stored semen of a bull whose Herd Book registration has been cancelled under Article 15a or of a bull whose Herd Book registration has been refused under Article 15b..

## Council

16. The affairs of the Society shall be administered by a Council, which shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, President of the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association and fourteen other members of the Society. In addition to the foregoing the retiring President of the Society shall be a member of Council but without voting rights. The retiring President shall be entitled to remain a member of Council without voting rights for one year immediately following his retirement from office, and shall be eligible to be elected as an ordinary member of Council after he has ceased to hold office for one year. The quorum of the Council shall be five, and the Council shall be deemed to be duly constituted, and shall continue to possess all the powers hereby conferred upon it, notwithstanding any vacancies in its body. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be members ex-officio of all sub-committees of the Council. No person shall be eligible for election to the Council who is not registered as a member of the Society in his own name.

17. The President, the Senior Vice President and the Junior Vice President shall be nominated in writing to the Secretary of the Society no later than 28 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be elected by the majority of the members present and voting on the Presidency, the Senior Vice Presidency and the Junior Vice Presidency at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. They shall hold office for one year and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office in successive years. A retiring President, a retiring Vice-President who has not been elected President and retiring Junior Vice-President who has not been elected Senior Vice-President shall not be eligible for election to the Council until after the lapse of one year from the time of his retirement.

18. The members of Council shall be elected by the members of the Society by postal ballot held immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting and their election shall be declared at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office for three years and shall not be eligible for re-election until after the lapse of one year from the time of their retirement. It shall not be an objection to a person acting as a member of the Council that he has attained

the age of 70 years. In the election of Members of Council each member of the Society shall have one vote for each vacancy.

19. For the purpose of election of the members of the Council, the area covered by the Society shall be divided into constituencies returning members as follows:-

## SCOTLAND

North – Authorities of Perth and Kinross, Angus, Dundee City and all Authorities and Areas north of these South Three Members South – Authorities of Argyll and Bute, Stirling, Clackmannanshire, Fife and all Authorities south of these Three Members

## ENGLAND AND WALES

North – Authorities of Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Wrexham, Denbighshire, Caernarfonshire and Merionethshire and all Authorities north of these Three Members South – All Authorities south of the above Three Members

## IRELAND

To be considered as one constituency returning two members to be delegated by the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association.

20. From and after February, 1993, members shall be elected to and shall retire from the Council as follows.

## SCOTLAND

North One member each year  
South One member each year

## ENGLAND AND WALES

North One member each year  
South One member each year

## IRELAND

As determined by the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association.

21. Nominations for membership of the Council shall be made on the prescribed form which shall be issued by the Secretary of the Society. Each nomination shall have a proposer and seconder both of whom shall be members resident within the constituency in respect of which the member of Council is to be elected. Eligibility for nominations shall be the ownership by the nominee, either alone or jointly with others, of an Aberdeen-Angus herd situated within the constituency, or failing such ownership, residence within the constituency. For the purposes of this Article "residence" in the case of a person having more than one residence shall mean his principal place of residence and in any case of doubt the address at which he is registered in the Register of Members shall be deemed to be a person's principal place of residence.

22. If and whenever a President, Vice-President or ordinary member of Council dies, resigns or by virtue of Article 15 hereof or in any of the circumstances set forth in Article 38 of Table C in the First Schedule to the Companies' Act, 1948 becomes ineligible before entering upon or before the expiration of his term of office or when an ordinary member of Council is elected President or Vice-President or in any case where there is an absence of nominees, the Council may fill the vacancy thereby created until the next Annual General Meeting of the Society when the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of its term by election of the members in terms of Article 18. Where in any constituency there is more than one vacancy and the vacancies are for periods of differing duration, the candidate polling the highest number of votes shall be held to have been elected to the vacancy having the longest duration, the candidate polling the next highest number of votes to the vacancy having the next longest duration and so on. Where in any election poll in which there is an equality in votes shall be determined by lot. Where the number of candidates nominated is the same as the number of vacancies, but the vacancies are for differing periods of duration, the period for which each elected candidate shall serve shall be determined by lot.

23. The Council shall have power

(a) to accept or refuse applications for membership of the Society

(b) to fill interim vacancies in the Council as provided in Article 20

(c) to hold meetings as and when required and at such times and places as they may fix

(d) to hold for the Society the copyright and absolute interest in the publication called "The Aberdeen-Angus Herd Book"

(e) to apply for registration as a trade mark of the name "Aberdeen-Angus" in respect of any goods article or thing in which the Society has an interest

(f) to make Bye-laws for regulating the administration of the Society and, in conjunction with auctioneers and others, to prescribe the rules for sales held under the auspices of the Society

(g) to make Bye-Laws prescribing the terms and conditions on which entries may be made in the Herd Book and to remove from the Herd Book entries made in breach of such terms and conditions, such right of removal to be subject to the right of appeal by a member as set out in Article 15(a)

(h) to appoint Sub-Committees of their own number and/or of other members of the Society and to specify their terms of reference

(i) to appoint a Secretary who shall also be Treasurer of the Society and the editor of "The Aberdeen-Angus Herd Book"

(j) to appoint such other senior officials as may be considered necessary

(k) to give directions to the Secretary/Treasurer regarding the expenditure of the funds of the Society and to invest from time to time the accumulated funds in the name of a nominee company of the Society's stock broker or bank as may be determined by the Council.

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a Council Member may otherwise be entitled, every Council Member or other officer or auditor of the Society shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Society against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the Court from liability, negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Society.

24. Ordinary Meetings of the Council shall, unless otherwise ordered by them, be held three times in the year, at such places and times as the Council may determine.

25. Extraordinary Meetings of the Council may be convened by the President, by both Vice- Presidents acting together, or by any eight Members of Council, and shall be called by the Secretary.

26. Fourteen days before every Meeting of the Council, notice of the meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat, shall be sent by post to every Member of the Council.

27. All questions and matters brought before a meeting of the Council expect the removal of a member of the Society, shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present, and each member shall have one vote. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. The President, whom failing the Senior Vice-President, whom failing the Junior Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at all meetings of the Council.

## Meetings

28. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at Perth at the time of the Spring Sales or at such other time and place as the Council shall from time to time appoint but so always that not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting and the next.

29. Not less than 21 days before each Annual General Meeting there shall be sent to each member a notice convening the meeting and specifying the place and time thereof. Along with such notice shall be sent to each member a note of the business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting, a report by the Council of the activities of the Society during the previous year, a copy of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the previous year with the Auditor's Report thereon, and a copy of the Minutes of all General Meetings of the Society held since the last Annual General Meeting.

30. All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

31. Extraordinary General Meetings of the Society may be convened by the Council at any time on 21 days' notice and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened on like notice on the written requisition of not less than 50 members of the Society or as provided by the Companies Act 1985 Section 368. Such requisition shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by



the requisitionists and deposited at the Registered Office of the Society, and may consist of several documents in like form signed by one or more requisitionists. If the Council do not within twenty-one days from the date of the deposit of the requisition proceed duly to convene a meeting the requisitionists, or any of them, may themselves convene a meeting, but any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of three months from the said date. Any reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionists by reason of the failure of the Council duly to convene a meeting shall be repaid to the requisitionists by the Society.

32. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting, and also all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting with the exception of the consideration of the accounts and balance sheets and the reports of the Council and the Auditors, and the election of Council members in place of those retiring.

33. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting of the Society unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business; save as herein otherwise provided, twenty-five members shall be a quorum.

34. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon a requisition of members shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Council may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

35. The President, whom failing, the Senior Vice-President, whom both failing, the Junior Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Society.

36. The Chairman may with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting; save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

37. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

### Voting

38. At any General Meeting of the Society every member shall have one vote and no member shall be entitled to vote unless all monies due by him to the Society shall have been paid. A partnership, registered company or corporation shall vote only through a duly authorised representative.

39. Unless otherwise by law provided all business of the Society shall be determined by the vote of the majority of the members present, the Chairman of the meeting to have a second or casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.

### Common Seal

40. The custody of the Common Seal shall be vested in the Secretary and a resolution of the Council directing the Common Seal to be affixed to any deed or other document shall be sufficient authority and indemnity to any person or persons affixing the Common Seal pursuant to such direction.

### Accounts

41. The Council shall cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to:

- (a) All sums of money received and expended by the Society and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place;
- (b) All sales and purchases of goods by the Society; and
- (c) The assets and liabilities of the Society.

42. Books of account shall be kept at the Registered Office of the Society, or, subject to the Companies Act 1985 Section 222, at such other place or places as the Council may direct and shall always be open to the inspection of the Members of Council.

43. The Council shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Society or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members, not being members of Council, and no member (not being a member of Council)

shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Society except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Council or by the Society in general meeting.

### Audit

44. Auditors shall be appointed and their rights and duties regulated in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 Part XI Chapter V.

### Notices

45. A notice may be given by the Society to any member either personally or by sending it by post to him or to his registered address, or (if he has no registered address within the United Kingdom or Eire) to the address, if any, within the United Kingdom or Eire supplied by him to the Society for the giving of notice to him. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice and to have been effected in the case of a notice of a meeting at the expiration of twenty-four hours after the letter containing the same is posted, and in any other case at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

46. Notice of every General Meeting shall be given in any manner hereinbefore authorised to –

- (a) Every member except those members who (having no registered address within the United Kingdom or Eire) have not supplied to the Society an address within the United Kingdom or Eire for the giving of notices to them;
- (b) Every person being a legal personal representative or a trustee in bankruptcy of a member where the member but for his death or bankruptcy would be entitled to receive notice of the meeting;
- (c) The Auditor for the time being of the Society. No other person shall be entitled to receive notices of General Meetings.

### Winding-Up

47. Clause 8 of the Memorandum relating to the winding-up and dissolution of the Society shall have effect as if the provisions thereof were repeated in these Articles.

# The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society:

## Requirements for entering Society sales

All members entering cattle for any official Society sale should be a member of a CHeCS approved Health Scheme. A completed Health Pen card, available from your Health Scheme provider should be displayed above your animal. Buyers do look up Health Scheme databases to check vendors' information so it's in your best interest to make sure the health information is as up-to-date as possible. Vendors must have a Johnes degree of risk displayed in the catalogue and the Health Pen card.

### Johnes Risk levels 1-5

Status	Definition
<b>Risk Level 1</b>	This is directly equivalent to the previous CHeCS Accredited status. Level 1 status is associated with the lowest risk when buying in stock. Health plan required.
<b>Risk Level 2</b>	Level 2 status herds have had one or two clear consecutive herd tests. Health plan required.
<b>Risk Level 3</b>	Level 3 status herds have reactors identified at the annual herd test, but these are no more than 3% of the animals tested. Health plan required.
<b>Risk Level 4</b>	Herds with Level 4 status have reactors identified at the annual herd test, and these amount to more than 3% of the animals tested. Health plan required.
<b>Risk Level 5</b>	Any herd that is not carrying out the required testing or does not have a suitable health plan in place automatically falls into this category. Level 5 status is considered to be the greatest risk with respect to Johnes when buying in stock.

If your entries are from a BVD accredited herd then they must be vaccinated with an approved vaccine no more than 12 months prior to the date of the sale. If your entries are from a herd which is not BVD accredited, then the individual animals which have entered must be tested free of BVD and vaccinated no more than three months prior to the date of the sale.

All males should be sire verified and myostatin tested in line with Society requirements. More information on these requirements can be found at: <http://aberdeen-angus.co.uk/sire-verified-aberdeen-angus/>.

Any DNA tissue sample can now be lodged with IdentiGEN, ensuring the correct sire details are accurate in the catalogue. Breedplan EBVs are important to buyers so please ensure animals are scanned for the data to be displayed in the catalogue.

Following arrival at the sale premises all cattle are subject to an official veterinary

inspection. To avoid disappointment of having cattle rejected please use the guide below before consigning cattle to the sale:

- **Ensure the dentition is correct - teeth must make contact with the dental pad of the upper jaw. Animals found to have undershot or overshot jaws will be rejected.**
- **Testicles will be evaluated and measured and must attain the following minimum measurements of 30cm at 12 months, 32cm at 18 months and 34cm 24 months.**
- **Make sure all animals are free from Ringworm, Warts, Lice and Mange and other infectious or contagious diseases.**

If the vet considers any animal to be carrying a heritable genetic or phenotypic condition which in their opinion is detrimental to the integrity of the breed then the animal will be debarred from the sale and no progeny registered.

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### Useful links:

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**For all sale dates:**  
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*Please note: if for any reason you are unsure about anything please contact the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, your Council representative or your vet.*

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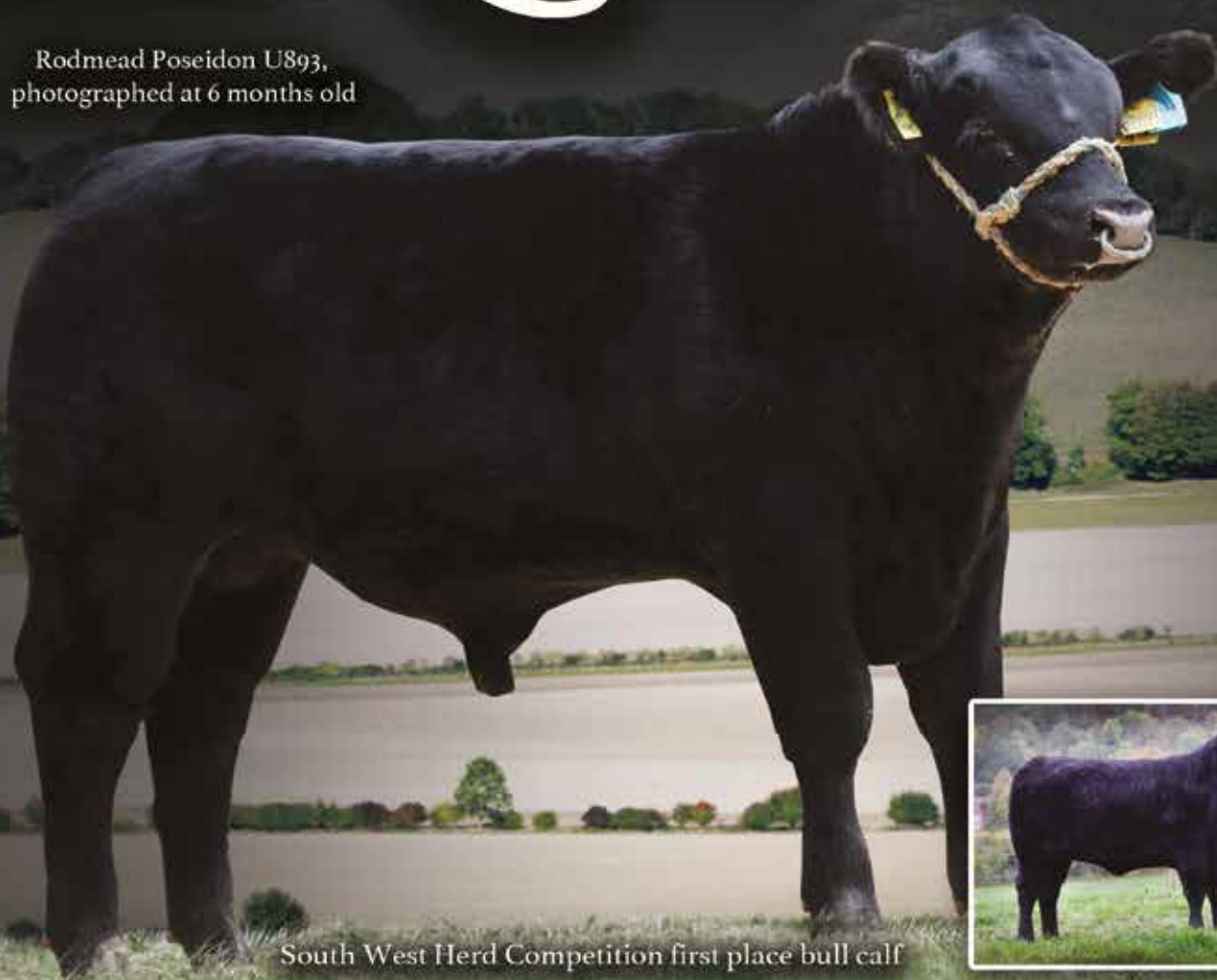
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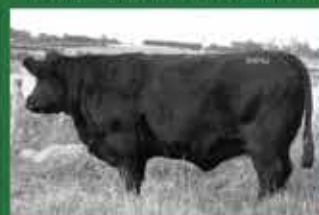
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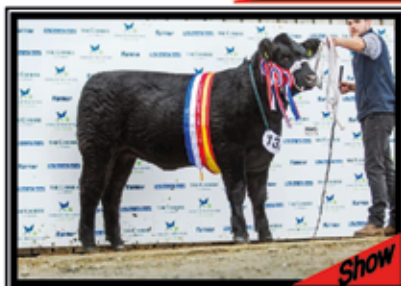
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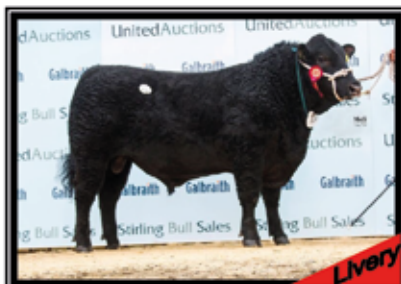


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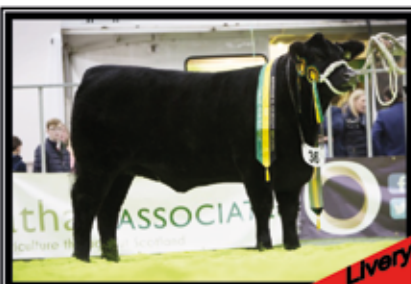
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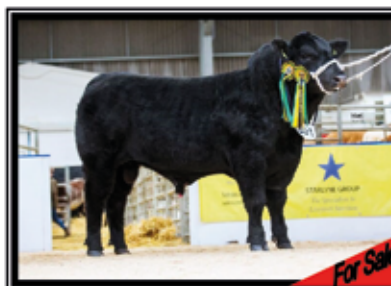
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November 2018 Aberdeen-Angus BREEDPLAN											
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+3.1	-3.2	-0.6	+45	+80	+92	-	-	-	-	-	-
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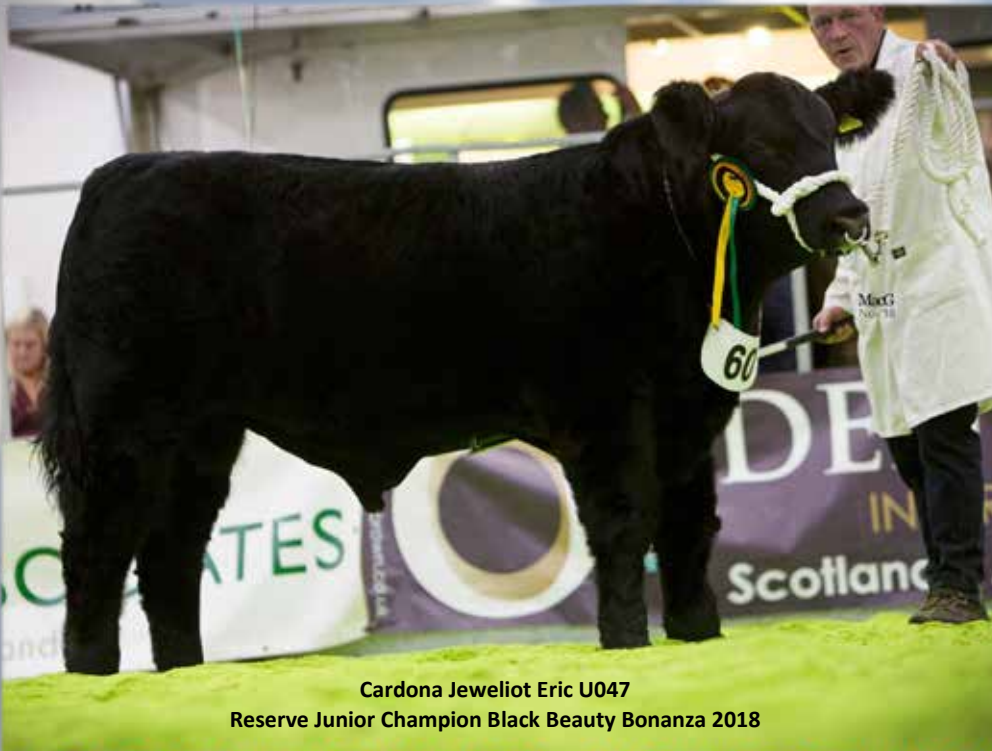
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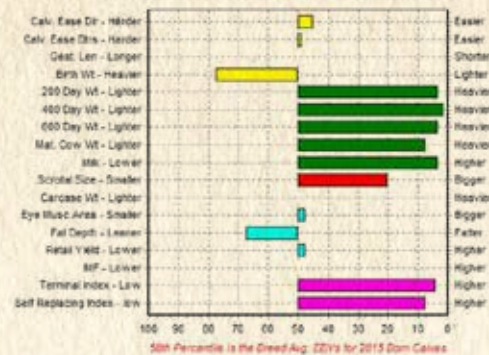
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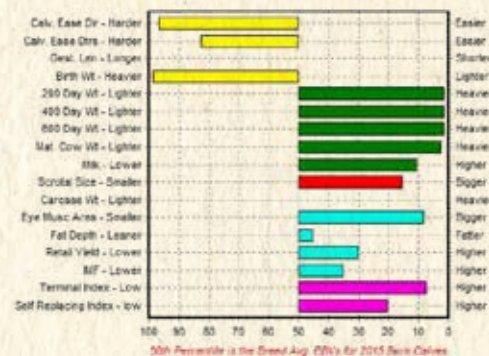
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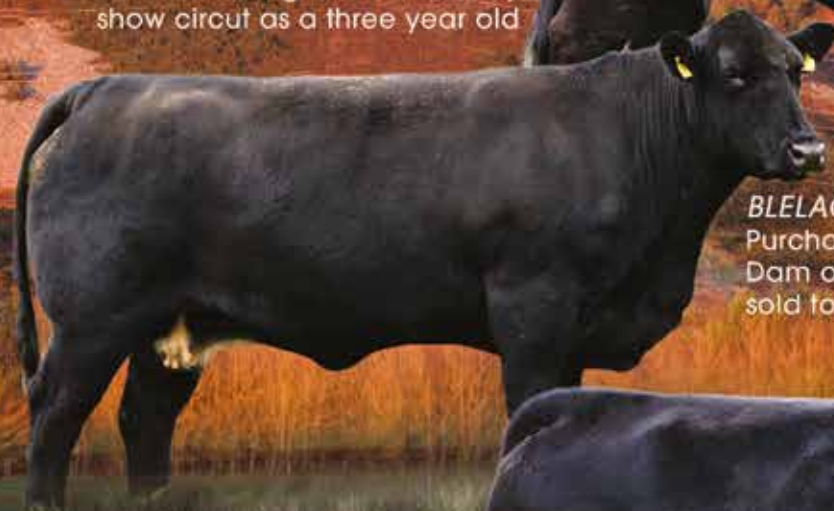
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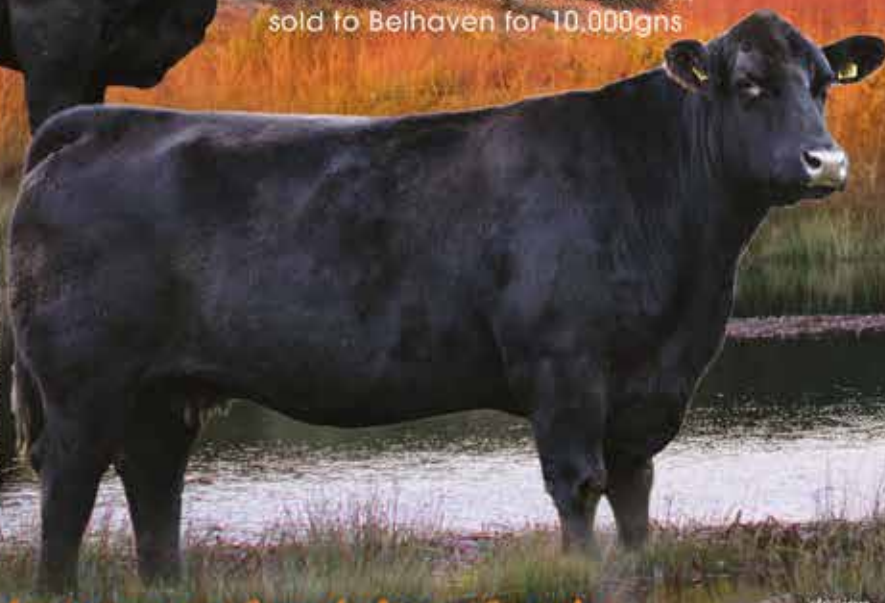
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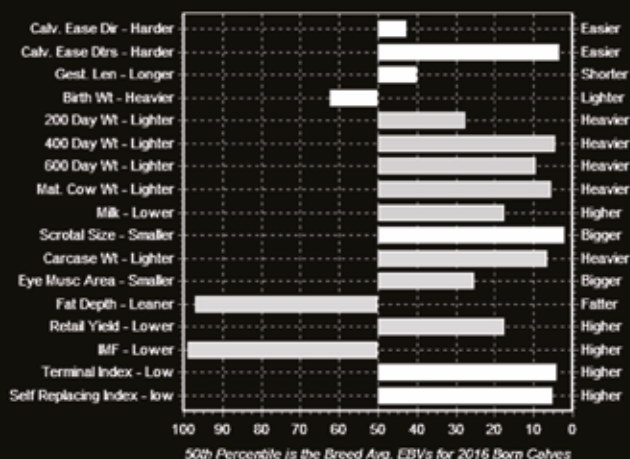
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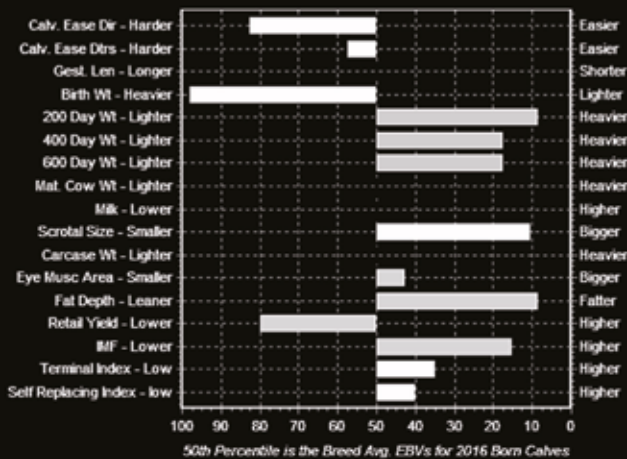
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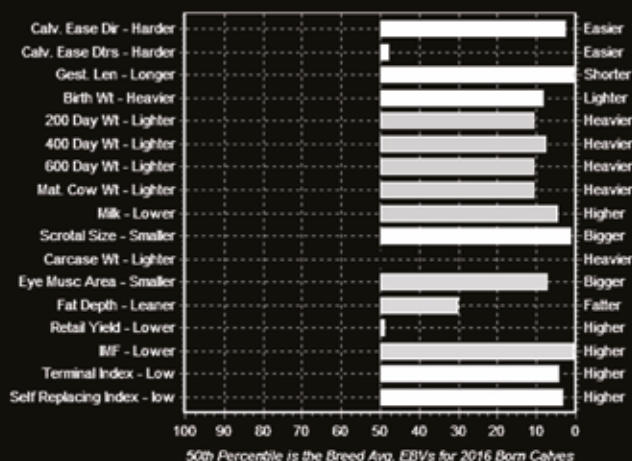




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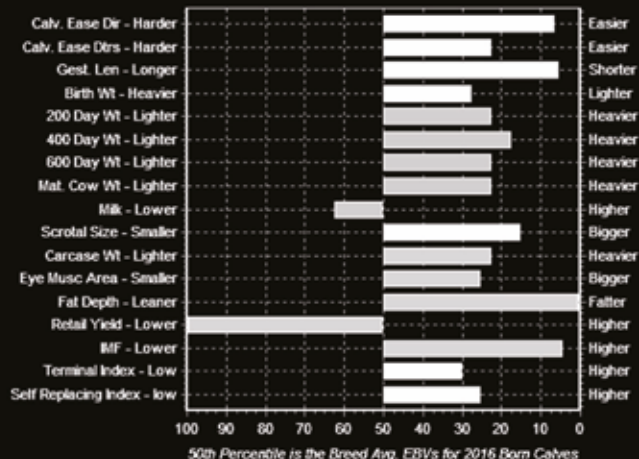
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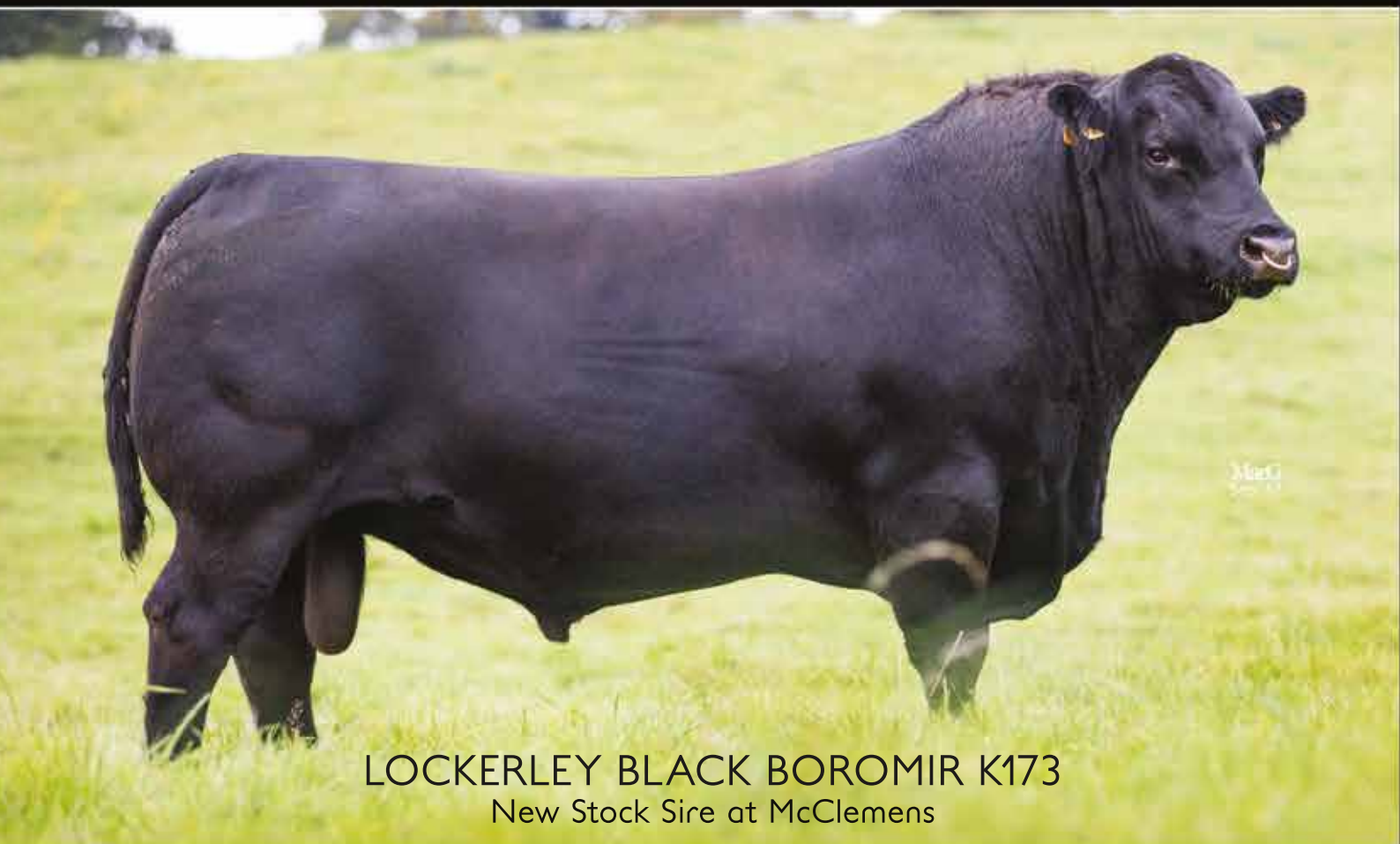


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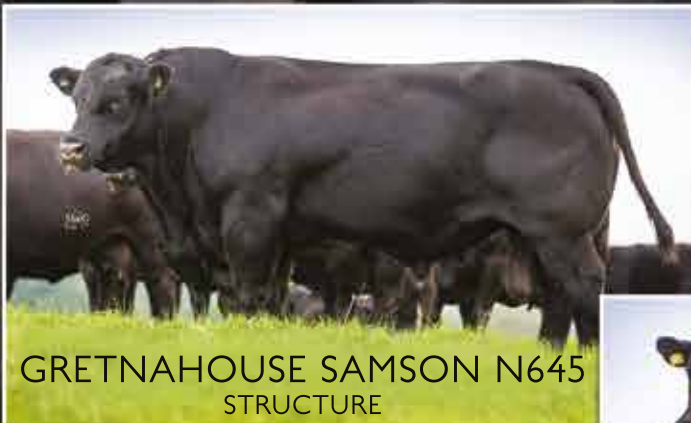


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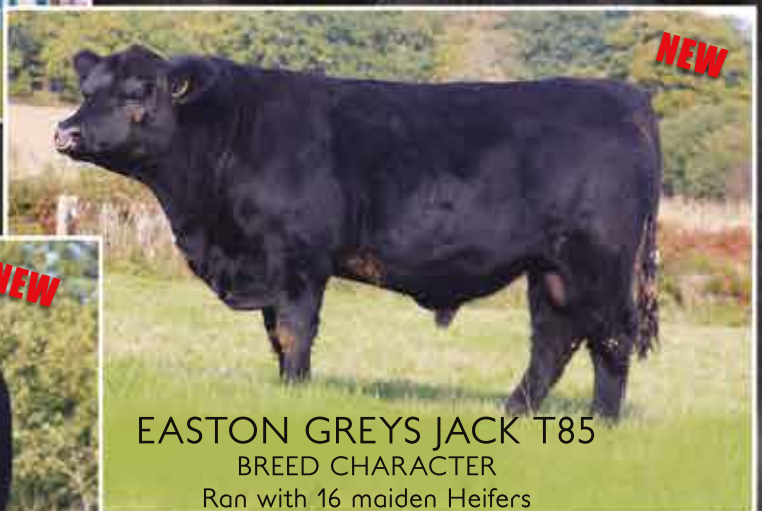
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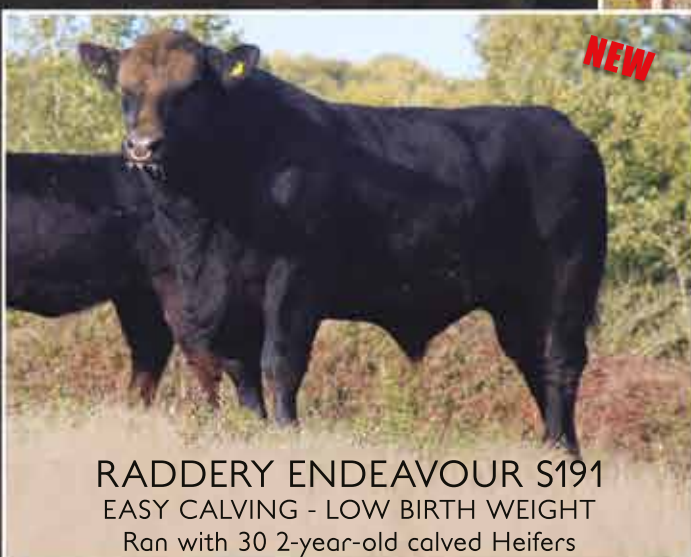
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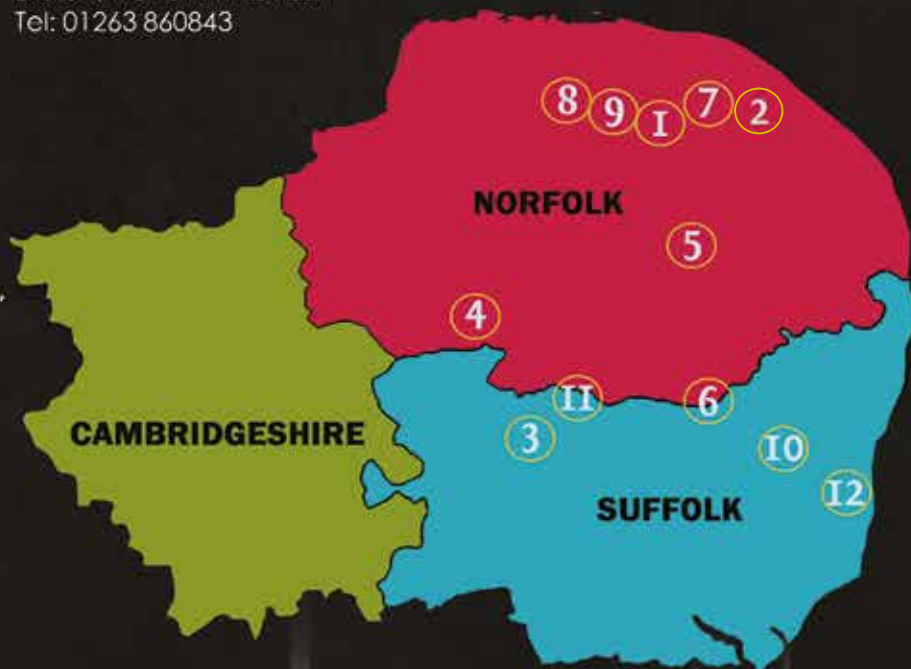
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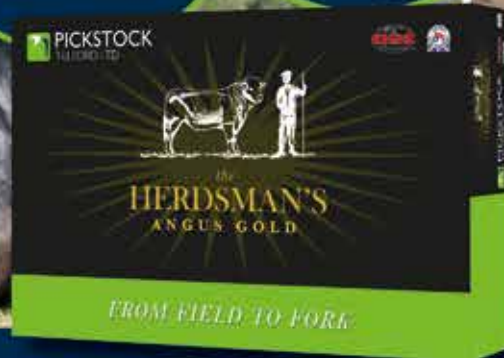
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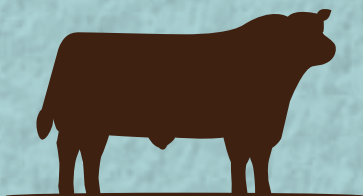
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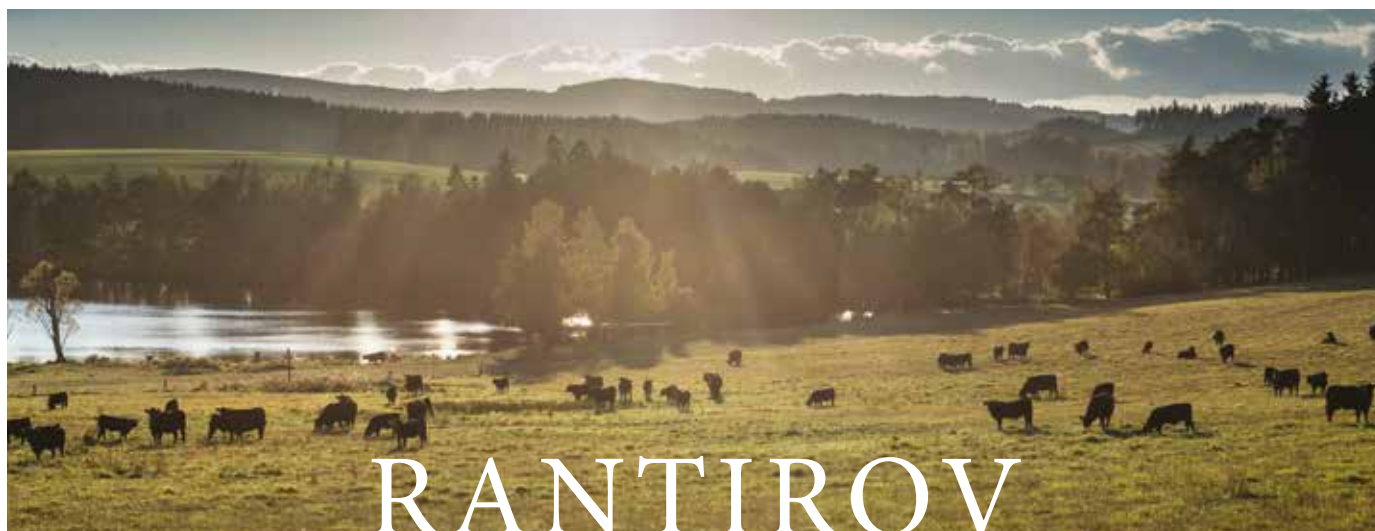
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- IVP averages two to three embryos per donor each collection depending on cow, management and season.
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- There is no line up programme or need for drug use or FSH in the donors who tend to get back in calf very easily.
- Some cows are consistently producing four or more embryos every week, others will produce between one and two. Occasionally we also will produce 12 or more usable embryos in one week. Cows tend to be consistent in the number of oocytes / embryos they produce each week - it is possible to select high yielders.
- Semen is vital to the programme's success. Once we identify a batch which works well, it will tend to do so consistently, and vice versa. We may be able to help advise on 'good' or 'bad' batches of semen based on previous experience.

Richard and Carol Rettie are amongst a growing number of Aberdeen Angus breeders who are successfully using IVP to exploit some of the best genetics from their 25 cow Retties herd based at Methven, Perth.



Richard explains: "Our IVP success story began after several unsuccessful attempts using MOET on a number of cows. We'd heard about IVP, decided to try, and were immediately successful producing a number of oocytes from those same cows. In turn, we achieved several embryos and our first IVP resulted in a 75% pregnancy rate.

"That first collection included from 14-year-old Idvies Evita B088 and we achieved two calves. The first, Retties Evita U005, by Retties JFK M195 has already won a number of accolades including AA Summer National Show calf champion, AA Winter National Show heifer calf champion, Rising Stars interbreed champion and Black Beauty Bonanza reserve junior champion. The second calf, Retties Eviction U003 was first in his class at Stars of the Future.

"IVP has also been introduced to a number of cattle whilst in livery on our unit. The fact that donors don't require to be jagged twice a day for a week is an all-round added bonus."

He adds: "IVP has been a good option to produce embryos from cows which haven't responded to MOET - both our own and those in livery. We had no problems calving, the calves were average weight and full of vigour. We are looking forward to more IVP calves joining our herd in future."



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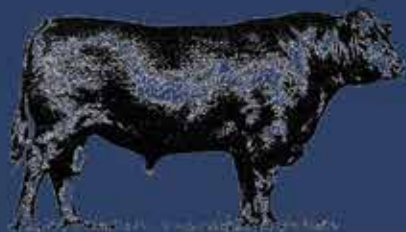


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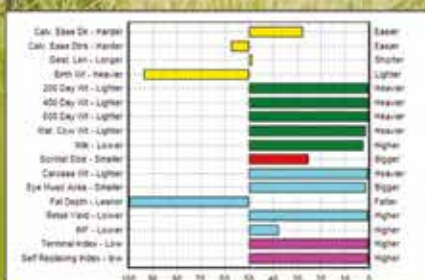
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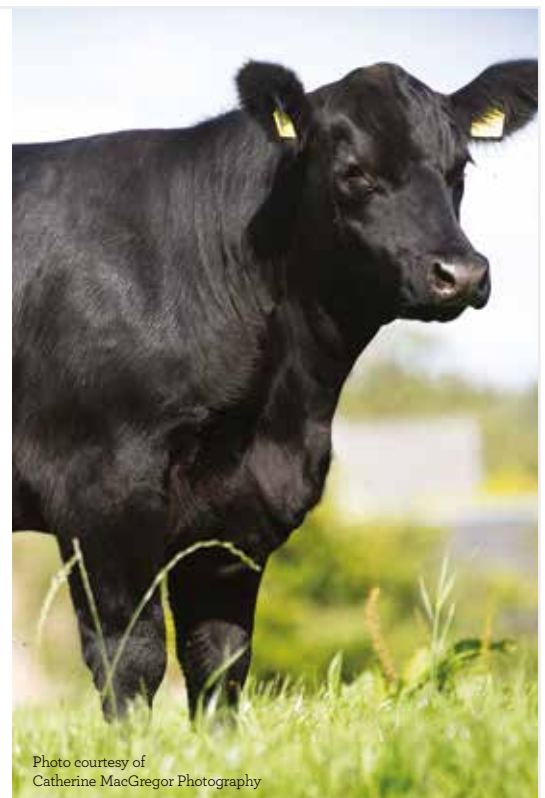


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#### MONDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

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#### SATURDAY MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>

Return from trip and overnight in Punta del Este.

#### SUNDAY MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

Day at ease - optional tours - Entry of animals to Exhibition grounds at the Convention Center - Angus stud cattle and commercial Exhibition set up.

#### MONDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

Conferences Official opening and Welcome Reception at Punta del Este Convention Center.

#### TUESDAY MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

Conference Sessions - Countries' presentations - World Secretariat Closed Assembly - Pen show at the Convention Center showgrounds.

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

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#### FRIDAY MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

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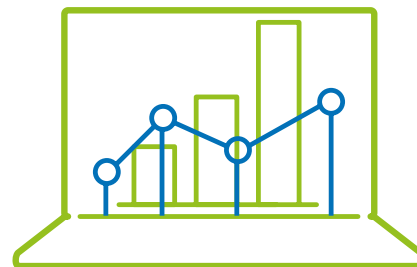
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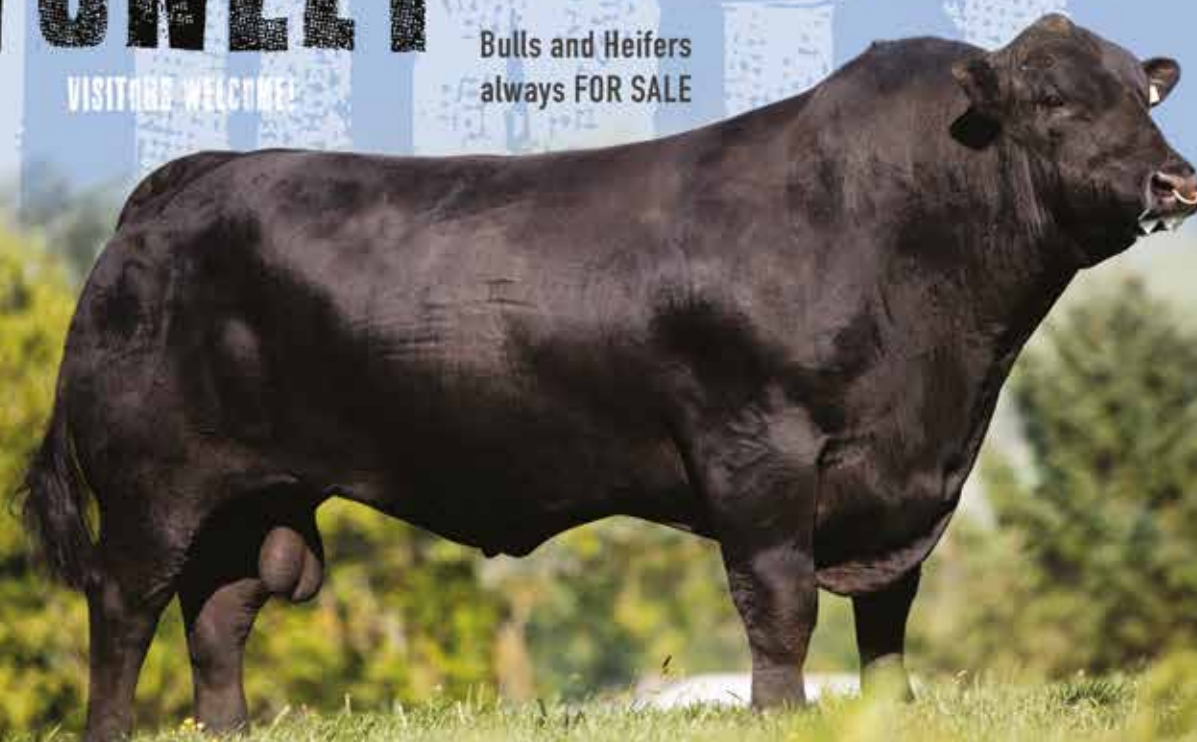
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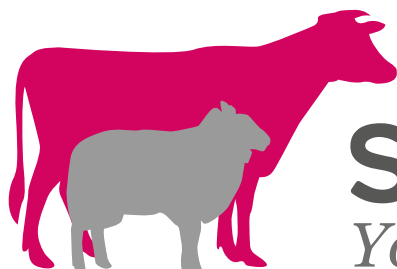


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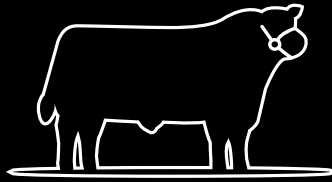
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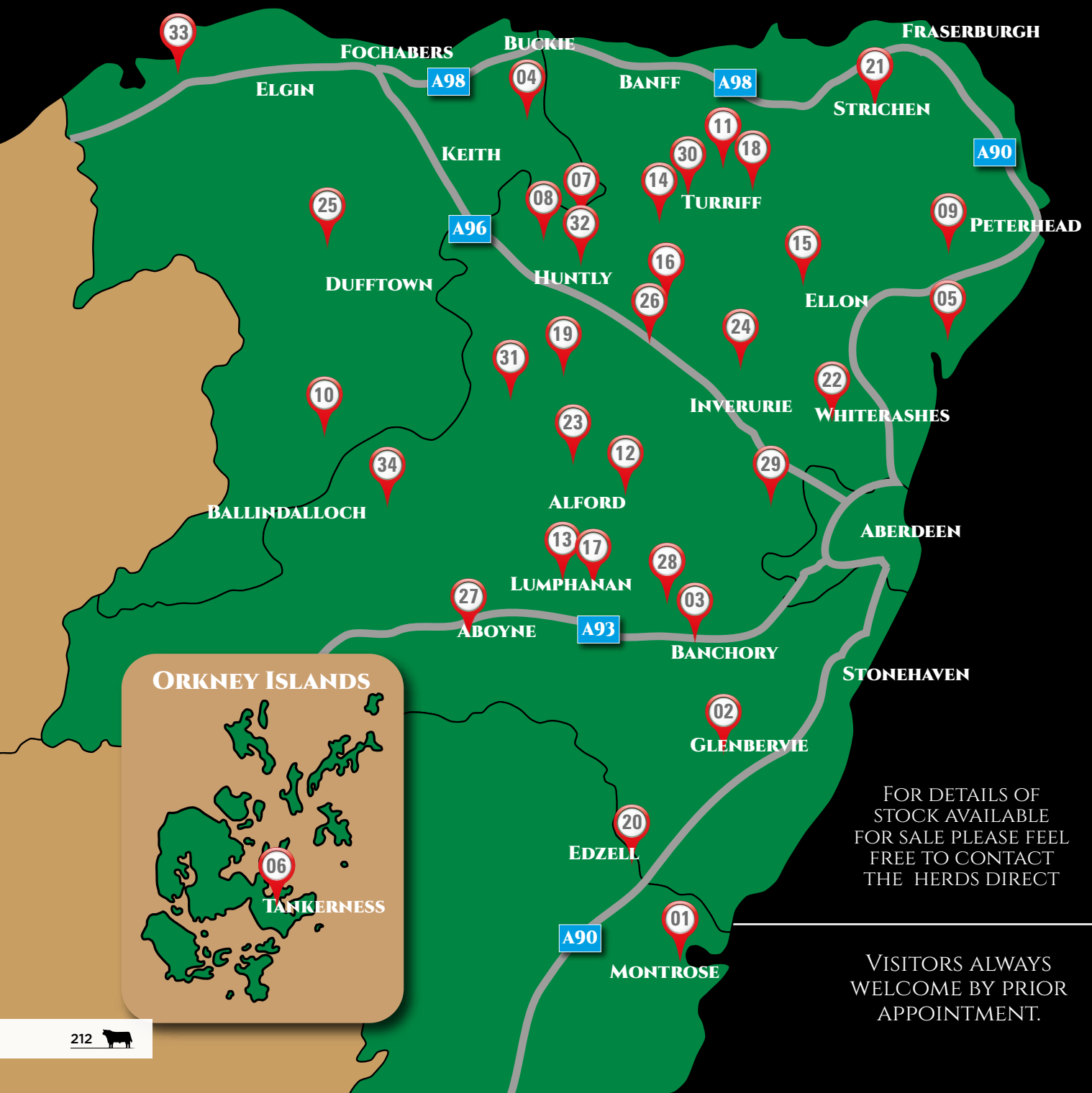
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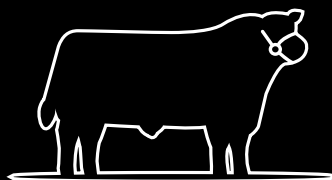


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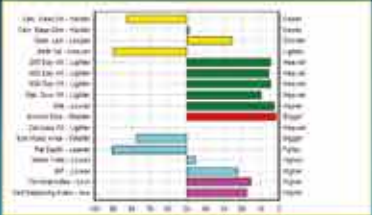
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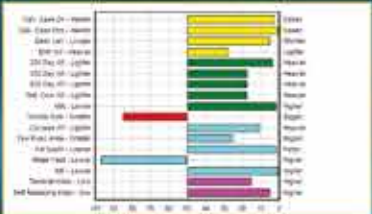
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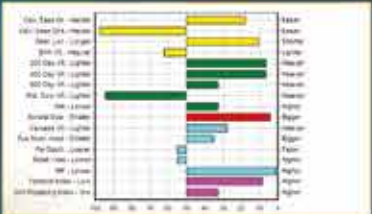
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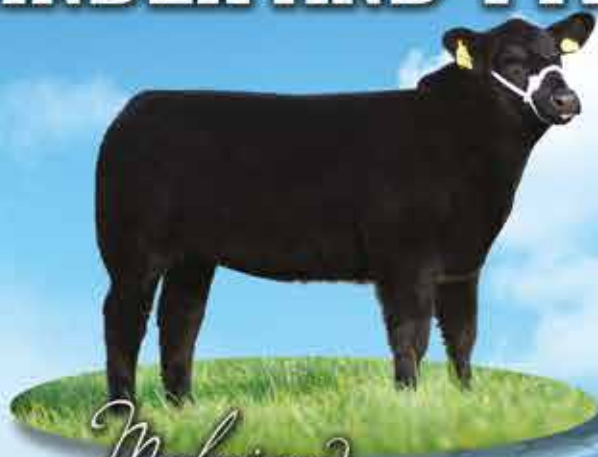
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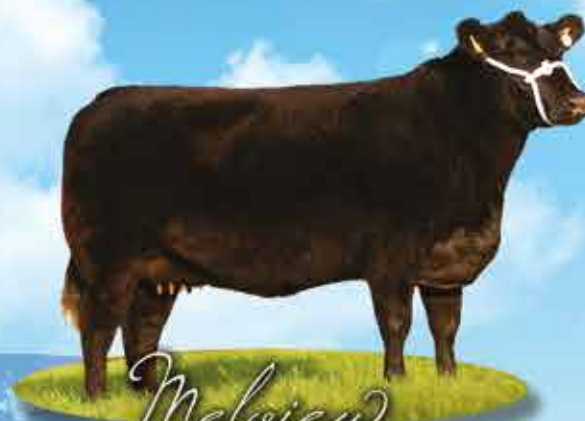


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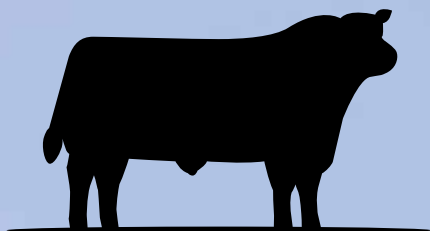


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*Left* - Full sister to O'Neills Black Bardolier. His dam was the top-priced animal at O'Neill's sale, selling for \$32,000

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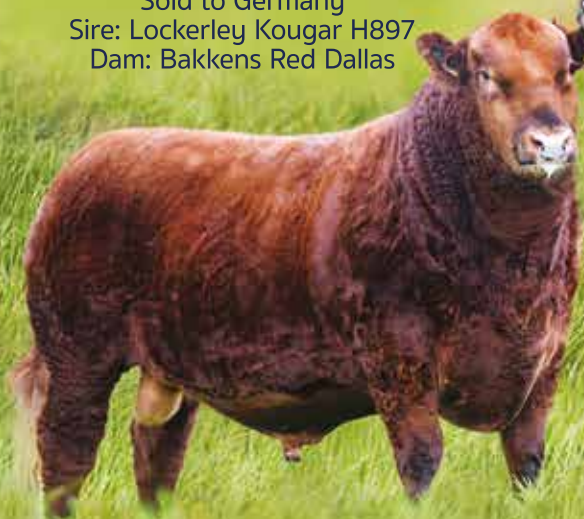
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Dam: Liley Grace P128



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### LILEY RED DESIGNER RED OUTCROSS BULL

Sold to Germany  
Sire: Lockerley Kougar H897  
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### SHADWELL EARL P773 STOCK BULL AT LILEY

Sire: Bleack Blackgammon M864  
Dam: Shadwell Elandia L537



# Holystone Angus



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October 2018 Aberdeen-Angus BREEDPLAN															
	Calving Ease DIR (%)	Calving Ease DTRS (%)	Gestation Length (days)	Birth Wt. (kg)	200 Day Wt. (kg)	400 Day Wt. (kg)	600 Day Wt. (kg)	Mat Cow Wt. (kg)	Milk (kg)	Scrotal Size (cm)	Carcass Wt. (kg)	Eye Muscle Area (sq cm)	Fat Depth (mm)	Retail Beef Yield (%)	IMF (%)
EBV	-2.9	+2.6	-0.1	+4.9	+63	+129	+138	+131	+20	+0.5	+104	+7.5	-4.2	+3.2	-0.3
Acc	48%	43%	54%	79%	72%	73%	68%	58%	50%	76%	62%	55%	61%	55%	48%
Breed Avg. EBVs for 2016 Born Calves <a href="#">Click for Percentiles</a>															
EBV	-1.7	+0.1	+0.7	+3.2	+38	+67	+83	+79	+11	+0.9	+52	+3.5	-1.2	+1.0	+0.0

SELECTION INDEX VALUES		
Market Target	Index Value	Breed Average
Terminal Index	+64	+31
Self Replacing Index	+73	+40

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