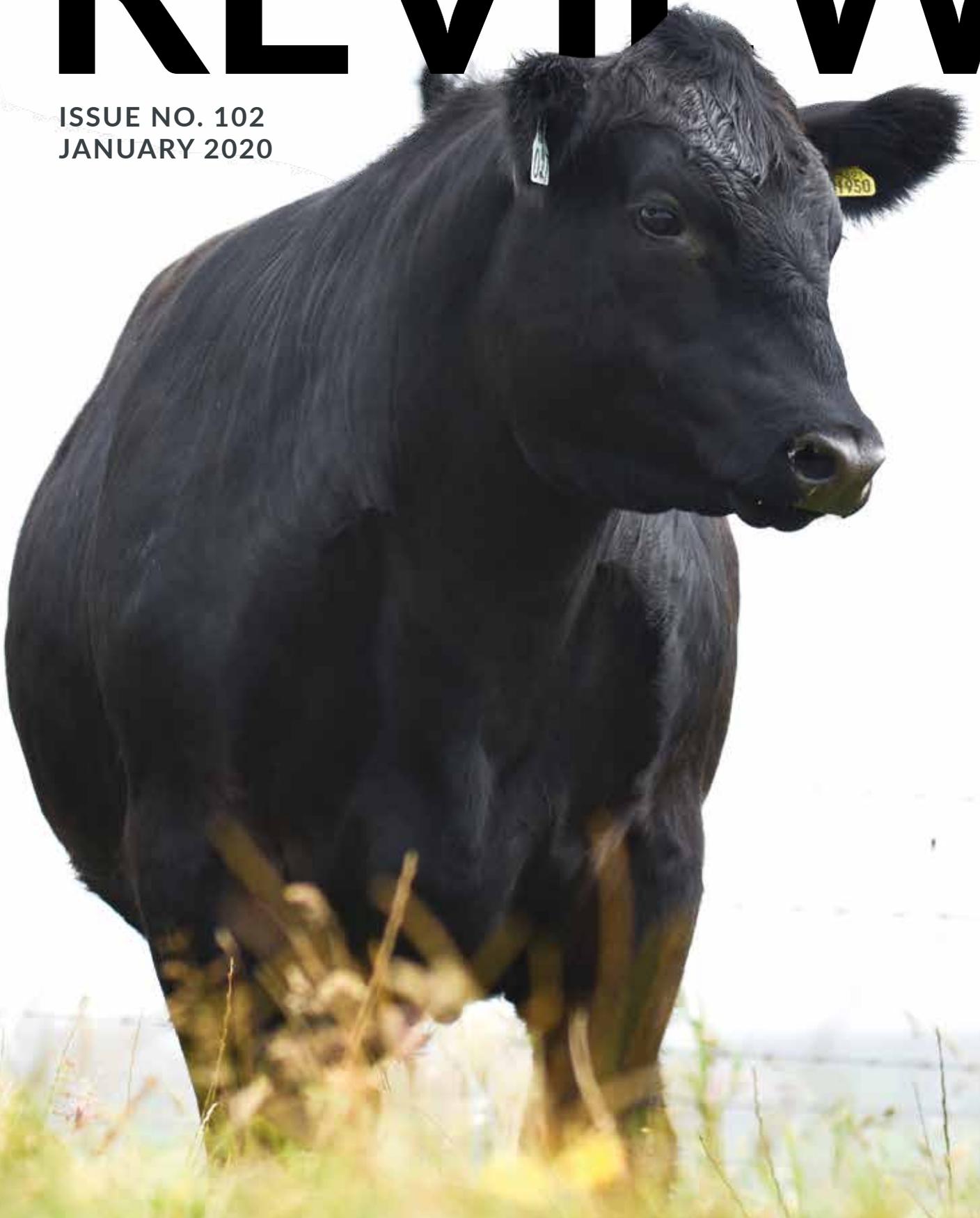


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Coming up to the second anniversary of my appointment to the role of Chief Executive, I have derived a great deal of pleasure from meeting so many committed, passionate breeders and members of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.

The year has been not without its challenges in terms of the beef industry and its profitability, which was well documented in the farming press and received coverage on many platforms. Over the last year we have focused on marketing the Aberdeen-Angus premium we have enjoyed over the years and which gives us an edge that is the envy (and frustration) of many of our competitors! We have a wonderful breed that has so many positive attributes; breeding advantages, easy to keep, economic, and productive. Also, and perhaps most importantly, a carcass size and finish that is perfect for today's marketplace.

The situation that we have found ourselves in is unnerving. Especially with the uncertainty Brexit has created in our marketplace and the fact no one seems to know what the consequences of continued delay will be. A huge raft of new paperwork has been developed to preserve our place as a Society approved in the EU; either as a member, or as a third country. It is not a choice. We must comply with every detail of the Zootechnical Regulations and this has been no mean feat.

Over the past year there's been a slight change in priorities in terms of my role within the Society. The meeting and greeting of the first year was pared back a bit in the second. This was to allow me some time to develop and progress a number of the initiatives handed down by Council. These initiatives are to take us forward as a breed and herd book, increase the popularity of the Aberdeen-Angus breed, and above all secure and continue to expand the marketplace for the world's most renowned beef brand.

It gives us great pleasure to bring to you the 102nd Aberdeen-Angus Review. Following on from last year's successful publication, this year's edition allows us to recap the year 2019 while bringing in some educational, technical, and entertaining content that will hopefully keep you interested from cover to cover.

On behalf of the Council, the team at Pedigree House, and myself we hope that you enjoy our review of 2019. Let's look forward to another productive and progressive year for the Society, its members, stakeholders and the overall breed and the brand.

Barrie Turner, Chief Executive

Barrie Turner

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A Review of 2019 from the CEO



It's not been an easy year with reduced returns for the beef industry and it may be some time before we return to having the most expensive beef in the world. Aberdeen-Angus has populated the world and is now the staple genetic base for many countries. British native cattle breeds have flourished globally – none more so than Aberdeen-Angus – but in the ever-changing world of politics, climate change, veganism and flexitarians, we must ensure our industry is equipped with answers.

Asking “why” is a pertinent thing to do in times like these. We already recognised the UK has very high costs of beef production and therefore an expensive end product. This means it's viewed increasingly as a luxury for special occasions. With over 20 beef breeds in the UK, perhaps not all beef is as expensive to produce. We must look more closely at costs across our industry, reacting to implement savings and remain competitive.

Brexit is doing our industry no favours. Uncertainty regarding Agriculture is undermining confidence in beef and live exports of breeding stock. Over the past year we have worked on maintaining our status as an approved herd book by the Scottish Government and DEFRA, so we can continue our trading relationship with Europe. Either as a member, as we are now, or as a third country. This has been a huge administrative undertaking, involving the registrations department to whom I am eternally grateful for their help and input. As a Society we must preserve our markets however possible and keeping doors open to our partners in Europe is key to this.

The sale ring has been affected by the uncertainty as we have moved through 2019. Spring sales were relatively positive, with the autumn sales less so. There are

potentially many reasons for this trend but the political arena, I believe, has been a major contributor in easing demand for Bulls and females for export.

I have become increasingly involved with our processing industry stakeholders. This provides highly useful marketplace insights – allowing us to read what is happening across the industry and specifically with the Aberdeen-Angus brand. There has been a significant increase in enquiries from outside the EU – particularly from the Far East. China has been hit with African Swine Fever, decimating the pig population, leaving them short of protein. Our processing partners are being asked for beef and, interestingly, Aberdeen-Angus beef in particular.

The Certified Aberdeen-Angus Beef Scheme revamp is continuing, and we are working through Sire Verified option mechanics. Validation work is in progress with our DNA partners Identigen, who are known specialists in assurances with the retailers. This is proving a slow process so far but there will be a further focus and concerted effort to get this completed in 2020. This scheme is another huge step to protect the market for UK and Ireland Aberdeen-Angus beef on behalf of our membership.

Shows are a big part of Society activity and are seen by many as the shop window for their stock. We invest a great deal of Society money, time and energy in making sure we are present at major shows and encouraging Regional Clubs to take space at smaller shows. This all helps to maintain our breed's visibility. We would love to involve clubs more at stands around the country. We can put up marketing messages, but farmers listen to farmers. They talk the same language and the advantages of keeping Aberdeen-Angus come across better from a hands-on perspective. And if you have some stock to sell, the deal can be closed there and then!

The workload in Pedigree House continues at a high level and the introduction of DNA testing for all registered bulls has added time to each registration. Over the last five or six years the staff in the office had to pick up various tasks, many of which have involved multiple people with no overall ownership. We have taken steps to redistribute tasks and use our staffing resources to their full potential. This has involved staff taking on new challenges and I thank them for doing so without question. We are now better placed to deliver all that is required of us.

Throughout 2019 we have trialled new methods of communication and have developed further platforms to communicate through. We are now on Instagram and Twitter, as well as Facebook. Throughout summer we have posted key information and marketing messages about the breed and brand that have a different slant to them. This has been commented on by members as a refreshing change of tack! We will continue this approach by evaluating this method against traditional paper advertising, which is increasingly expensive.

Throughout 2019 we held the Council and Committee meetings at the prescribed times and now have many initiatives that could take the breed forward. There is a genuine will to bring these projects to fruition and with the structure we now have in place we will communicate any progress in our newsletter, The Cud and the Review to ensure you remain up to date on all fronts.

Looking forward to 2020, we have another very busy and full schedule to work through and will be focusing on delivering added value to the membership as a priority, while ensuring we bring as many projects to completion as is humanly possible.

*Barrie Turner,
Chief Executive*

President's Focus



Paul with David Johnstone who judged at the October Stirling Bull Sales

A second presidential term under the belt of Paul Jeenes

A second term as president wasn't really in the master plan for me, but I was pleased to help out following an extended period of change and high workload for Council (without a CEO) and the additional responsibility of the World Forum among other issues. At the root of this opportunity is the privilege and pleasure for me of working in the cattle industry with knowledgeable cattle people. During the course of the last year, I have tried to provide leadership and direction in a structured and logical manner for the fast-moving development of the breed and our much sought-after Aberdeen-Angus brand.

This is of course not a single-handed mission, and I would like to thank the members of Council who give their time while usually neglecting their own businesses at home. I would also like to thank senior Vice President Alan Cheney and immediate past President Angela MacGregor for their support throughout this second term. Council is the nerve centre for the Society, and it is through their actions that many of the decisions that affect the whole membership are made. During the year we also introduced a number of projects where Council members have worked outside normal Council

meetings, tackling a backlog of issues. These projects include health, technical, breed promotion, office refurbishment, and a review of the council's operating structure. As always, the team at Pedigree House on both Aberdeen-Angus registrations and Pedigree Cattle Services continue to give great service to the Council, Presidential team and the membership. We have a long-serving team who have provided us with great stability during the aforementioned period of change. They continue to be a great asset to the Society, offering continuity for the business through the annual 'changing of the guard' on Council.



Paul with departing President Angela McGregor at the 2019 AGM

The Chief Executive started his second year in his post as I returned as President and I have worked with Barrie over the year to steer him in the right direction in terms of his priorities, and also encouraged him to focus on the issues that can bring the highest added value to the Society and its membership. However, he does find this challenging, as he is inclined to say yes to just about any request.

As I have said many times, Barrie has completed a great 'meet and greet' programme over the past 18 months following a period of division, but through Council and ultimately the membership, we need to help Barrie with his time management and allow him to focus on the role of the CEO. As a reminder, we only have one paid senior manager in our business: all the rest of us are part-time volunteers.

The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society is unique, as we have always stated. It is more than a breed, it's a powerful brand with great consumer recognition and the automatic association with high quality meat. Over the past decade we have built relationships with the retailers and processors to play our role and ensure that the brand continues to flourish. This will help to maintain demand and, even in the recent harder times for the beef industry, has helped to keep returns at higher levels than that of the industry average.

I have attended, where I could, shows and sales throughout the year and it has been a great pleasure to meet many friends and associates both old and new at the various events. As always with a voluntary position, and with business commitments outside the Society, it has not been possible to attend all of

them. This is also the case for other Council members, as they support and contribute when they can, but they also have home and business commitments which should always take priority.

In March this year I had the honour of representing the Society at the World Angus Secretariat in Uruguay. Although I had visited many South American countries before with my previous working life in pigs and poultry, I had not been to Uruguay. Uruguay has approximately 3.5 million people and 12.5 million cattle. I have often thought what the UK and Ireland would be like with similar ratios! It was a wonderful experience with so much to learn about Aberdeen-Angus and its place in a country whose population's staple diet is beef at 65 kg per head per year. The big message from Uruguay was this: if you're going to produce beef, produce the best as economically and as efficiently as possible, using every tool in the box. From the start to the end of the event, it was crammed with great case studies and visits, plus information on how they select the most efficient cattle using genomics, to getting the most out of every acre of land that can be used in production. The result? A low-cost system that produces beef for sale at US \$3.50 per kilo deadweight which leaves a margin for the producer.

At the Royal Highland Show we held a press briefing which saw members of the press arrive and listen to our story from the past 40 years of revival. This was a highly successful initiative resulting in many column inches in the press, publicising projects to take the breed forward. These included: sire verification, our place as number two in the country – and our forecast to be the number one by the end of 2020, our DNA programme, and the restructuring of the YDP. Overall, this generated positive publicity, something that has been missing in recent times and it's clear we should keep the press posted on our activities on a regular basis.

Pedigree sales around the country this year have been a little variable to say the least, although there have been some positives, mainly in the numbers of bulls sold which to date is up on the

year. There are more Aberdeen-Angus cattle out on farms now continuing our growth in numbers year-on-year. Currently, the beef market is difficult, where owing to circumstances beyond our control, we have ended up with a plentiful supply of cattle being offered to processors, against a background of high stocks leading to a depressed market price. The export of pedigree heifers has been very strong over the past decade, providing additional income, but as demand slows, we need to make sure that our home industry understands the benefits of keeping Aberdeen-Angus females as commercial breeding cows. These females can make a significant contribution to cost reduction.

Our industry is likely to be smaller in the coming years; at today's prices it is difficult to see how the current numbers of suckler cows will be maintained. There may be some regional support by local and national government, but if you have to winter house suckler cows, the costs are extremely high. From our own breed's point of view, we are in a very strong position with the economics of production, eating quality benefits, best brand recognition and the fact that we still enjoy a sales premium due to insufficient supply. I expect us to take a larger share of the market over the coming years, which should help us to maintain the growth of our breed.

I have always said that the Society does not own cattle, doesn't process cattle and we certainly don't pack or retail meat. What we do is provide tools via DNA for our members, processors and retail partners to help protect our breed and brand. Never has this issue been more important, following recent events in our industry.

I wish my successor Alan Cheney, our current Senior Vice President, a successful year in 2020. I am sure that under his leadership, with the support of Council and our great staff, we can continue to take the Society forward. Thank you once again for this great privilege and pleasure.

Paul Jeenes,
President

Highland Area Club

Show Herd of the year 2018

1st Galcantray
2nd Raddery
3rd Kilmaluag

Pedigree Herd of the year 2018

1st Balaldie
2nd Quanterness
3rd Culfoichmore

Stock bull of the year 2018

Galcantray's Gretnahouse
Black Rod R803

AGM

It was decided to trial hosting the AGM on a Friday night. This proved very successful, with many members staying overnight, however the hotel is now looking to install a chairlift before our next visit!

We welcomed our guest speaker Hugh Thomson, Tynet herd, who is also a well-known veterinarian and advisor to Harbro. A thoroughly interesting talk was enjoyed before our prize giving.

This year we were delighted to welcome Carol and Richard Rettie as our 'herd of the year' judges. We thank them very much for managing to fit this into an already busy schedule.

Youth Development Programme (YDP)

The YDP held a second very successful workshop in May, by kind permission of David and Beverly Walker, Galcantray Farm, Cawdor. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part.

Club Trip

At the end of June, following an overnight stay in Perth, the club headed by coach to the Borders where,

by kind permission of the Elliot family, we were treated to a marvellous tour of their Rawburn herd. John explained the feed efficiency trials he is involved in and how that will determine breeding decisions in the future. Following lunch in Kelso which the family very generously treated us to, we continued on to the Gordon herd. Head stockman, Iain Campbell and his daughters showed us a wonderful display of cattle and Isla captured some amazing pictures to remind us of our day. We would like to thank the family for their wonderful hospitality especially following on from a busy week at the Highland show. The breed is very lucky to have innovative breeders.

Show Season

The club caravan continues to be a focal point around our local show circuit and more livery has been added so that it is more noticeable. The breed was one of the most represented in the cattle sections at these shows. HAAAC members continue to enjoy success around the wider show circuit, calf shows and bull sales.

Commercial sales have been more difficult due to the pressures being experienced

within the industry but due to the hard work of the Society the Aberdeen-Angus brand continues to grow.

Micro Tour

As the club continues to enjoy a growing membership, the committee decided to act upon a suggestion made by Mike Tait, to visit members' herds as well as our annual trip away.

With this in mind we launched our first 'micro tour' where by kind permission of the Taylor family, Ardjachie, Tain, we were treated to a feast of breakfast before enjoying stockjudging, guess the bull's weight and finally a tour of Matthew's strong commercial herd.

We then moved onto Wester Fearn, Ardgay, where, after a tremendous lunch, we were shown round Gregor Laing's lovely pedigree herd. He had also organised a trip to his neighbour's fish farm which generated huge interest.

We rounded the day off by heading to Balaldie, Fearn by kind permission of Finlay and AnnMarie Munro. Despite the rain, it did not dampen the enthusiasm while touring the fantastic cattle on show. Although we had eaten like lords all day we were once again treated to amazing hospitality by the family enjoying a BBQ where the meat was sponsored by ABP Perth. As it was a huge success, this popular day is set to become an annual event!

The club has welcomed numerous new members this year, but there is always room for more...

*Gill MacGregor,
Club Secretary*





North East Scotland Club

The North East of Scotland Club year began with our annual dinner and prizegiving at Morris's Hotel, Oldmeldrum in February. Our guest speaker for the evening was Alasdair Brodie who is the Pig Specialist at Norvite Animal Nutrition Ltd. A selection of trophies from the Black Beauty Bonanza 2018 were presented.

AGM

As part of our AGM in March, we held an open meeting where we enjoyed an evening with John Sleigh, Scotland's Editor of the Farmers Journal. He shared his thoughts on life beyond the farm gate.

New Handlers Day

The club held a New Handlers day with the venue and cattle being kindly supplied by club members, Willie Ritch and Graeme Willox. New skills were gained from the guidance and assistance of our experienced stockmen and women. Some participants have been in the show circuit for many years and it was a great opportunity to brush up on their techniques. For others this was a brand new experience and the first time on the end of a halter. During the day participants of all ages were involved in practising many skills from washing and clipping to preparation and ring craft. They also got hands-on and made halters from scratch! This event has been a success for the last couple of years and we look forward to holding it again in the future.

Youth Development Programme (YDP)

As per last year, we were very grateful to David Walker of Galcantray Farm, Nairn for hosting the North East Scotland Youth Development workshop back in May. It was great to once again have so many people taking part.

It was a fantastic day with lots of keen youngsters. A selection of our club members gave up their valuable time to teach our next generation of cattle enthusiasts.

Show Season

Many North East breeders kicked off the summer show season by attending the Royal Highland Show, many of them taking prizes home with them. The shows in the North East circuit were very well attended. Cattle were very well presented and some competitors went on to compete in the interbreed classes. Our show caravan was present at Echt and Turriff Show.

Echt Show was our compulsory show for our Summer Herd competition with a very good quality cattle going forward on the day. The points from Echt, along with points gained at two other local shows of the exhibitor's choice go towards the results of the herd competition. Well done to all involved.

October Stirling Bull Sales

There was a great selection of bulls shown and sold at Stirling in October. This year's judge was David Johnstone, Ballindalloch Aberdeen-Angus. David is the current club chairman of the club. He would like to thank the Aberdeen-Angus Society and United Auctions for their hospitality.

Autumn Club Meeting

Eddie Gillanders kindly shared his experiences of his latest study tours to both Montana and South Africa in November. It was a very interesting evening with a number of club members in attendance.

The year slipped past very quickly and rapidly moved towards the Black Beauty Bonanza which is held at ANM Group, Thainstone by Inverurie. It was great to see an entry of 108 calves and yearlings entered from 28 different herds, including first time exhibitors. We are very grateful to Ballindalloch Highland Estate who kindly agreed to come on board as Main Sponsor for the event. Many positive comments were received on the day regarding the quality of the animals being shown. Once again, the Junior Showmanship classes were well attended. It's very encouraging to see our youngsters taking part with such excitement and enthusiasm.

We look forward to the coming year and we would be delighted to welcome new breeders to the club. Please get in touch at any time.

*Claire Johnstone,
Club Secretary*

Central Scotland Club

2019 has been a busy year for a few of our club members at sales and the local shows. Good prices were achieved and a good show of cattle was on display throughout the year. Well done to those involved.

During the month of July, we had a great visit for the central club to the Cardona Herd owned by Robbie

Galloway. The weather was perfect for looking round the cattle and there was a great turnout from our club members. A great lunch provided by Robbie and his team made the day.

At our annual AGM this year we had the pleasure of Geordie Soutar and family, with Geordie making a presentation of his travels throughout the year from Uruguay to New Zealand and many other parts of the world which he told us about. It was a great evening learning about what other

countries do with their Aberdeen-Angus cattle and how differently the breed is used in relation to the UK.

Dave Murray takes over from Bert Taylor as chairman this year. Huge thanks to Bert for the last two years as chairman, I am sure all will agree a job was very well done. We are always on the lookout 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

Ayr Show

The show season was kicked off in May with a good turnout to Ayr County Show. Duncanziemere took champion position with House O'Muir taking reserve. Thanks to all who participated to keep our local show going.

Annual Club Trip

In early August, six members headed north to Turriff Show for the weekend. A great time was had by all and thank you to the North East Club for their hospitality.

Herd Visit

Mid-August saw the club head to the Chapleton Herd in Castle Douglas to see the Aberdeen-Angus and Shorthorn herds of the Biggar family. A great show of cattle was on display and it was interesting to hear how commercial breeding works with the herds. A special thank you to Donald and staff for hosting us and for their hospitality.

*Helen Brown,
Club Secretary*

Border Club

Bull Walk

The Border Aberdeen-Angus Club year starts with the bull walk ahead of the February sales, which this year was held on Sunday 18th January, the first time a Border bull walk has been entirely held on a Sunday. Members visited almost all the herds with bulls forward for the Stirling sale and covered a lot of ground over the day. Once again, the quality on display was tremendous, which was confirmed at Stirling both in the show and sale rings. The Border bull walk continues to be well supported, especially the new Sunday format. This 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 Rulesmains for providing a soup and sandwich lunch at The Chapel, where the Rulesmains bulls are accommodated.

AGM

The Club held its AGM in February, which was well supported, and with business conducted quickly members then enjoyed supper which was followed by the herd competition prize-giving. The meal was followed by an entertaining and informative talk given by Neil McGowan of Incheoch on his recently concluded Nuffield Scholarship report. Dallas Allen was elected Chairman of the club for a two-year term, following on from the outgoing Chairman Ian Watson.

Club Visits

2019 has been a busy year with local visits for club members and some welcome visitors from outwith the club area. We were very ably hosted by Gavin Tait of the Raethorn Herd, at Thorneydykes Farm, Gordon in June. Gavin also has an important role with AB Europe and hosts their IVF and embryo transfer collection facilities at Thorneydykes. Gavin provided an extremely informative demonstration of the processes and facilities for their enhanced breeding work through AB Europe. Those present also had a walk through the females making up the Raethorn herd, which was a pleasant conclusion to a super day.

The Club also visited the Kersquarter Herd, situated at Kersquarter Farm, Sprouston, Kelso, operated by Ian Watson and Jim Ford. The cows were in uniform bulling groups in July which made it easy to pick out the sire selection choices. The stockjudging results and an entertaining vote of thanks were given in an address from Ian Watson, alongside a much appreciated BBQ to round off the afternoon. Very many thanks for the hospitality provided at both club visits this year.

The Border Club has been in the habit of doing a longer distance trip each year, but has not managed this for a year or two due to pressure of work at that time of year.

Bull Sales

Border members have enjoyed a successful year selling both bulls and females privately along with a very successful year through the auction ring.

February 2019 sales at Stirling provided not only a significant number of local highlights, but also the highlights of the sale. The pre-sale show was judged by Border breeder Tom Arnott of Haymount. Here are listed those selling for more than the average sale price (5887gns); Linton Gilbertines Elgin T149, 25,000gns, Wedderlie Bright Man T703, 11,000gns to TH Brewis, Borewell Black Magic T033, 11,000gns to Wedderlie, Stouphill Mr Peroni T188, 10,000gns, Linton Gilbertines Pheonix T184, 9,000gns, Hallington Jethro Eric T584, 8,500gns, Hallington Jerico Eric T571, 8,000gns, Linton Gilbertines Expect T174, 7,200gns, Stouphill Elmer T200, 6,500gns, Stouphill Bomber T182, 6,500gns, Ettrick Roccokocco, 6,200gns, Stouphill Miner Prince T194, 6,000gns.

The Carlisle spring show and sale was won by Stouphill Prince Morgan T189, who went one better from his Senior Championship to take the overall and sell to 6,500gns. Matching that price was another Border bull, Hallington Enhancement T598. Linton Gilbertines Dragoon T192 sold at 5,800gns after winning Reserve Senior Championship.

The October 2019 sale at Stirling was a tougher sale reflecting the uncertainty



within the industry – a 66% clearance selling 58 bulls to average 4,596gns. Top price among the Border club members was Rulesmains Kentucky U019 which realised 6,800gns, while Gordon Jasper Eric U295 and Gordon Desert Storm U263 achieved 6,000gns and 5,000gns respectively. Stouphill Marshall Prince U210 sold for 5,500gns, Stouphill Elgin got away at 4,800gns to Germany, and both Roscoe Eyecatcher and Gordon Pacman U310 sold for 4,000gns apiece. Daniel Whiteford purchased the Junior Champion for his Borewell Herd at Berwick-upon-Tweed, in Brailes Fabulous for 12,000gns

Shows

The Royal Highland Show was first up for a number of Border cattle with Stouphill Eligh U217 winning the April 2018-born bull class, while Gordon Provander U300 stood second. In the next class (Bull born Jan-Mar 2018) Rulesmains Kentucky stood second and eventually followed the First prize winner into Reserve Junior Male spot.

Borders breeding was to the fore again at the summer national, held at the Royal Welsh show, when Tofts Polly Perkins L777, owned jointly by the Tofts and Melview herds secured the Female Championship, going on to stand reserve breed champion.

The Border Union Show was characterised by how wet it was during judging, but this did not detract from the quality of entry on show, which is supported by many of the Border breeders. Judge Neil Wattie (Tonley) made Stouphill Quorum T208 his worthy female and overall champion. Stouphill Quorum is a November 2017-born rising 2-year old by Duncanziemere Jigsaw. Reserve came in the form of Kersquarter

Jipse Erica, a March 2018-born yearling heifer by Balmachie Lord Jock. Rulesmains Kentucky U019 followed his success at the Highland Show as reserve overall male champion. There was more success for the Stouphill herd when Quorum teamed up with Stouphill Lady Rose T196 to win the interbreed pairs championship.

Berwickshire County Show was well supported, and in the absence of the previous week's winner, Kersquarter Passia stepped up to take the overall honours from the yearling heifer class. Rulesmains featured in every class, winning the cow with calf at foot with Rulesmains Fondare, the two-year-old heifer with Rulesmains Kerry, and the calf born in 2019, along with a second place in the yearling bull class with Rulesmains Kentucky. Gordon Brooke Estate won the yearling bull class with Gordon Provander U300. Special mention for the two new exhibitors this past summer – Donald MacNeill and Gavin Tait.

Once again the club provided hospitality at Berwickshire County Show which continues to be well received. Food and catering is provided by members and the club is most grateful for these

contributions. The Border Club are also grateful to Neil Wattie and Alistair Clark Jnr for taking the time to judge the Border shows this year.

Club Herd Competition

The judge for this year's competition was Donald Graham (Carruthers), who enjoyed his weekend travelling throughout the Borders and North Northumberland finding his winners spread far and wide amongst the 12 competing herds.

Results are as follows:

Heifer calf (Jan-Mar)

- 1st Raethorn
- 2nd Eastfield
- 3rd Borwell

Heifer Calf (Apr onwards)

- 1st Hallington
- 2nd Kersquarter
- 3rd Hallington

Bull calf (Jan-Mar)

- 1st Rulesmains
- 2nd Wedderlie
- 3rd Eastfield

Bull Calf (Apr onwards)

- 1st Kersquarter
- 2nd Ettrick
- 3rd Stouphill

Group of three cows

- 1st Kersquarter
- 2nd Hallington
- 3rd Wedderlie

Stock Bull

- 1st Rulesmains
- 2nd Stouphill
- 3rd Ettrick

Youth Development Programme (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 once again, thanks must go everyone who assisted in any way, most especially James and family for their huge effort in making sure that there are ample calves broken for the young members to use.

*Natalie Cormack,
Club Secretary*

PENWAC Club

Sadly, two of our active members passed away this year: Pat Edwards, wife of our Chairman Stephan, who helped set up the Millstones Herd and Joyce Dalton of the Crake Herd. Both helped greatly at shows and events, and will be greatly missed by the club members.

The club started the year with the AGM and lunch at the Best Western Country and Golf Club, Garstang. We took the opportunity to present the herd competition trophies which had taken place the previous year. Afterwards Andrew Shufflebotham filled us in with Society news.

The club attended with the exhibition unit at Cheshire and Westmorland. On the 2 days of the Royal Cheshire Show we did not get much rain but the copious amounts of rain before and made the ground challenging. Owen Tunney took

Supreme Champion with Morpheus Rosebud S028 and Mr & Mrs Denning took Reserve Champion with Temple Lolly Pop. I must mention at this point the passing away of Andrew Denning. He supported the show for many years and will be very much missed as an exhibitor and friend of Cheshire. Well what can I say about Westmorland Show! The rain started before the showing and did not stop. The Champion was Swordale Emerald U270 of Miss L Pittendrigh, well done for travelling from Peeblesshire! Reserve Champion was Alanta Lord Hector U120 of Mr L Metcalf. The good

news is that the weather did not stop people visiting the exhibition unit and enjoying refreshments, with many looking for bulls.

This year we visited two member herds. First was David Isherwood's Airedale Herd at Skipton, North Yorkshire. Sadly, I was unable attend but heard good reports from Stephan and Richard that they had a great day along with members and local farmers. We started the visit with an Angus beef bap from David and Josh's butcher shop, before taking a trailer tour round the herd. The calves were by



many home-bred bulls, namely Airedale Evano S454, Kasper S451, Kirstoner S434, Lord Perseus P325 and Weeton Ephos. Our Chairman remarked that the herd was growing in consistency since it was only established in 2013. He was also impressed by the range of new buildings.

The second visit was to the Pilsbury Herd in Derbyshire, the home to the Jackson family. Their land is 1,000-1,400ft above sea level with some very steep limestone ground where they run the cattle on a paddock grazing rotational system. They were certainly thriving well. The calves we saw were from a diverse range of bulls to cater for the 25 bull customers

that Richard has each year. They were sired by Liley Buster L014, Yearsley Royal Lupo R209, Yearsley Edward R236, a traditional bull with non-imported blood lines, and also Pilsbury Egmont who is a New Zealand imported embryo. Richard has just completed a new shed with a capacity to hold 200 cattle and 6 months slurry under the rubber coated slats. This is where we viewed the bulls ready for work. We enjoyed home-bred beef sandwiches and cake. Many thanks to both families for your time and hospitality.

Andrew Shufflebotham is to be congratulated on the excellent prices

reached at his recent dispersal, with a top call of £23,100 for cow Cheerbrook Pam S083 & bull calf Cheerbrook Profile V123. He certainly put Cheshire on the map - well done Andrew.

Looking forward to 2020, let's hope for better weather. PENWAC Members, Angus breeders and friends can join us for the AGM and lunch at the Best Western Garstang Hotel and Country Club on Sunday 1st March.

*Mary Hamnett,
Club Secretary*

North East England Club



The North East of England club has now been in existence for nearly 50 years and is looking forward to a bright future following the recent AGM where it was agreed to revert to being run by a committee rather than the arrangement of the previous year. We look forward to the future with Will Chrystal and Gary Rock as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Sophie Chrystal is Secretary, David Evans Treasurer. The remainder of the organising Committee is made up of Bill Taylor, Jack Bircham and Jane and Simon Foster.

The local and national shows continue to be a cornerstone of club activities. A special mention must go to the Turnbull family. They competed at 19 shows during the summer with considerable success, making a clean sweep of the club trophies at the club's AGM and awards dinner held in November. They started their journey around the shows of Northern England at Northumberland county show in May and concluded at Nidderdale at the end of September. Hopefully next year members will add one or two more shows to their own itinerary in order to at least keep Alan and Ann company in the region's judging rings! Adrian and Penny Johnson were reserve show herd winners, while Steven and James Knox won the award for the best new members. The Saville trophy for the outstanding achievement by a club member went to Gary Rock and

Jack Bircham for their bull calf Jackrock Pacman who was reserve calf champion at the national winter calf show at Agri Expo.

The Great Yorkshire show continues to be the club's main social event of the year and the most important event in replenishing the club's finances. Many thanks to everyone for their custom over the week. The competition between the various exhibitors continues to be as strong as ever with cattle coming from as far south as Somerset and as far north as Aberdeenshire and of course the Isle of Skye! This is not unexpected, as of course the Great Yorkshire show is the premier Agricultural show in England.

The club was well represented at Agri Expo at Carlisle. Special mention must be made to Gary Rock and Jack Bircham

whose bull calf Jackrock Pacman stood reserve bull calf champion. It will be interesting to watch his progress at the summer shows next year.

The club's own calf show was again held at Thirsk mart as part of the rising stars calf show. Special thanks must be made to Gemma Wark who did such a good job of her first judging role. Gemma's yearling champion was Retties Lady Rose U033.

We look forward to being a more active club next year with various visits and social events already in the planning.

*David Evans,
Club Representative*

Solway Club

The Solway Club's year began in February with our AGM and prize-giving held at The Auctioneer, Carlisle, as has become our tradition. Business was concluded promptly, with all office holders remaining in place, allowing the membership to enjoy the superb hospitality and a good catch up.

Shows and Sales

Carlisle's May sale again saw strong commercial demand for the breed. Congratulations go to all at Gretnahouse for securing the Windyhill Perpetual Trophy for the best animal bred and exhibited by a club member.

Solway members were out in force at the summer shows, most notably at Dumfries, where the Aberdeen-Angus and reserve inter-breed champion was awarded to Carruthers Elspeth from Donald and Kerry Graham. Reserve Aberdeen-Angus champion was also scooped up by a Solway member with Longbank Jack Eric from Messrs Duncan. An outstanding show of calves were also forward for the Winter National calf show held at the Borderway agri-expo. Awards for the highest placed male and female from the club will be presented at the next AGM.

Herd Visits

July saw the club spend a thoroughly enjoyable day in Dumfriesshire, organised by Thomas Peters. A good turnout with a strong contingent from the Borders club met at Birsca Farm to tour Carruthers, before driving the 30 minutes



to Rosslayne. Thank you to both the Grahams and the Lanes for their warm welcome and hospitality, and an excellent show of cattle.

Finally, we would be delighted to welcome new members to the club, and look forward to hearing from you. A herd competition is in planning for 2020 with classes to be agreed at the next AGM.

*Kit Acton,
Club Chairman*

East Anglia Club

The year started with the club's annual dinner and AGM in January, which was held at the White Lodge in Attleborough. At the event Jess Musk of the Park Wall Herd was elected Chairperson with Duncan Jeary of the Briston Herd elected as Vice Chairperson. We were very kindly given a talk by Barrie Turner, Chief Executive of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.

In early May the Overbury Hall Herd held our area's Youth Development Programme Workshop, with all of the cattle being supplied by the Reid family. There were a few changes to the co-ordinators including our own Jess Musk for the England North Area, with assessors and trainers and many new participants coming from lots of different breeds. It was great to see such enthusiasm throughout the day.

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. Going forward to 2020 the East Anglia Club are excited that the Aberdeen-Angus Summer National is being held at the Royal Norfolk Show on 1st and 2nd July, 2020.

During mid July on a lovely sunny weekend the club held its annual herd competition, which was kindly judged by Mr Mathew Stoker and his family from the Easton Greys Herd. The presentation day was held at the

Hawstead Lodge Herd in Suffolk by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Andrew Brown. Club members had a trip around the herd followed by the results and presentation and a lovely lunch kindly supplied by the hosts.

The best overall Large Herd winners were the Lilac Herd, Thetford and the best overall Small Herd winners were the Wickmere Herd, North Norfolk.

The large herd class winners were:**Best stock bull**

Shadwell Estate with Idvies Eric S735

Best cow

Hawstead Lodge with Hawstead Lodge Victoria L354

Best heifer born in 2017

Briston herd with Cheeklaw Black Bobbi T603

Best heifer born in 2018

Briston herd with Briston Evergold U144

Best heifer calf born in 2019

Northfield herd with Northfield Peta V

Best bull born in 2018

Shadwell Estate with Shadwell Blue Diamond U035

Best bull calf born in 2019

Hawstead Lodge with Hawstead Lodge Edward V040

The small herd class winners were:**Best stock bull**

Park Wall with Park Wall Pontius T004

Best cow

Overbury Hall with Overbury Hall Passiflora P020

Best heifer born in 2017

Meadowbrook with Meadowbrook Flo T147

Best heifer born in 2018

Meadowbrook with Meadowbrook Esther U149

Best heifer calf born in 2019

Wickmere with Wickmere Pershaw

Best bull born in 2018

Meadowbrook with Meadowbrook Lewis U157

Best bull calf born in 2019

Parkwall with Parkwall Evan V034

In Mid September the club held a coach trip to visit the Aynho Herd of the McLaren family, which was a very enjoyable day with a lovely lunch. September was a busy month for four of our area's young members, as they took part in the finals weekend in Loughallen Equestrian Centre in Ireland of the Youth Development Programme. Robbie Moore, Cerys Long, Hannah Haistead and Mason Moore – well done to them all.

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.

*Tracey Jeary,
Club Secretary*

South East England Club

We started the year's events with our AGM, held at Cross Farm in March. Our new Chairman Robert Whitcombe and Vice Chairman John O'Hara were elected. Our speaker was club member, Ruth Perry who spoke about her YDP-sponsored visit to South America. After the meeting we enjoyed an excellent lunch organised by the Stovold family.

In June we joined the South West Club for a very interesting herd walk to Harry Morley's Calstone herd in Wiltshire. We saw good cattle and enjoyed the Morley family's excellent hospitality.



In July we travelled to Herefordshire to Jeremy Price's Oakchurch Herd. We saw the Oakchurch Aberdeen-Angus and Charolais cattle and the flock of Charolais sheep. They have a large fruit-growing business and an extensive farm shop. Jeremy gave us a fascinating tour of the polytunnels and the pack house

where we sampled the fruit. Then some of us took the opportunity to visit the shop before our long journey home.

The Club stand was at Edenbridge and Newbury shows.

*Mike Spooner,
Club Secretary*

South West England Club

Our AGM was held in April at Devon Hotel in Exeter, where we were joined by Barrie Turner and Paul Jeenes. Richard Ashenden remained as Chairman, Gill Quinn as Treasurer, Lisa Frain stepped down as Secretary and Becca Thomas was voted in as Club Secretary.

Devon County, Royal Bath and West, and Royal Cornwall all had breed stands which proved popular with show visitors and members alike. Our thanks to the members who gave their time to man the stands for the majority of the show days. The amount of support and entries for each show across the whole of the season has been very good.

Congratulations to all our members who had success in the show ring this season. It has been a long one but also has gone far too fast. Starting at Mid-Somerset in May and taking some of the members right through to Newbury in September. The attendance of our South West members at local and County shows helps raise the profile of the breed and keep classes open.

We had two very interesting herd walks this year visiting Harry Morely and his family in Wiltshire (pictured) and Allan Butt and his family in Somerset. Both walks were an opportunity to show Aberdeen-Angus at their best and all who attended gave very positive feedback.

Our Calf Show took place in October at Sedgemoor Market by kind permission of Greenslade Taylor Hunt Auctioneers. Our thanks to them for organizing the event and also to the sponsors for enabling another successful calf show to take place. Judge Abbey Batch was impressed by the standard and turnout of all the cattle brought forward. Our Calf Champion went to CJ & JLM Hutchings & Sons, Kingsbrompton Katelm V743 (Pictured) and standing Reserve went to Rob Bishop, Warrenho Frank V793 from the South East Aberdeen-Angus Club. Colin went on



to become Overall Interbreed Champion Congratulations to them both. It was an enjoyable afternoon and thanks go to those who attended, especially our new exhibitors.

At our Christmas Dinner in November we welcomed Ruth Perry who gave a talk about her trip to South America as part of the YDP award. It was very enjoyable and gave everyone an insight into the rearing and management of the Angus breed in a different part of the world. At the dinner we also gave awards to the South West Aberdeen-Angus Bull, Cow and Heifer of the year which were:

- Colin Hutchings Bull Balgay Elfhelm R365
- Temple Meads Cow Temple Lolly Pop P582
- Colin Hutchings Heifer Kingsbrompton Evelyn Ross V636

Congratulations go to both Colin and his family and Judith Denning and family (Temple Herd). The Young Persons Award went to Darcey Pascoe for all her hard work and determination at the

YDP workshops which then led her onto showing a calf of her own. Well done Darcey!

Congratulations to Angus Neish, for winning the Interbreed at the Three Counties Show with his cow Rodmead Bonnie Lass.

The Club would also like to congratulate Kian Frain, one of our younger members for being part of the Angus Team that won the National Young Show Stars this year.

Our thanks go to all South West Club members for all their support throughout the year. We look forward to the year ahead and as ever would be delighted to welcome new breeders or non breeders, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our final words are dedicated to a well-known and popular club member, Andrew Denning. We were all deeply saddened to hear of his passing. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Judith and their children.

*Becca Thomas,
Club Secretary*

Northern Ireland Club

The new year started off for the Northern Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Club with the AGM which was held on Tuesday 12th March. The guest speaker was Dr Cahir McAuley BVS, MRCVS who gave the members a very enlightening presentation and talk on Myostatin in cattle.

Later in March the Club held a very successful grooming and showing skills workshop for over 25's at the farm of Alan and Lana Cheney. It's the home of the Lana Herd. Recently retired committee member, Allen Shortt was recruited to do a demonstration of the preparation of an Aberdeen-Angus animal for showing. Allen turned out to be a natural instructor and everyone present benefited tremendously from attending the event. The training session also included advice on stock judging from Victor Wallace and culminated in a much enjoyed barbeque provided by Alan and Lana.

A herd visit was organised for 30th June to coincide with Connaught and Leinster Club's open day at Malachy Tighe's Tara Herd near Trim in Co. Meath. This was very well supported by our club members and turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable visit with great cattle and equally great hospitality.

The summer show season got underway at the Royal Ulster in May and lasted right through the summer until the Fermanagh Show in early August. This was the first year that the Club supported the Aberdeen-Angus classes at Clogher Valley Show with the aim of making it our official Summer Show. As a consequence of the extra emphasis on Clogher, there was an excellent turn out of Aberdeen-Angus entries. This year the Ulster Championship was held at the Antrim Show.

Once again Northern Counties Co-op, Swatragh sponsored the Herds Competition in mid-August and Gayle Bersey was our very capable judge. The results were announced at the annual BBQ on 17th August in Dungannon Rugby Club. The Wallace family's Baronagh Herd won the large herd section; Freddie Davidson's Ember Herd won the medium herd section and Adrain Parke's Coolermoney Herd won the small herd section. Hylde Mills and Brian Johnston's home-bred bull Dartrey Elliot S467 was awarded the prize for Stock Bull and their Diana cow family won the Cow Family section. Champion Calf went to Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Lady Heather V935 while Robin Lamb's Richhill Blackbird T766 won the Futurity Heifer competition.

The YDP workshop was held at John Blackburn's farm near Clogher on 10 August. As usual it was well attended and everything went according to plan.

Unfortunately only a small number of Club members could make the annual trip which this year focused on Northumberland over a two-day period. The small number in the group did not in any way hinder the success of the trip and we had four wonderful visits to some of the best herds in the area.

The last Club event of the year was the Annual Calf Show which was held on 2nd November in Dungannon Farmers' Mart, kindly lent for the day by the Wylie

family. There was a significant increase in the number of calves entered. Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Ranger V902 was awarded Champion Calf. This year's event was sponsored by the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association.

The Northern Ireland Club is an active, energetic club and we would encourage breeders in Northern Ireland to join and take part in our activities. You can be assured of a warm welcome from a friendly club. Anyone wishing to join please get in touch with the secretary, Cathy O'Hara on 07968 868001.

*Cathy O'Hara,
Club Secretary*

Munster Club



2019 was another busy and successful year for the Munster Aberdeen-Angus Club with a full schedule of events completed over the course of the last 12 months. The year began with the club AGM and this meeting was particularly well attended. Clodagh Ryan of ICBF provided the membership with a very detailed overview of the beef Euro-star indices and the BDGP programme. All three of the club officers (Billy Fitzgerald, Edward Dudley & Albert DeCogan) continued on for another year in their respective roles to complete the last year of their respective two-year terms. Please note that club elections will be held in 2020 and interested parties will be invited to put themselves forward for nomination at the club AGM in February 2020.

Bandon Bull Sale

Well done to Denis O' Riordan, Macroom, Co Cork who exhibited the overall sale-topper at Bandon for the second consecutive year, selling Inchisine Padraic for the day's top call of €3,260. Meanwhile, the day's supreme champion, Westellen Dyson T831 from John & Kate Tait, Westwood, Midleton, Co Cork sold for €2,950. Overall, the sale settled at an average price of €2,600 at a very healthy 60% clearance rate and was one of the better sales of what transpired to be a tough selling season throughout early 2019.

Club Tour

The club's annual tour embarked on a three-day visit to Scotland during the last week of July. Club members visited the Stouphill, Rulesmains, Rawburn, Gordon and Wedderlie herds and we blown away with the standard of stock and the generous hospitality received at each of the herd visits. Thank you again to everyone who made our visit so enjoyable – it will always be a trip that members will look back fondly on!!

Munster Calf Finals

The Munster Aberdeen-Angus Calf finals, now in its third year of existence, has cemented itself into one of the most highly sought after contests of the showing calendar in Munster. This year's finals came to a conclusion at Nenagh Show over the August Bank Holiday weekend with Edward Dudley, Dovea, Thurles, Co. Tipperary taking the top spot in the male section with Castlough Mister Bert U196 and Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co Cork taking pole position in the female section with Mogeely Pru U600. John & Kate Tait, Rostellan, Midleton, Co Cork took the runner-up spots in both categories with Westellen Rocky U838 and Westellen Dana U840 respectively.



All-Ireland Championships

The Munster Club were delighted to see the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships return to Munster in 2019 with Dualla Show taking on hosting duties this time round. The show committee must be commended for all their hard work in the lead-up to the event and all in attendance were more than happy with the show site and the facilities available. Munster exhibitors also fared well in the show ring with John & Kate Tait, Westwood, Midleton, Co Cork taking the overall junior championship with Westellen Flora U840 and Matthew & Rita Goulding, Ballyduff, Tralee, Co Kerry securing the reserve senior championship with Goulding R Missie.

Herds Competition

The club's herds competition continues to go from strength to strength each year with a record number of participants, including many first-time entrants, competing for 2019. Big thanks to Robin Lamb for judging this year's competition and well done to everyone who took part.

Open Day

Massive thanks to Eustace & Deirdre Burke of the Clontead Aberdeen-Angus

herd for hosting the club's open day last September. The large crowd in attendance on the day were hugely impressed with the stock on show and the club would like to sincerely thank all of the Burke Family for their hard work in advance of the event and their kind hospitality on the day.

AI Seminar

This new venture proved to be a very worthwhile one, with a large crowd gathering to the Firgrove Hotel in Mitchelstown to hear the very latest news from the leading AI companies in Ireland on the latest AI bulls available.

Youth Development Programme (YDP)

No YDP workshop was held in Munster in 2019 but it is hoped that a YDP workshop will be held in 2020; stay tuned for full details as they emerge.

New Members

The Munster Aberdeen-Angus Club is always seeking new members, please contact club secretary Edward Dudley on 086 3559210 or email kilsunnyherd@gmail.com to be included on our club's mailing list.

*Edward Dudley,
Club Secretary*

Youth Development Programme: A New Year, and a New Team!



In 2019 The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society took a new approach to review and revamp the delivery of their Youth Development Programme which has been running successfully across two decades now.

In April 2019, the Society appointed a new National Co-Ordinator in Tina Russell, and 4 Regional Co-ordinators for North of England and Wales (Jess Musk), South of England and Wales (Ruth Perry), Scotland (Stephanie Dick) and Ireland (Niall Lynch). All Regional Co-ordinators are past participants in the Youth Development Programme, bringing great knowledge and experience to their roles. The aim of this new team is to bring a fresh approach to the programme and look at how it could be driven forward and progressed.

Throughout the year, workshops remained open to any young person aged between 8 and 24 years old, from any

background, not solely Aberdeen-Angus. The only criteria is that they have an enthusiasm for farming and the livestock industry. We welcome young people from any breed society, college, school and Young Farmers Club.

Around 300 young people attended 12 workshops held throughout the spring and summer months of 2019, taking place all around the UK and Southern Ireland. We look forward to running a similar programme throughout 2020. New for 2019 was the introduction of an Animal Nutritionist or Classification presentation at each workshop. The new team felt that it was important to start opening up the young people to more than what happens in the show ring, also focusing, more importantly, on good livestock husbandry on farm.

We would very much like to encourage the involvement of the Aberdeen-Angus Area Clubs with the workshop days, so if anyone from within the clubs would like

to support their Regional Co-Ordinators in running a successful and beneficial day, be it as a venue host, judge, steward or general helper, then please do contact them.

Without the kindness, time and commitment from our host farms and trainers, it would be difficult to provide the excellent events that the YDP offers and therefore we would like to thank them all for their time and experience.

Please make a note in your diaries for the 2020 dates and venues and fill in the registration form available online at the following address:

www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/YDP-Registration-Form-April-2019.pdf

We very much look forward to seeing you all at one of our workshops around the UK and Ireland in 2020.

*Tina Russell,
YDP National Co-ordinator*

The 2019 Weekend Event and Final



What a weekend we had! At the end of September 2019, 36 participants enjoyed the hospitality of Niall McManus and family at the Lough Allen Hotel and Moorlands Equestrian Centre, Drumshanbo, County Leitrim, Republic of Ireland.

Many of the competitors and families came over via Dublin Airport and were transported by coach to the venue. The Lough Allen Hotel was a welcome sight on the dark, cold, wet Irish evening in Drumshanbo, but once off the old bus, they joined the rest of the group and soon started chatting to friends old and new. The logistics of transporting the competitors and families from all over the UK to the Republic of Ireland was a challenge, but eventually everyone had arrived on the Friday evening and we set to unveiling of the new YDP uniform of a black shirt, gilet and YDP tie, which was well received by all.

Our Irish Regional Co-ordinator Niall Lynch had worked very hard, along with the Irish Aberdeen-Angus members from the area, to bring together over 25 cattle for the competitors to work on. This had been a mission to ensure that enough quiet cattle were provided and thanks must go to everyone who provided the cattle. Divided into three age groups, the teams set to work on Saturday morning to compete in Stock Judging, Ring Craft, Clipping and Grooming, whilst being observed by our judges who attended the day. Our panel of judges interviewed the Seniors and listened to presentations from the Intermediates on "How would you debate, with their governing body, the decision made by Goldsmiths College to

ban the sale of beef burgers in order to reduce their carbon footprint?"

Each competitor also undertook the making of a halter, instructed by Marie Louise Ryan, and everyone was fascinated as they observed how the internal reproductive organs of a cow are artificially inseminated by AI technician Patricia McGrath and her daughter Felicity.

Regional Co-ordinators Jess Musk and Steph Dick along with myself were all so impressed by the maturity and skill of the competitors on the day. The culmination of 12 workshops under new management had come to fruition and all really enjoyed their time in Ireland.

Judges commented on how strong the competition was in all three age groups and how great it is to know that going forward, our industry is in good hands.

JUDGES:

Clipping and Grooming:

Matt and Rita Goulding

Stock Judging: Albert DeCogan

Ring Craft: Lisa Davey

Panel Interview: Will Crystal, David Hamill and Keith Jempson

Lisa Davey: "It was an honour and a very difficult task to have judged these incredibly talented young people. The standard in the Intermediate section was particularly high. Having attended many YDP workshops and finals, the sheer depth of talent this year proves that the system really does work. To see these people progress through the years with their determination and their ability to learn from some great trainers will ensure that the future of our breed is in very safe hands. Congratulations to all concerned."



Will Chrystal: "I had the privilege to be one of the three panel judges at the final; David Hamill, Keith Jempson and myself. This being my first YDP final, I was excited to see the presentations and the reply to our questions. I was honestly shocked at these clearly talented young people, the amount of studying, hard work, information communicated and public speaking ability shown was truly a credit to themselves and their families. One candidate was exceptional, so much so we asked if they would like to repeat their presentation at the awards ceremony on that evening. They were given a standing ovation to an uproar of applause. Very well done to everyone, absolutely amazing."

YDP final date for 2020:

Friday evening 25th September – Sunday 27th September 2020.

Hosted by the Dick Family at Westerton Farm, Farm Road, Cowie, Stirling FK7 7BJ.

*Tina Russell,
National Co-Ordinator YDP*

2019 Youth Development Programme Results



Juniors:

Stock judging:

- 1st James Morrison
- 2nd Megan Reynolds
- 3rd April Forbes
- 4th Mason Moore

Cattle Dressing:

- 1st James Morrison
- 2nd Zara Sheehan
- 2nd Kirsty Clark
- 3rd Alexander Crombie
- 4th April Forbes

Ring Craft:

- 1st Ruby Simpson
- 2nd Kirsty Clark
- 3rd April Forbes
- 4th Mason Moore

Cattle Clipping:

- 1st Kirsty Clark
- 2nd James Morrison
- 3rd Megan Reynolds
- 4th Ruby Simpson
- 4th Alexander Crombie

YDP Final 2019 Junior Overall

Winners:

- 1st James Morrison
- 2nd Zara Sheehan
- 3rd Megan Reynolds
- 4th Kirsty Clark
- 4th April Forbes

Intermediates:

Stock judging:

- 1st Lottie Hill
- 2nd Ellie Westaway
- 3rd John Smyth
- 4th Hannah Haistead

Cattle Dressing:

- 1st John Smyth
- 2nd Nicola Howie
- 3rd Ben McSporrان
- 4th Ellie Westaway

Ring Craft:

- 1st Ellie Westaway
- 2nd Robbie Moore
- 3rd Lottie Hill
- 4th Hannah Haistead

Cattle Clipping:

- 1st John Smyth
- 2nd Ben McSporrان
- 3rd Robbie Moore
- 4th Nicola Howie

Intermediate Presentations:

- 1st Katie Meston
- 2nd Nicola Howie
- 3rd Hannah Haistead
- 4th Ellie Westaway

YDP Final 2019 Intermediate

Overall Winners:

- 1st John Smyth
- 2nd Ellie Westaway
- 3rd Lottie Hill
- 4th Hannah Haisted
- 5th Nicola Howie

Seniors:

Stock judging:

- 1st Catherine Smyth
- 2nd Sean McEnroe
- 3rd Micheal Carey
- 3rd Donald Maclean
- 4th Bryan O'Halloran / Maddie Clarke

Cattle Dressing:

- 1st Mark Wattie
- 2nd Sam Matchett
- 2nd Sean McEnroe
- 2nd Bryan O'Halloran
- 3rd Beth Harvey
- 4th Seonaid McLaren

Ring Craft:

- 1st Mark Wattie
- 1st Seonaid McLaren
- 2nd Sean McEnroe
- 2nd Helen Cragg
- 3rd Andrew Adam
- 4th Bryan O'Halloran
- 4th Sarah Armstrong

Cattle Clipping:

- 1st Mark Wattie - Alford
- 2nd Sam Matchett
- 2nd Bryan o Halloran
- 3rd Sean McEnroe
- 4th Seonaid McLaren

Senior Panel Interviews:

- 1st Bryan O'Halloran
- 2nd Catherine Smyth
- 3rd Mark Wattie
- 4th Seonaid McLaren

YDP Final 2019 Senior Overall Winners:

- 1st Bryan O'Halloran
- 2nd Sean McEnroe
- 3rd Seonaid McLaren
- 4th Mark Wattie

A Look at 2019 for the YDP from our Regional Co-ordinators

Niall Lynch, Regional Co-ordinator for Ireland

"We had three great workshops throughout the year, held on the farms of John and Sean McEnroe's Mack Crowe and finally John Blackburn. We were pleased to have National Co-ordinator Tina Russell, Society CEO Barrie Turner and Society Vice President Alan Cheney over to Ireland to attend and contribute greatly to our workshops. We had an excellent turnout of youngsters at all three workshops, and would like to thank all who helped facilitate these great events. Notably, all of those on the host farms and the contributing trainers, including Cathal McCormack, Noel Hooke, Cormac Duignan, Bernard Keirns, Patrick Beirnie, Felicity McGrath and Alan Morrison. Excellent hospitality was offered throughout, and we can't wait for 2020's programme to kick off."

Ruth Perry, Regional Co-ordinator for England and Wales South

"We had some excellent workshops throughout 2019, very kindly held at Richard

Mortimore's Pottage herd with help from Dan Bradbury, and the Westaway family's Melview herd. The first event at the Pottage herd saw excellent participation from all, with some excellent insight offered from Tina Russell (classification), Michael Minto (stock judging), Charlie Maclean (clipping) and Tom Beadle (washing, dressing and ringcraft). An intimate workshop took place at the Melview Herd, Neil Lloyd spoke brilliantly about clipping, stock judging and ringcraft, while Ellie Westaway took charge of the dressing workshop, explaining some techniques she'd learnt thanks to time spent in Canada. A big thank you to all involved in what was a great year for our YDP!"

Jess Musk, Regional Co-ordinator for England and Wales North

"I am extremely proud of all our 2019 YDP participants and would like to congratulate all of those who were selected for the Finals. It was a great year, with lots of enthusiastic and passionate participation across the board. Our region has some of the UK's top

herds and I as a co-ordinator would like to thank all of our hosts and trainers, past and future, for their help, time and support - without you we would be unable to hold our fun, friendly and educational workshops. I can't wait for our 2020 Youth Development Programme to begin and we have a brilliant selection of workshops for participants to attend! Please get in touch to book your place!"

Steph Dick, Regional Co-ordinator for Scotland

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Scottish regional co-ordinator, during which we had some great workshops at David Walker's Galcantry herd, my own Stepchick herd and James Playfair-Hannay's Tofts herd. All the events were extremely well attended and I was blown away by the talent and willingness to participate on display. I must thank all the hosts and the excellent trainers who helped out across all three workshops, the feed reps from Davidson's and Norvite as well as Charlie for giving up time to do talks at the workshops. Roll on next year!"

YDP Workshop Dates for 2020

Scotland: Stephanie Dick

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- Saturday 30th May – Hamish Sclater, Deveron Herd, Denhead Farms, Dunlugas, Turriff, Aberdeenshire AB53 4NR
- Sunday 7th June – Andrew Hodge, Rulesmains Herd, Rulesmains, Duns, Berwickshire TD11 3SY
- Sunday 28th June - Allan Rennie, Mosston Muir Herd

England and Wales North: Jess Musk

email: ydpEnglandWalesNorth@aberdeen-angus.co.uk

- Saturday 28th March – Owen Tunney, Morpheus Herd, Manor Farm, Cuddington Lane, Cuddington, Cheshire CW8 2TE
- Saturday 11th April – Robert Clarke, Shadwell Herd, High House Farm, Back Lane, Kettlebaston, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 7QB
- Saturday 2nd May – Will and Sophie, Chrystal, Wingate Grange Herd, Wingate Grange Farm, Wingate, County Durham TS28 5LX

England and Wales South: Ruth Perry

email: ydpEnglandWalesSouth@aberdeen-angus.co.uk

- Sunday 26th April – Temple Herd, The Denning Family, Temple Farm, Chedzoy, Bridgewater, Somerset, TA7 8QR

- Saturday 9th May – Paul and Kirsty Westaway, Melview Herd, Gamage Hall Farm, Dymock, Glos, GL18 2AE
- Saturday 30th May – Jan Boomaars, Vexour Herd, Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7BB

Ireland: Niall Lynch,

email: ydpIreland@aberdeen-angus.co.uk

- Saturday 30th May – Northern Ireland – John Blackburn, Killaney Herd, Clogher, Co Tyrone.
- Saturday 20th June – Ireland East – John McEnroe, Liss Herd, Oldcastle, Co Meath
- Friday 31st July – Ireland West – Mack Crowe, Broomstreet Herd, Mohill, Co Leitrim
- Saturday 18th July - Ireland South - Munster Aberdeen-Angus club, Fermoy Mart, Fermoy, Co. Cork

National Co-ordinator: Tina Russell

email: ydp@aberdeen-angus.co.uk

Attending the YDP workshops is your first step towards selection for the World Forum 2021 team of four to represent the UK and Ireland, made up of Senior participants!



YDP Senior Conference 2019



For those of you who don't know what the senior conference weekend is all about, here is a brief outline of this year's event and the thinking behind the format of the weekend.

The age of a senior in the Aberdeen-Angus YDP is 18-24 years old, so most have already decided on or are working in the career that they have chosen in life (agriculture is fairly prevalent in their choice!) They are very enthusiastic and hungry for knowledge, and a group who generally have the beef industry as a common interest. The 2019 senior conference weekend was designed to open their minds and expand their knowledge on subjects that are topical and current in today's beef industry.

The weekend started with a quiz and supper at Cheerbrook Farm Shop. This was an ice breaker, so the delegates met and worked together in groups, getting to know each other.

Saturday morning was on the bus - destination: Cogent AI Stud. We were met by Boomer Birch and Jess Simms who talked us through the current sire group with a bull demonstration of Aberdeen-Angus, Hereford and Belgian Blue bulls. Boomer and Jess told us all about the traits they had looked for when selecting the bulls for purchase. It was a bit of an eye-opener for all when trends in beef from the dairy were fully explained, along with the uptake of Aberdeen-Angus semen via AI in the dairy and the reason why. The use of genomics was touched upon and it was a topic we were to hear more about later in the day.

Our next stop was the 2,000-strong Grosvenor estate dairy herd. Wow! This was a real lesson in efficiency and the value of accurate recording! The attention to detail was incredible, from housing design to feeding and husbandry. The emphasis was on preventing stress



and constantly monitoring health. The breeding policy for the herd was that the top genomic-tested 20% of the cows were bred to the top genomic Holstein sexed semen. The remaining cows are now bred to Aberdeen-Angus semen. The decision to use Aberdeen-Angus was made after records had shown that cows gave 500 litres more milk per lactation due to less stress through calving and less physical draw on the cow whilst pregnant, compared to continental terminal sires. This gave the group food for thought as every single parameter that could be improved to increase performance had been thought of. The efficiency and precision in the management of the whole enterprise and the attention to every detail to improve performance had been addressed. A far cry from the beef industry, and there was certainly a lot to learn from this for the group.

The first speaker for the afternoon session was Miriam Parker from Livestock Wise. Miriam has studied livestock behaviour with experts such as Dr Temple Grandin. Through competing in the YDP, along with their upbringing, the participants are very competent at handling cattle, but the direction Miriam took was to explore why their method works, and how could it be improved. So, we learned about how cattle view the world and their natural instincts as a herd animal, while always referring to situations we all encounter when handling our own cattle. I think everyone went home with new ideas on improving handling and field design to reduce stress and thus improve performance - reinforcing what we had seen on the dairy unit that morning.



Second speaker of the day was Lucy Andrews from Prestcliffe Consulting Ltd. Lucy's history was in the dairy industry working for Holstein UK. Her role whilst there was the engagement of genomics and helping the membership embrace and understand the science of it at a farmer level. As we had seen at the Grosvenor dairy and at Cogent, this science is the next big step for the beef industry to embrace, and Lucy took us through the process in a very logical and simple format. She explained: "the Aberdeen-Angus has a great deal of data available around the world to make the principle genomics work and work well. Angus USA has now 600,000 data sets being taken every year, and this is building momentum year on year to bring the benefits of genomic selection to their farmers. If we can access this data to make comparison with our smaller amounts of data, that makes the whole programme more meaningful and work better. It's a numbers game. We can learn from the experiences of the dairy industry and take our breed forward, by embracing this science-based tool to help in our quest for improvements across the traits that we are keen to increase to improve our overall breed performance."

I think this presentation gave our group of future Aberdeen-Angus breeders and maybe Council members a real insight into how genetic selection can be sped up. It also eliminates the effects of environment and management techniques distorting the data.

Our final speaker of the day was Barbara Webster from the Society's Pedigree Cattle Services to explain Breedplan and help us understand how the information we send to the Society

equates to the graph and figures we see on the pedigrees when viewed on the computer. The emphasis was on "accurate data collected, pooled and recalculated to give the Best Linear Unbiased Prediction (BLUP) of the subsequent generation's performance in the form of an Estimated Breeding Value (EBV)." The overall message from Barbara was to use the figures to select what traits you want to improve on, but look at all the traits as it is dangerous to just follow one, and don't use the figures in isolation - always keep your eye on the animal.

It was then time to head back to the hotel for a fast turnaround and out for a dinner of Short Rib of Angus beef. We were joined by Karl Hancock our after-dinner speaker and Rob Bourne, the beef finisher where the ribs of beef had been reared. Karl took to the floor and told us how this farm home of the Blackthorn herd of Aberdeen-Angus has diversified into providing the local population a music festival venue which last year saw 40,000 people attend. The festivals range from Buckle and Boots, a country music weekend, to Moovin, a dance music festival. As normal, Karl kept us all engrossed with tales and facts of dealing with the general public and the main theme was "to think outside the of the box, and you can if you think you can!"

After dinner the YDP team enjoyed the local Saturday night sights of Nantwich and to make sure they didn't get lost, I showed them where to go.

Sunday morning came far too quickly, and a butchery demonstration was probably not the ideal first activity, but an understanding of the beef carcass

is essential if you want to produce profitable beef cattle. The value of muscles as a percentage of the total carcass was discussed which linked to the previous day's presentation on Breedplan and scanning figures for intramuscular fat and eye muscle area.

To finish the weekend off on Sunday afternoon we looked around the Cheerbrook herd and discussed the genetics and figures behind the cattle which brought the weekend to a close.

As chairman of the YDP Committee at the time, I was overwhelmed by the positive attitude and enthusiasm this group of seniors have. I hope the senior conference weekend helped the participants to become ambassadors for the Aberdeen-Angus breed and hopefully mould the Society in the future. I was honoured to be able to chair this committee and be a part of the senior conference for 2019, and would encourage the Aberdeen-Angus membership to embrace it whole heartedly.

*Andrew Shufflebotham,
Chairman of the YDP Committee for 2019*

**YDP Senior Conference
2020 to be held on
Friday 21st – Sunday
23rd February 2020 in
Warwickshire. Open to
all Seniors participating in
the YDP – keep the date
in the diary for another
great senior conference!**

A Review of the Excellent 2019 World Angus Secretariat in Uruguay

This year's World Angus Secretariat saw hundreds of Aberdeen-Angus delegates from around the globe descend on Uruguay, and the warm welcome was not only thanks to the South American weather, but also our hosts. With an insightful tour of a variety of interesting operations across the country, I can honestly say we were all well received, entertained, watered, and fed (mainly beef of course) by our generous hosts.

Estancia Las Rosas

First stop was Las Rosas. Owned by Mrs Laetitia d'Arenberg, she started the livestock business in Uruguay in the 70s and entered Angus Genetics in 2000. The 5,500ha estate, based on natural pastures, generates 100% of production from open air grazing. There are 1,650ha leased to dairy farmers, 600ha dedicated to cash crops with the grazing pastures in rotation, 2,700ha extensive cattle breeding, and 550ha dedicated to Aberdeen-Angus breeding.

The Pedigree herd of 200 cows consists of 66% Red Angus and 34% Black Angus and is managed by mating 190 cows per year, with the top performing 10 being used as embryo donors. This produces about 200 calves per year with 80 bulls for sale and own use and 50 heifers for replacements. As a result, 80% of the whole genetic programme is their own, with 20% from outside the herd by embryo transfer. The herd has had a

dominance on the show scene and a very strong reputation selling stock.

A particular highlight was seeing practically every head of cattle on the estate as we were treated to a very entertaining "Rodeo", courtesy of the very skilled and talented Gauchos.



Steaks on the grill at Estancia Las Rosas

Frigorífico Modelo SA

Day two took us NE to Estancia Caraguata of the Fernandez family. Having been in agriculture since 1929, they are one of the oldest established Aberdeen-Angus herds in Uruguay. Now in the fourth generation, they have joined with three sister Estancias forming the estate of Frigorífico Modelo SA. The business today is vast and diversified, from agriculture to food production of all types.

The 24,700ha estate is 15% beef production (including a 2,000-head select Angus herd), 25% forestry for the cellulose industry, and crop rotation on the rest; grass, soya, maize and rice, with grass in the rotation by order of the government.



Cattle at Frigorífico Modelo SA

We were treated to another Rodeo here, with some 2,500 cattle run past our 600 strong audience by no less than 48 highly skilled Gauchos handling groups of up to 750 at a time! The lunch that followed was the biggest barbeque I have ever seen!

Cabaña Bayucua

From the NE to the NW, our third stop was Cabaña Bayucua, founded in 1906 by Don Antonio Mattos. In 1917, the first Aberdeen-Angus stock appeared at shows and the first grand Champion Kaiser was presented by Mattos Hnos and Otero. Two years later, a USA bull, 'Bar Marshall 3', started a burst of imports to the herd – particularly from the UK and Argentina.

Bayucua boast a number of firsts; to performance monitor pedigree Angus, with methodical records held on now some 10,000 animals; to offer auction lots with EPD figures; and to offer part share auctioned animals, now common practice in South America. They also worked with GENIA as one of the first herds utilising DNA profiles.

Now run by 5th and 6th generation Mattos, they aim to maximise value per kilo of everything they produce, with 250 pedigree A-A-registered cows and 1,250 unregistered pedigree cows run commercially. They have used Genomics to identify taste and tenderness to aid selection, and the future sees the latest technology continuing to be used.



Crowds gathered at Cabaña Bayucua

Curupy Del Salvador

Located on the banks of the San Salvadore River, Curupy Estancia has been in the family since 1930; then a dedicated steer-fattening farm. They started to keep their own cows around 1975 and after the drought of 1996 they moved to close the production cycle and upped the cows to breed their own cattle to finish.



Some excellent beef at Curupy Del Salvador

They currently run around 200 pedigree registered cows and with cattle there is a big focus on efficiency; in the breeding herd nothing gets a second chance before culling. Heifers are first mated at 14–15 months and were a little underdeveloped for our palate but efficient and easy calving.

The cows tend to stay small, but they feed them well. With a focus in UK agriculture to be more efficient, there are potentially some lessons here.

Perhaps most impressively, we even witnessed a horse with the genetic make-up to be able carry myself!

INIA Agricultural Research Station

A piece of the national heritage, the Agricultural Research Centre was established over 100 years ago. During an intriguing visit we learned a great deal about the trials and research projects underway.

First was a trial to show the effects of long term cropping as opposed to strict crop rotation, which had been running for 53 years! The results to date showed that continuous cropping drained the soil and destroyed the structure and balance of nutrients, while the introduction of pasture as a break crop added extra benefits. This has prompted the government to make grass compulsory in crop rotation!



Cattle at INIA Agricultural Research Station

In the first grazing trial we saw, 75 cattle were ranging on 50ha cultivated pasture. This was to test potential yield, using “intensive” cultivated grazing rather than pasture, from 165kg through to finish at about 500kg to deliver an in sec carcass of 220-250kg dwt.

We also witnessed a feed trial where cattle were fed a marker. Two fancy bits of kit recorded the intake of the marker diet, with the animals grazing apart from that. The main trial aim was to establish the grass feeders and best converters, producing around 400kg of liveweight beef per ha.

As the other system used in Uruguay, feedlot was also being tested. Feedlot beef is marketed as premium in Uruguay, contrasting its “factory farmed” label in other countries. Interestingly, feedlot beef is younger and often more tender. Thus, retailers offer Angus and Hereford cuts, with feedlot beef carrying a 15% premium! The test aim is to take weaned calves of 170 – 180 kilos and to correct liveweight (525kg) in 365 days to meet grade for slaughter.



Something a bit different at Bouza Bodega

Bouza Bodega

Last but not least, a change from beef with a visit to the family owned Bouza Bodega vineyards in the traditional Southern Uruguayan wine regions. Focusing on quality over quantity, the family believe smaller scale viticulture produces better outcomes.

They produce Albariño and Chardonnay whites, and Merlot, Tempranillo, and Tannat reds. The Tannats have won numerous international awards of late, and all well-deserved I would say, based on our tasting session. Having previously avoided Uruguayan wine as an unknown quantity, my buying policy has changed. I will be seeking out Tannat from Uruguay!

That's not all...

Covering all the highlights and insights from our time in Uruguay would almost warrant an entire edition of the Review, or certainly The Cud at least. However, if you would like to know more, you can find further details from our visits to each individual operation by searching for “Uruguay 2019” on the Society website.

Barrie Turner,
Chief Executive



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Federal Association of German Angus Breeders (BDAH)



Join us for the 2020 European Angus Forum in Germany (10th July – 16th July 2020)

The Federal Association of German Angus Breeders will celebrate its 65th anniversary next year. To mark this the Angus breeders in Germany are pleased to welcome the European Angus breeders to the European Angus Forum from the 10th – 16th July 2020.

In Germany, up to 40,000 suckler cows belong to the Angus breed. 9,700 Angus herdbook cows are kept in 531 breeding farms in Germany, and 16% of all pedigree beef cattle in Germany are Angus. By number, Angus ranks in third position amongst all beef cattle breeds.

Due to the federal structures in Germany, the organisation of beef cattle breeding deviates slightly from that in other countries. We have 12 regional breeding associations responsible for all beef cattle breeds in their breeding area: for the herdbook registration, planning and conducting of breeding programmes, organisation of performance tests and breeding evaluation, information and support for suckler cow farmers, sale of calves and breed stock and lobbying inside the federal country. Besides this, we have 20 national breed associations; one of them is the Federal Association of German Angus Breeders (BDAH). The BDAH is the representation of interests of all Angus cattle farmers in Germany. It is responsible for the promotion of the breeding of Angus cattle in Germany and for the representation of interests of the Angus breeders and suckler cow keepers.

In recent years, many German breeders have decided to use more Aberdeen-Angus breeding cattle, semen and embryos. We use international Angus genetics from around the world and welcome a closer working relationship with Angus breeders from abroad. Therefore, Germany looks forward to meeting you in 2020! We are currently preparing an interesting programme for the European Angus Forum. You can find all details at www.angus-bundesverband.de.

Of course, it is impossible to visit all regions of Germany in a few days. Therefore, we have limited our tour programme to the North-East of Germany with the federal states of Lower Saxony, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Brandenburg and the capital Berlin. During the program we will also have the opportunity to see Angus breeding animals from other regions of Germany in a small Angus cattle show, entitled "Presentation of German Top Genetics" at the Oelkers farm.

Programme: European Angus Forum 2020 (planning status as of December 2019)

Friday 10th July 2020

Arrival at Hanover Airport or to Hotel Kokenhof, Burgwedel

6.30pm: Welcome dinner and overnight stay at Hotel Kokenhof, Burgwedel (Lower Saxony)

Saturday 11th July 2020

10am: 25th Beef Cattle Show at the Agricultural exhibition in Tarmstedt (Lower Saxony) with judging of Angus cattle

3.30pm: Return to Hotel Kokenhof

6pm: Departure to Oelkers Farm for dinner and Presentation of German Top Genetics (with Angus cattle from different regions of Germany)

10pm: Return to Hotel Kokenhof

Saturday 12th July 2020

9am: Departure to Engensen

9.15am: Herd visit "Angus in the fen": breeding farms Heiner Bähre, Timo Oelkers, Heinz-Wilhelm Riekenberg and Engensen. Visit: bull stable at the Oelkers farm followed by lunch

1pm: Departure to Karstädt (Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania)

4pm: Visit: Angus breeding farms Güritzer Agrar GmbH/Milower Agrarmarketing, GmbH Steesow, followed by dinner

7pm: Continuation to Göhren-Lebbin to Hotel Fleesensee, overnight stay

Monday 13th July 2020

8.30am: Departure to Jabel (Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania)

9am: Visit: Angus breeding farm Natur-Agrar Waren GmbH Jabel

12pm: "Three Lakes Tour" (boat trip) on the

Mueritz Lake (the largest lake in Germany) and Kölpinsee Lake with lunch

2pm: Continuation to Karow

2.30pm: Visit: Angus breeding farm Gut Karow GbR, then return to Hotel Fleesensee for dinner and overnight stay

Tuesday 14th July 2020

8.20am: Departure to Babe/Großderschau (Brandenburg)

10am: Visit: Angus breeding farm Agrarproduktion Babe GmbH

12pm: Lunch: Tour by "Kremser" (a kind of covered wagon) and visit to the Brandenburg State Stud at Neustadt (Dosse)

3pm: Visit: Angus breeder's community Hilgert/Oldenburger, Großderschau; barbecue, coffee and cake and free time together in Großderschau

10pm: Departure to Berlin to Hotel Radisson Blue, overnight stay

Wednesday 15th July 2020

8.30am: Lectures and presentation of Angus breeding (open for all participants)

12pm: Lunch

1pm: General Assembly of the European Aberdeen-Angus Secretariat (members only), free time in Berlin for all other participants

4.30pm: Boat cruise along the River Spree and exploration of Berlin's bridges and main sights from the water

8pm: Closing dinner at Hotel Radisson Blue, overnight stay

Thursday 16th July 2020

In the morning: individual departure from Berlin or return bus transfer to Burgwedel or Hanover

*Dr. Sabine Schmidt,
Managing Director, BDAH*

Joker:

If all goes well, the German Reserve Champion 2018 "Joker" will be presented at the European Angus Forum.

Tammo Rainer:

The German Champion cow "REA Gea" is also in preparation for the European Angus Forum.

Cattle Handling: Reducing Stress and Staying Safe



Miriam Parker MBE
Director, Livestockwise Ltd

Miriam is an Agricultural Scientist and Nuffield Farming Scholar, who spent a number of years in practical livestock management at the Scottish Agricultural College, Livestock Production Department, and then as Technical Director for the Humane Slaughter Association for 13 years. Miriam's expertise centers on training and technology transfer projects to improve animal handling and slaughter methods.

Effective management of cattle relies on husbandry and veterinary jobs like weighing, vaccination, condition scoring and dosing being carried out at the right time to get the maximum benefit. Most of these jobs can only safely be done if cattle are put through a handling system.

Every farm needs a system that is safe, simple, efficient and effective to operate so that handling is a positive event for both you and the cattle. Handling can be among the most stressful events within the animal's lifetime as neither directed movement nor restraint are normal "maintenance" behaviours for cattle. All animals have an instinctive response to a fearful situation – fight, flight or freeze. As stock people we want to limit this response as much as possible for our own safety.

There are commonly four types of fear recognized in animals

- Innate fears – e.g. isolation, confinement, restraint and falling
- Novelty – e.g. strange objects and new places
- Fears based on experience – e.g. anticipated pain and predators
- Fear provoked by signs of fear in others

Before cattle go into fight, flight or freeze mode they will show signs of anxiety. Anxiety is often associated with an uncertainty. It is less focused than fear which is usually caused by an identifiable, specific trigger. When animals are in the farm environment they may become habituated to events, people and stimuli and no longer show full blown fear

responses. However, when there are slight changes in routine cattle are likely to show some signs of anxiety such as:

- Tail swishing
- Restlessness and increased responsiveness
- Increased vocalizations
- Head up alert
- Ears locked to the problem
- Increased defecation

Cattle (and humans!) move because they are being "pulled" or being "pushed". The pull is because they are attracted to something and is based on the fact that cattle are naturally curious. The push comes from fear; cattle will naturally move away from something that they are not happy about.

Cattle quickly learn to associate people and places with particular events and this makes it easy to get into a downward spiral. If cattle have a bad first experience through any system then the next time is likely to be more difficult. Any subsequent handling might have to be left until there is more labour to cope or there is more time available to do the job.

Once a "good" system is up and running this cycle is quickly reversed. Cattle have a positive experience as do the handlers. As it is easy to run animals through the system you are more likely to use it for the less "nasty" tasks such as condition scoring or assessment for conformation and finish. So, what makes a positive experience? There are three essential areas to think about:

- Animals
- Facilities
- Handlers

Animals: cattle have a different approach to life than we do and much of it is "hard wired" or instinctive. They are prey species and have to spend a large part of their time with their head down grazing. They have wide panoramic vision which means they can detect movement all around them. However, they can only see clearly (binocular vision) in a narrow range to the front of them.

All cattle have a flight zone, in the human world this is known as personal space. Both animals and humans instinctively keep some distance between themselves and strangers especially if they look like a threat. When you walk into the animal's

flight zone the instinctive reaction is for it to move away provided there is some space. If cattle can't keep a safe distance they may freeze and refuse to move or get aggressive. Flight zones are not fixed, cattle are all different and we as handlers can make flight zones bigger or smaller depending on what we do.

Facilities: if we understand that cattle have a different view on things than we do then this should help us to build handling facilities which are suited to their needs as well as our own. Although each facility will be different, all good systems follow the same basic design principles:

- Solid sides at key points in the system block out distractions and activity that cattle would otherwise see with their wide panoramic vision - it's easier to focus cattle on where we want them to go
- Flooring needs to be non-slip and uniform. Cattle move quicker where there is good even footing and there are no distractions such as drains or changes in floor surface
- Lighting - cattle move better from dark to light but will stop where there is strong contrast of light and shade
- Cattle like to be kept moving and the heart rate will go up if they are held in a single file race for longer than about ten minutes
- Curved raceways exploit the natural tendency of cattle to keep looking for a route of escape and find a way back to where they have come from. The handler position needs to be on the inside of the curve

Systems must be safe. Ideally design things so you can work outside the cattle areas as much as possible. If people need to be in a cattle space such as the holding pens - do they have a means of escape? Can they escape over, under, behind or through?

Handlers: Having a well-designed system on its own does not automatically mean it will work. Everyone involved needs to understand how to control the speed and direction of movement by being at the right place at the right time and know when to apply pressure and when to back off. Remember the animals' experience is place and person associated - we want to use their fear of us as the motivator to make them move only as the last resort. Cattle move best when handlers are confident, assertive and consistent; this means giving clear signals and directions.

Remember handling can be among the most stressful events within the animal's lifetime. However designing and operating facilities to make handling a positive event will produce calmer cattle and should make those essential husbandry and management tasks quicker, easier and safer.



The history of the Kinermony Aberdeen-Angus herd, and how it has returned to its home on the shelves of Sainsbury's stores today



In the course of their business, Messrs Sainsbury discovered the superlative quality of Aberdeen-Angus beef. Following the Second World War they started to establish a herd at the historic Aberdeen-Angus farm of Kinermony in Aberlour, Aberdeenshire, when it became vacant in 1945.

In February of that year, the business commenced the task of bringing together a herd, led by the previous farm manager Peter Forbes. The herd had ten founding females, some of which included Miss Burgesses, Lady Idas and Kindness Prides, with the very first bull purchased by the herd being Evaldite of Dalmeny. The herd was renowned for its quality, and thus it consistently excelled in the show ring regularly returning to Kinermony as Champions from shows such as the Highland Show, the Royal Show and Smithfield. For those not in the show ring, Kinermony animals were often transported to Smithfield Market, before being sold through Sainsbury's stores; a pioneering offering for its time delivering discerning customers with high quality, fully traceable Aberdeen-Angus beef.

Although the herd was unfortunately dispersed in 1983, Sainsbury's partnered with the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society and Castle of Mey Trust in 2012 to reinstate it, once again in its

native homeland of Scotland. Working closely with the Society, animals were purposely bred from some of the very best Aberdeen-Angus bloodlines in the world, producing foundation females and bulls that replicated the quality of the original stock. The animals that were bred have been and remain housed at the Castle of Mey, where they are closely managed by brothers Danny and Sandy McCarthy.

The beef supply chain is known for its fragmentation. To improve consistency and ensure Sainsbury's customers have an experience they want to repeat with excellent quality beef, Sainsbury's chose to input their Kinermony genetics into a sustainable integrated beef supply chain delivered through beef processor, ABP Food Group.

From the outset, genetics from the Kinermony sires have been supplied to Sainsbury's Dairy Development Group which is made up of over 240 dedicated suppliers. Sainsbury's provide the dairy farmers with Kinermony genetics free of charge, in return for these calves being sold for a known price back into one of Sainsbury's integrated rearing units at three to four weeks of age. Participating farms benefit from leading beef genetics, a secure outlet for their calves, and a known price before the calves are born, securing their income. To date,

almost 100 of Sainsbury's dairy farmers have used Kinermony genetics, and this continues to grow.

Once purchased off the dairy farm, the Kinermony-sired calves move to a rearing unit where they are managed until they reach three months of age, before moving onto a grower-finisher unit.

With this integrated system, Sainsbury's have the ability to ensure performance and health and welfare are consistently optimised. Data captured through the programme is closely monitored and fed into future management and breeding decisions.

To coincide with Sainsbury's 150th anniversary celebrations, Kinermony was launched once again in Sainsbury's stores in April 2019 as part of a trial. The beef has been sold on Sainsbury's counters, providing customers with an opportunity to interact with the retailer's butchers and learn more about the background of the herd and its Scottish heritage. Customers can be confident that farmers are paid a fair price and every cut is transparent and traceable through the integrated supply chain in which it has been produced.

Source: Sainsbury's

Sire Verified Aberdeen-Angus: An Update

As we continue through challenging times in the beef industry, we are continually reviewing what we can do to ensure that our members are as protected and their enterprises as financially secure as they can be. The only way we can do this is to ensure that we keep as many routes to market open as possible. We produce cattle, then cattle cease to be cattle as they disappear through the farm gate and enter the food chain. This is where we can work with our partners in the supply chain right through to the consumer to maintain and grow the demand for our premium product.

As we contemplate the distinct possibility of becoming a “Third Country” partner with the EU, we see the opening of the UK to the world market who are eyeing us up as new targets for beef. Traditionally, the UK beef price has been the highest in the world, leading to our domestic market being a target for our competitors who have lower production costs. We need to do everything that we can to ensure that, if we can't keep their beef out, we can at least ensure UK and Irish Aberdeen-Angus is clearly identified in the market. We need to be very clear on this and be 100% sure that we can keep UK and Irish Aberdeen-Angus sired beef separate and distinct from the beef from our competitors around the world. We can absolutely do this, but not without your help, using every tool in the box to secure a continued market for our product.

We do have the privilege of, on occasions, being the first point of contact for overseas enquiries for traders and retailers looking to source UK and Irish beef, and they are asking for Aberdeen-Angus in particular. Why the UK? It's the home of the breed and a provenance story that the marketers crave. Its reputation for eating quality sets it aside - people ask for it by name and hence they hunt the Society down to find out more. The Far East is a market which is opening for us and with this year's events in the pig industry in the region, they are very short of protein and therefore sourcing the balance that they need from around the world.

The Sire Verified Aberdeen-Angus Beef Scheme is an additional tool in the box, and a very sharp one. By using DNA technology, we can identify the sire of a piece of meat on the shelf of a retailer.

We are now conducting a validation on our database to see how far we are with the progress. We need to get to a point where 95% of samples can be verified back to a sire to make the programme robust and reliable for use.

On a project we are currently working on, the Society is DNA testing all registered bulls from the 1st of January 2019, so we are one year in towards total cover and a point where every working sire will have its DNA profile on the Society's database. We have also invested in some historic testing of samples that we had taken and stored with the members permission for testing. This will mean, going forward, that all bulls in both the pedigree and commercial world, no matter where they are, will be traceable through this system. The cost to fund this for the Society is significant, but the long-term value of that database in protecting our market is an asset that is undoubtedly worth the investment.

The scheme will also be of great relevance to the many commercial producers to whom our members sell bulls. As we move towards this, it is important again from a slightly different perspective, that these producers are members of the Society, allowing us to ensure that their market is secured and therefore create a sustainable future for your bull sales. I would therefore ask that you encourage as many of your commercial customers to join the Society and engage with what we are doing to protect their continued premium for Aberdeen-Angus beef.

As you can see, our retail partners take pains to market the Aberdeen-Angus under their own label brands. It is a



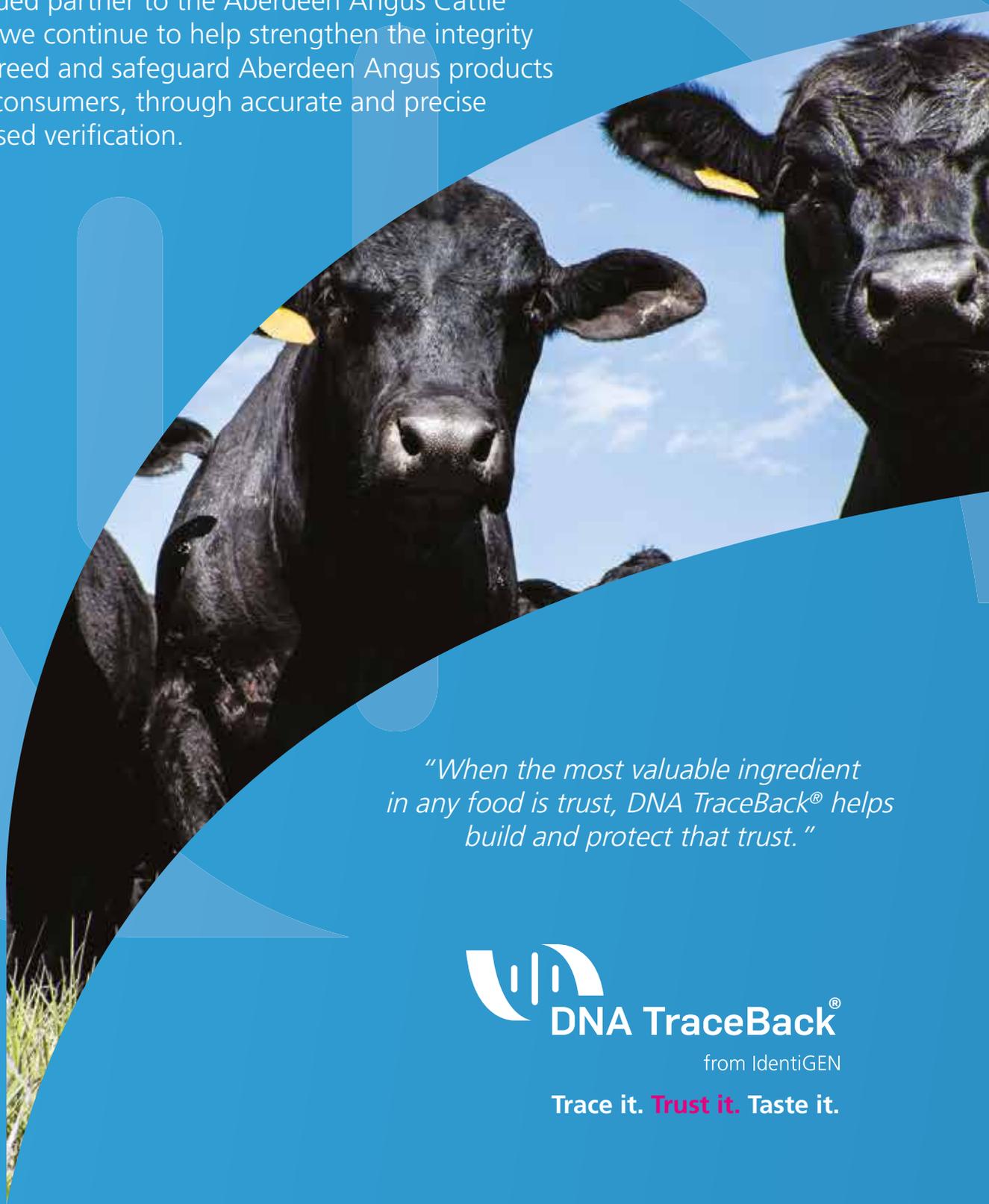
compliment to our breed that they do this, and not only that, the marketing teams take great store in using powerful adjectives to differentiate the quality to the consumer. It's not just us who say that the beef is Extra Special, Taste the Difference, Finest, Gold, Specially Selected, Signature, or Luxury. These are all phrases that exude feelings of luxury, a good eating experience and the highest quality produce. Aberdeen-Angus beef delivers this time and time again. The golden rule is that for a retailer to put a product into their own label range, it must be of exceptional quality and the assurances that are behind product integrity and food safety need to be bomb-proof in every case, with no exceptions.

It is very important that we carry on developing the tools to help our partners ensure that what it says on the pack, is in the pack. Sire Verification is a very powerful and robust way of offering assurances to the people who sell our product. In turn, we can then maintain demand, therefore maintaining the premium for our top-class product offering.

Barrie Turner, Chief Executive

Safeguarding the Integrity of the Aberdeen Angus Breed.

As a valued partner to the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society, we continue to help strengthen the integrity of the breed and safeguard Aberdeen Angus products sold to consumers, through accurate and precise DNA based verification.



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New Breeding Values to Improve Profit and Productivity

A new set of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) have been released to help breeders make selection decisions based on data gleaned from UK commercial sources including abattoirs, breed societies and the British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS).

The new EBVs are the first to be released under the umbrella of the AHDB National Beef Evaluations, a growing set of genetic evaluations based on commercial data sources.

The abattoir data accounts for approximately 40% of the national kill, and more than 2 million carcass records for both purebred and crossbred animals. The new EBVs link into some of the things commercial farmers get paid for, such as carcass quality and speed of finishing. The new EBVs are:

- Carcass weight (kg)
- Carcass conformation (EUROP classification)
- Carcass fat class (EUROP classification)
- Days to slaughter (days)
- Average daily carcass gain (kg/day)

Concentrating on the profitability of the carcass, they are an indirect measure of carcass performance. Using this new data source alongside existing EBVs will allow for faster genetic progress.

Over 40% of the variation seen in these traits is attributed to the animal's genetics. Using the new EBVs will accelerate improvement in carcass characteristics, and help breeders produce animals that best fit their system and market requirements. There are high levels of variation in these new traits for all breeds, which combined with high heritability means there is good scope for carcass improvement in all beef breeds.

Also a new feature, the new EBVs can be compared across breeds of the same breed type, allowing you to compare data from two continental breeds such as comparing a Simmental animal with a Charolais animal, or data from two native breeds such as comparing a Hereford animal with an Aberdeen-Angus animal.



The new EBVs can be accessed via the EGENES website and you can search by pedigree name or ear tag number, at www.egenes.co.uk/carcassdata.

You can also access literature on the carcass traits EBVs online at www.beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/returns/breeding.

To aid accessibility, AHDB have an agreement with ABRI to create a link to the new AHDB National Beef Evaluations via the Breedplan animal record, allowing both sets of EBVs to be accessed via a single route. The opportunity remains open for other societies that record with ABRI to implement this should they wish. For breeds recording with Signet, the new EBVs will be incorporated into the new Signet database as developments continue.

Understanding the new carcass traits

Days to slaughter

Definition: An EBV predicting days to slaughter at a given weight and fat class.

Calculated from: Dates of birth and slaughter. These are primarily obtained from records within the BCMS database.

Unit of measurement: Days

Interpretation: Dunesk Hero has a days to slaughter EBV of +25.86. On average, he will produce progeny that reach slaughter 12.9 days later than progeny from a bull with a days to slaughter EBV of 0. High negative values for age at slaughter indicate animals whose progeny reach a given carcass weight faster (ie. in fewer days) than average.

Carcass weight

Definition: An EBV predicting carcass weight at a given slaughter age.

Unit of measurement: Kilogrammes (kg).

Interpretation: Dunesk Hero has a carcass weight EBV of +48.65. On average, he will produce progeny whose carcasses are 24.3kg heavier than progeny from a bull with a carcass weight EBV of 0.

Carcass conformation

Definition: An EBV predicting carcass conformation at a given slaughter age.

Calculated from: Records of carcass conformation based on the EUROP classification system.

Unit of measurement: Carcass conformation scores converted to a 45-point score. A conformation grade spans about nine points.

Interpretation: Dunesk Hero has a carcass conformation EBV of +1.62. On average, he will produce progeny whose carcass conformation is marginally higher than progeny from a bull with a carcass conformation EBV of 0. A bull with a carcass conformation EBV of +9 would produce progeny that have conformation half a grade higher than a bull with a conformation EBV of 0.

Carcass fat class

Definition: An EBV predicting carcass fat class at a given slaughter age.

Calculated from: Records of carcass fat class based on the EUROP classification system, where 1 = leanest and 5H = fattest.

Unit of measurement: Fat class scores (i.e. values 1 to 5H) are converted to a 45-point score. The difference between the main grades is about nine points.

Interpretation: Dunesk Hero has a carcass fat class EBV of -3.96. On average, he will produce progeny that are marginally leaner than progeny from a bull with a fat class EBV of 0. A bull with a fat class EBV of -9 will produce progeny that are half a grade lower (leaner) than a bull with a fat class EBV of 0.

Average daily carcass gain (ADCG)

Definition: An EBV predicting daily gain in the carcass.

Calculated from: Carcass weight, date of birth and date of slaughter.

Unit of measurement: Kilogrammes (kg/day).

Interpretation: Dunesk Hero has an ADCG EBV of +0.07. On average, the daily carcass gain of his progeny will be 0.035kg greater than progeny from a bull with an EBV of 0.

Carcass Balance: Angus

Optimise the Balance

The meat industry faces a planning challenge: how to achieve carcass balance. Demand for finished products (or cuts) will never equate exactly to what is available from the carcass. A given amount of waste is an inevitable by-product of matching supply and demand, however the key to profitability is in finding a good market for all of the cuts from a carcass and not merely the higher-value steaks and roasting joints. Each cut has its own profit margin and costs associated with the production process. Certain material surpluses created by the need to fulfil service obligations are inevitable.

Beef carcasses contain many different parts to prepare for sale to a wide range of outlets. Most parts are in demand while others are difficult to sell such as the offal etc, also known as the fifth quarter; fats, hides, red offal, green offal and variety meats. In simple terms, carcass balance is about ensuring all costs are less than or equal to overall income for the carcass, including consideration of the fifth quarter. When all cuts are selling well, or have a ready outlet, then this is achievable. The key cuts are steaks, grill, frying, roasts, lean mince, standard mince, stew and casserole, flanks and fifth quarter. While steaks command a premium price from £25-£35 per kilo, at any point some cuts will not be selling well, and they have to be discounted (often substantially), or perhaps frozen.

In percentage terms, working with a bone-in carcass, roasts account for approximately 14% (53kgs from a 380kg carcass) and could result in a loss of up to £80 per carcass if discounting becomes necessary. Mincing material could account for approx. 42% (160kgs/380kg) and could easily be reduced by over £100 per carcass if demand is low. Sirloin accounts for only 3.5% (13.3kgs/380kg) but could easily be reduced by £40 per carcass in a slow market.

Furthermore, the total value of the fifth quarter can account for as much as 50% of the gross margin earned on a carcass. In addition there are also products not going into the human food chain, and some for disposal only.

The year-round challenge the industry faces in achieving carcass balance is brought sharply into focus during the run-up to the festive period. Evidence from retail sales analysis does not show a significant lift in the volume of beef sold, although it does reveal that the products bought change, according to QMS. Over the Christmas period sales of beef mince and steak decline, while sales of roasting joints and stewing meat increase. Meeting the demand for roasting cuts can often mean cold stores filling with unsold mince, and in the retail market there is little evidence of beef selling at premium prices over the Christmas and New Year period.

Current retail sales analysis also shows that the traditional Sunday roast is changing and therefore many of the cuts that were premium from the round of the animal are no longer required, and this altered demand affects the carcass balance. In the 1970s the Sunday roast would have been bigger because it would have been eaten hot on Sunday served cold on Monday and then the remainder of the joint minced for cottage pie on Tuesday! There is no time for this practice today and therefore smaller eat-once joints are required.

Recognising some of the challenges that are faced by processors, helps to understand why Aberdeen-Angus can benefit processors because of their relatively high proportion of primal cuts to mincing cuts – the value of the carcass can be more easily optimised, or discounts minimised, with an Angus-sired animal. Some processors have adopted

alternative methods of butchery to increase the value of the carcass, such as seam butchering, and differentially marketing each muscle. Long-time members of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society Robin and Alison Tuke at Hardiesmill near Kelso have used this technique and take it to a new level, with a carcass yielding 82% added value cuts, and only 18% being further processed into mince. However, this process can be time consuming and expensive and isn't the easiest in an efficiency-driven meat plant where speed of processing is the key to financial performance.



Angus-sired animals, with moderate yields of topside and silverside cuts are sought after, and more effort should be made to ensure that this message can be transferred to the show ring. This would of course be controversial in terms of the spectacle of the show ring, but would be a closer interpretation of what the processor requires. Aberdeen-Angus don't have an extreme back end and therefore offers the marketplace a carcass that optimally balances between meat for further processing and higher-end value cuts.

The gauge of quality since the last quarter of the 20th century has rewarded lean meat yield using the EUROP grading system, and continental breeds were imported to meet the specification, to the detriment of the British Native breeds. However, eating habits are changing - people are eating less meat as a lifestyle choice, but are prepared to pay more for it and demand a quality experience. The Aberdeen-Angus breed has the number one beef brand, and along with the suitability of the breed to offer favourable carcass balance, a higher percentage of total carcass weight in added value cuts, and a recognised badge of eating quality - Aberdeen-Angus ticks all the boxes.

Aberdeen-Angus on the menu at...



The Buccleuch Arms is a charming four-star Inn with an incredible history dating back to 1836. Head Chef, Gareth Gilder provides us with some of his favourite Aberdeen-Angus recipes sourced from the Hardiesmill Farm near Gordon. Gareth began cooking in the Lake District over 24 years ago, moving to the Costwolds, Dumfriesshire and Canada, where he met his future Mexican wife. Gareth and Dunia have made their home in the Scottish Borders, where Gareth heads the brigade in the kitchen at the Buccleuch Arms.

Smoked Tongue Tacos

Ingredients:

1 smoked tongue, 100g butter, 2 tsp rapeseed oil, 1 pack small flour tortillas (or corn), 1 bunch coriander (fine slice), 3 limes, 2 large ripe tomatoes (deseeded, fine dice), 1 red serrano chilli (deseeded, fine dice), 1 white onion (fine dice), sea salt to taste.

Method:

Place the tongue into a large pot, cover with cold water, place on the heat and bring to the boil. Turn down to a simmer for 1 hour, remove from the water and allow to cool.

While waiting on the tongue, place the tomatoes, chilli, onion and half the coriander into a bowl, squeeze 2 of the limes into the mix and stir adding salt to taste.

Now the tongue is ready to work with, carefully take the outer layer of skin off with a sharp knife, discard the waste and slice the tongue into bacon like pieces.

Place the butter and oil into a large frying pan, heat until the butter is browning then add all of the tongue strips and cook until crispy. Take out and place onto a tray ready to build the tacos.

Lay out all of the tortillas (if using corn, heat them first). Place the tongue evenly between them then add the tomato mix (pico de gallo), finishing with the rest of the coriander and small wedges of lime to garnish.



Carpaccio of Silverside

Ingredients:

1 silverside with fat cap removed and trimmed (ask your butcher to do this), ½ cup Maldon sea salt, ½ cup cracked black pepper, 100g butter, 2 tsp rapeseed oil, cling film.

Method:

In a large tray, mix the salt and pepper then roll the silverside thoroughly. Heat up the butter and oil in a large pan or roasting tray until the butter is browning, sear each side of the joint then remove.

Allow to cool slightly then roll in cling film and tie each end like a cracker. This can then be placed into a freezer to firm up, ready to slice with a meat slicer or very sharp knife, and serve. Please note this can be kept in the freezer for up to three months.

Traditionally, a carpaccio cut would use fillet, however, sliced finely, the silverside cut provides better value for money. To garnish, we would recommend using pickled beetroot, parsnip crisps, horseradish and a good olive oil.



Merlin Steak (taken from under the shoulder blade)

Ingredients:

2 Merlin steaks, 100g butter, 2 tsp rapeseed oil, Maldon sea salt.

Method:

This is less a recipe but more a suggestion. This steak is my personal favourite from Hardiesmill butchers. Heat up a pan with the butter and oil until the butter is brown, place the steak in the pan and cook for 1.5 minutes on each side then rest for 5 minutes. Season with salt and slice with the grain, before serving with chips and the cooking butter from the pan.

Choosing Aberdeen-Angus Females as a Suckler Cow

There is a huge amount of noise in the marketplace at the moment. With the beef price falling, there are calls for government support to keep the industry afloat. As the pig industry experienced in the late nineties these appeals fall on deaf ears. There must be a drive for efficiency in the industry from the very start of the process to seeing the return of the kill sheet or the cheque from the calves arriving in the bank.

Across the many countries that have adopted Aberdeen-Angus as the breed of choice there are several farming systems available and it is fair to say that our competitors enjoy a lower cost of production than we do in the UK and Ireland. Looking at these methods, the focus for suckler herds is on efficiency, with the low cost of maintaining suckler herd females a start to turning the key to success.

Choosing an early maturing breed that can easily produce a calf at 24 months is a good start; not only from a breeding perspective but also the reduced carcass size going forward too. Aberdeen-Angus ticks both boxes. The cost of getting a heifer to first calving earlier is lower and keeps the frame size of the female smaller – to be further discussed as we move through this article.

Every kg of bodyweight requires a certain level of energy and protein. This simple fact means a lower frame scored female can be maintained at a lower cost. Furthermore, the carcass size coming back means that the smaller frame meets today's market demand. Aberdeen-Angus has always listened to the market and that must not change.

In a simplified example, an 800kg cow requires eight fewer bales of silage annually to maintain than a 1000kg cow. At £30 per bale, the cost reduction would be £240 per head, resulting in a 100-cow herd operation saving £24,000 per year.

Furthermore, 800 bales less are required per 100 cows annually - allowing for more cattle on the same land and thus more calves to sell or greater meat production per hectare. Kilos per hectare is a key factor to take into account when working out our efficiencies. Not being overly

complicated, it is essentially all inputs divided by the total number of kilos output. Live or dead, each option is the same and the numbers are easily tracked throughout the year.

Another measure is calf weaning weight over the weight of a cow as a percentage, with higher percentages indicating a more efficient cow. As an example:

	Calf weaning weight percentage			
Cow Weight	35%	40%	45%	50%
	Calf Weight			
550	193	220	248	275
600	210	240	270	300
650	228	260	293	325
700	245	280	315	350
750	263	300	338	375
800	280	320	360	400
850	298	340	383	425
900	315	360	405	450
1000	350	400	450	500
1100	385	440	495	550

This chart is shown as pure percentage and it's up to the reader to interpret if it's possible to produce!

With last year's dry summer, weaned calf weights were down. However, Breedplan shows the smaller cows still weaned a higher percentage of calf weight. Calves of bigger cows were lighter than normal as a percentage, looking after themselves and not the calf! This flags highly desirable efficiency in smaller cows that is useful in managing herds.

There are many cows in pedigree herds that just keep on breeding year after year and there are many Aberdeen-Angus cows out there having eighth to ten calves in their lifetime. These cows offer an efficient genetic base and we can keep replacement heifers from the best of the herd and make improvements to overall herd performance. Maintaining a low replacement rate lets us select the very best performers as incomers to the herd and increase efficiency again.

Overall, the climate for the suckler industry is not in the best place at present. Farm support payments are under threat and the industry must look to make choices that will keep British Beef competitive against cheap producers around the world, while still promising the best quality meat produced in the very highest of welfare conditions.

The Aberdeen-Angus breed holds a full hand - a productive and efficient converter of cheap forage, producer of

excellent quality beef, and easily managed. This will be the basis of the Society's marketing of females over the next 12 months. In addition, we will be putting together a marketing campaign to persuade as many suckler cow farms that both the male and female Aberdeen-Angus is the breed of choice going forward.



Aberdeen-Angus France

Aberdeen-Angus France currently represents a total of 60 herds of Aberdeen-Angus, which accounts for around 2,500 pedigree cows and bulls.

All Aberdeen-Angus breeders in France are wholly committed to the breeding of the very best Aberdeen-Angus genetics and the production of premium quality beef, in accordance with the high standards associated with the Aberdeen-Angus name.

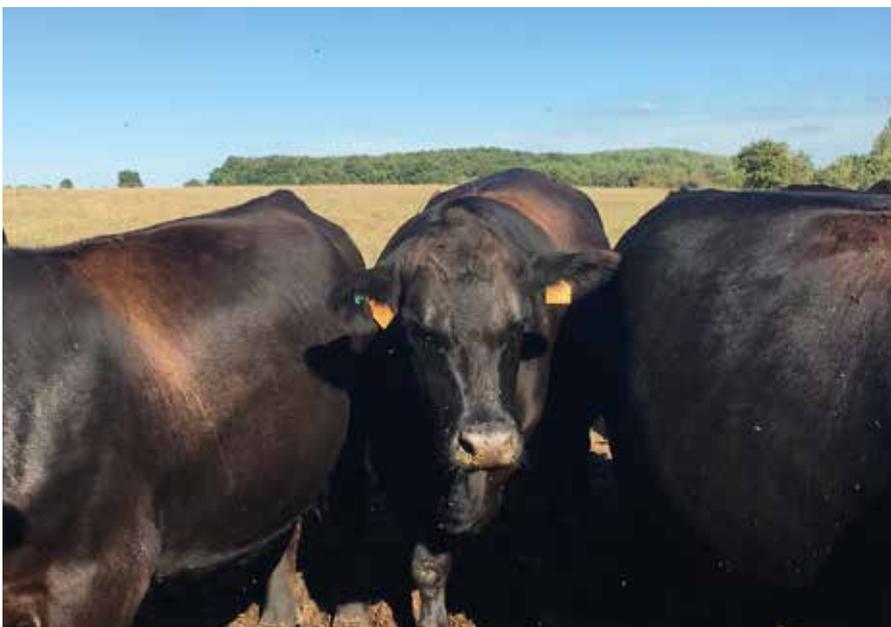
We would be delighted to welcome any interested visitors to France. If you would like to visit our herds, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

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A Long-term Vision for the Canadian Angus Association



In January 2019 Myles Immerkar joined the Canadian Angus Association as CEO. With his leadership and guidance, the CAA strategic plan launched in June 2018 was tweaked and staff efforts to execute the outcomes intensified. The long-range strategic plan has four pillars: member services, science and technology, media and marketing, and added value.



First and foremost, we focus on member services, increasing member value and improving efficiencies. We are a member-driven organization and continuously look at all ways to improve our service, support and communication. The member services pillar includes elements such as fast and efficient service, improved tools and financial responsibility.

Canadian Angus strongly believes in the use of new tools and technology to help all breeders be more profitable, efficient and reduce decision risks in all operations. The industry is changing and we must continue to adapt to ensure our long-term future. The Canadian Angus team continuously works to bring new tools to the membership that will enhance value. While we believe in the science and the importance of these tools to the future of the industry and improving all operations and productivity, we also believe they have to work for the breeders and the people working with the cattle each and every day. All tools must balance the cow science and common sense for them to be effective. The science and technology pillar includes new traits such as teat and udder, feet and legs, immunity, docility, mature weight, feed efficiency, maternal and terminal indexes, and future research

and development. Our goal is to develop a suite of tools for all breeders that enable their ability to evaluate, select and improve profitability of programmes.

Media marketing includes improved marketing opportunities, a revamped and focused social media strategy, a revised brand strategy, a new focus on sponsorships, and improved engagement and communication not only with Canadian Angus members, but also within the beef industry. Our goal is to be a resource that provides a competitive advantage to all breeders. We will develop platforms that support all breeders and provide opportunities to sell, promote and showcase their programmes.

The added value pillar includes new and improved industry alliances and collaborations including but not limited to branded Angus beef programmes. Our goal is to leverage the Angus brand into new partnerships and alliances.

In 2019, Canadian Angus staff focused on engaging with members and our commercial base, those who use Angus genetics but do not raise purebred Aberdeen-Angus cattle. The success of our commercial clients is integral to our success as a breed.

Looking ahead to 2020, we are excited to launch a revamped website, indexes, and be much closer to delivering EPDs for new traits. To keep up-to-date on the latest with Canadian Angus, bookmark our website www.cdnangus.ca or send an email to cdnangus@cdnangus.ca and ask to join our e-newsletter distribution list.





Good Growth for the Aberdeen-Angus in Norway



The Norwegian Aberdeen-Angus Association currently has about 180 members.

The number of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus females is about 1,400, with an additional 7,500 which are 75% Angus or more. Aberdeen-Angus is a breed of good growth in Norway at present, which is a consequence of an agreement with the slaughterhouse on an additional price based on the IMF. The breed is also suitable for our pasture in the mountains. Many Angus farmers use pasture in forest and mountains without fences, as cows have bells and GPS tracking.

We breed on an Aberdeen-Angus with moderate size in Norway. We want an



adult weight on the cows of around 550-650kg, but of course there are large variations within the national herd. Average weights for calves are 38.8kg for bulls and 37kg for heifers (correct as of latest figures taken in 2018). The average number of cows on a Norwegian Aberdeen-Angus farm is 23, but across the country this ranges anywhere between six and 100.

We have a test station where we test 12 bulls per year, usually in three half-sibling groups. The breeding programme focuses on production and calving traits. Breeding values for these traits, direct and maternal, are estimated six times per year. Selection of breeding candidates also focuses on health and functionality through a linear scoring of conformation. Bulls are selected for

AI after undergoing the performance test, where unique registrations on daily individual feed intake and body weight are recorded.

The Norwegian breeding model is built on ethical breeding principles and focuses on traits that give healthy animals, easy calvings and good functionality. The breeding programme focuses on production traits, health traits and economic traits rather than show traits. Unique registrations of fat depth, back muscle depth and marbling by ultra sound scanning makes it possible to select on beef quality. We assist with imports of AI-semen to renew the genetics.

We believe the Norwegian Aberdeen-Angus farmer has a good future thanks to our fantastic breed. A breed that grows well in pasture, with no imported grain and is good for the environment.

Greetings from Norway, please feel free to visit our website at:

www.norskangus.no

Svein Eberhard Østmoe
President, Norwegian Aberdeen-Angus



10 years of a Future-focused Outlook for the Portuguese Association



The Portuguese Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. Since its foundation in March 2009, the number of breeders has consistently increased, the herd book has been implemented and its management has been transferred to the Association. Additionally, Breedplan has been adopted as the genetic evaluation system and the Association started a beef certification system that allows the breeders to sell their purebred and crossbred animals for a higher price. The Association participates regularly in international breed forums and has previously organised the European Angus Forum in 2016. Regional and Iberian shows are organised every year with more breeders showing their animals, while a magazine is edited every year along with a quarterly newsletter distributed to all members.

There are currently 234 breeders, spread across mainland Portugal, Azores and Spain, with more than 3,500 purebred cows registered in the herd book. At the end of the year there will be more than 8,000 certified carcasses commercialised. Due to a partnership with a certification company, the Association visits all the breeders twice a year, collecting data, registering and checking the animals. Since last October all the Spanish breeders that register their animals in the Portuguese herd book are also receiving those visits, which allows the control of the registered animals,

but most importantly the connection between the Association and the breeders of all the Iberian Peninsula.

As the Iberian Aberdeen-Angus herd is increasing, we are subject to a higher demand for the purebred animals, especially bulls for crossbreed herds or to use in native herds. The demand for Aberdeen-Angus semen is also increasing, especially for use with dairy cows, due to its easy calving. To secure this demand and guarantee the quality of the animals, the Association is establishing partnerships with semen production companies and other breeders' associations, especially of Portuguese native breeds and dairy

farmers. This is to promote the utilisation of purebred Aberdeen-Angus bulls in beef herds and the production of semen of animals with high genetic value.

It's our goal to start the performance testing of bulls, so we can have a more precise evaluation of the animals and so the breeders can choose more accurately the best bulls for their herds. The consumer's knowledge of the breed and its relation to high quality beef is also increasing, which has led to new companies looking for Aberdeen-Angus beef as well as small butchers and restaurants.

On 1st January 2020, as a decision made by the Breeders' Association General Assembly, all the animals will be tested for DNA sire verification prior to registration. This will reinforce the pedigree verification and will allow for all the animals in the Portuguese herd book to soon have their sires confirmed by DNA analysis. Next year we will also organise two field days, one in Portugal and another in Spain, and continue the promotion of the breed and keep up efforts to ensure the high precision of the herd book data.

We will face major challenges due to international policies and market changes, but we are optimistic and ready for 2020 and the next ten years.



Health Update: Commercial Herds Leading Renewed Efforts on Cattle Disease

A 30% increase in cattle health scheme membership in the UK is being driven by dairy and commercial beef farmers as part of efforts to have healthier herds and combat costly diseases, suggests a new study. A survey of almost 1,000 members of cattle health schemes licensed by CHeCS, the body which sets biosecurity standards and best practice for disease control, indicated that instead of joining to increase the sales value of individual animals, more farmers were seeing productivity benefits to controlling disease.

Welsh dairy farmer Abi Reader, who took over as chair of CHeCS last year, explained that more than half of farmers getting involved in a health scheme ten years ago were doing it to accredit the health status of pedigree animals; fewer than 30% were now doing it for that purpose. She said:

“60% of new cattle health scheme members have now joined for management reasons, including the aim of having a healthier herd, better disease control and saving money on laboratory testing. Increased uptake from a different type of farmer could explain the jump from 10% to 13% of UK cattle farms in schemes over the past two years. But the government and industry-led disease eradication or control schemes currently underway, such as Stamp out BVD and Action Johne’s, could also be driving demand. This is borne out by the responses about financial benefits too. More than half in the survey were still aiming to increase the value of individual animals for sale, but 46% also reported more productivity and 45% said fewer losses. Just over a quarter said veterinary and medicine costs had reduced too.”

She added: “I’m also pleased to see a rise in the number of dairy farmers joining. Where just one in ten health scheme members was a dairy farmer a decade ago, it looks like every third new joiner is a dairy herd.” While cattle

health schemes have been one of the UK’s main routes for controlling or eradicating diseases like BVD, Johne’s, IBR or Leptospirosis since the ’90s, their success in the pedigree beef world has meant that many commercial or dairy farmers may have overlooked the benefits of getting involved. This is certainly the view of Abi, who herself has been systematically reducing a Neospora infection in her herd over the past five years with the help of her vet and her health scheme.”

“For many farmers like me, an underlying infection from an infectious endemic disease will not be obvious – you just start getting an unexplained underperformance, and increased abortion or slipped calving patterns. Your vet will be the first person to contact, but then a CHeCS-licensed health scheme will help you get started with something as simple as a bulk milk test. They also work well with the government and industry-led BVD or Johne’s control programmes currently underway across the UK, some of which have financial support.

“Over half of survey participants first heard about their health scheme from their vet, underlining the link between disease control and healthier, more productive animals. Almost three quarters of the farms in the CHeCS survey believe they run a ‘closed herd’ – yet they had bought in cattle within the past two years.”

While only 10% of farmers in the CHeCS survey said biosecurity measures were not rigorously enforced, a further 14% were ambivalent and 16% didn’t know. Concerned about a perceived weakness in how biosecurity standards were being upheld, CHeCS developed an audit programme which was launched last year and saw through 276 on-farm audits during 2018.

Other headlines in the survey were:

- The two leading diseases being targeted were Johne’s Disease (83%) and BVD (78%); around a third were targeting Leptospirosis and/or IBR.
- 34% are reporting ‘excellent’ progress against their diseases and 49% ‘good’ progress.
- 81% think the CHeCS biosecurity rules used by their health scheme are ‘very’ or ‘quite’ rigorous, and 82% think they are ‘appropriate’. However, less than 60% think they are ‘very’ or ‘quite’ rigorously enforced.
- 89% said disease control as a whole was ‘definitely’ or ‘probably’ improved if neighbours were also in a scheme.
- More than half (54%) of herds felt the biosecurity measures in their health scheme ‘definitely’ or ‘probably’ helped to control TB.

Source: CHeCS

Genetics Focus: Calving Ease Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs)

Calving difficulties are affected by environmental, managerial and genetic factors. Calving ease Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) look at the genetic factors (e.g. gestation length, birth weight and sex of calf) together with pedigree correlations and field information.

Calving ease is affected by two additive genetic components:

- the calf's contribution i.e. the ability of the calf to be easily born (direct effect).
- the dam's contribution i.e. the ability of the dam to easily give birth (maternal effect).

A direct genetic component indicates the ability of a calf to be born easily, whereas a maternal genetic component explains the ability of the cow to give birth easily.

Calving Ease EBVs

Breedplan reports two Calving Ease EBVs – Calving Ease Direct (CE direct) and Calving Ease Daughters (CE dtrs).

One EBV is for the direct effect, the second one is for the maternal effect. The direct effect is important for a sire of calves, as it indicates how many more or less % calves from this bull are expected to require no assistance at birth out of two-year-old cows.

The second EBV called Daughter's Calving Ease is an indicator for the daughters of a sire to give birth without assistance as a two-year-old. That is, the overall effect on the calving of the daughters. It consists of the maternal component and half the direct component - CE dtrs is an index of (CE maternal + 1/2(CE direct)). The CE dtrs value is generally how commercial breeders look at Calving Ease in the daughters (without verbalising the concept) rather than separating maternal and direct.

The analysis of Calving Ease

Breedplan scientists at the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit have developed analytical software which combines in one analysis the information collected on calving ease, birth weight and gestation length (from AI) to estimate breeding values for calving ease.

For the analysis of calving ease (CE) a threshold model with an underlying normal distribution is assumed. A threshold represents the points on the underlying scale between which various calving ease scores are expressed. Traits related to ease of calving that are also recorded by the breeders are birth weight and gestation length, which are also included in the analysis. The calving ease analysis has recently been enhanced to allow genomic data to be included as an additional source of information.

Selection indexes

Profitability in the beef cattle industry is a function of numerous traits and some of these traits have antagonistic relationships to each other. To improve profitability, selection must be applied to those traits that contribute most to the costs and returns of an enterprise. For Terminal sires, selecting for direct calving ease only is okay as, by definition, daughters are not being kept as replacements.

Where daughters are being kept for replacements, both direct and daughters calving ease need to be considered as there is some antagonism between the two. An extreme example is to select a sire with very high direct calving ease that produces low growth progeny. The calves are born without difficulty but the daughters are generally likely to be too small to calve unassisted to sires with more growth.

Over-emphasis of selection on any one trait can have unwanted consequences. Calving ease factors are no exception. For example, selection on light birth weight alone, will lead to lower growth rates later in life and increased chances of female progeny with poorer calving ability. Therefore, a balance between direct and daughters calving ease is needed. This generally suits most selection decisions as breeders are trying to balance calving ease and growth/carcass

- so you can avoid using low-growth bulls simply for CE direct only reasons.

A selection index is the most appropriate manner of making selections from a combination of EBVs. Selection indices simplify comparisons of animals by accounting for multiple traits simultaneously and by considering both production levels and economics. As with all index selections, breeders need to keep an eye on key component traits as well as the index.

BreedObject is a programme, developed by the scientists at the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit at the University of New England. It calculates for specified production systems the economic values for all traits in the breeding objective. With respect to birth difficulties, it considers not only the short-term farm profits through the loss of calf, death of dam, veterinary fees, and extra labour, but also the long-term animal performance.

Given that the focus is profitability of commercial production systems, both costs of production and market returns are considered. In that way a breeder can assess animals based upon requirements such as increased growth whilst minimising birth difficulties and managing mature cow weight. Although the growth traits and mature cow weight trait are antagonistic to each other relative to the breeding objective, it is possible to make progress in both traits since the assumed correlation between them is not one.

Many breeds have BreedObject indexes available which target average market production systems for common uses of the breed. Breeders do however have the option of customising their own index. This could be relevant if the breeder considers that there are important aspects of their market production system which are different to the breed version (eg. earlier or later turn-off, different cost of feed, different calving rate, or more or less risk of calving difficulty) or if the intended breeding role for animals is more specialised or different to that of the general breed.

Breeders can customise their own indices on-line for immediate application by using the BreedObject www.breedobject.com.

For more information

Calving Ease analysis

www.agbu.une.edu.au/PDFs/Technical_Information_Note_I_1995.pdf

BREEDPLAN

www.breedplan.une.edu.au

BreedObject selection indices

www.breedobject.com/page/About_BreedObject.html

Aberdeen-Angus Open Day set to Take Place at Leading Commercial Beef Farm



A leading Yorkshire commercial beef farm will be the venue for the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society's 2020 Open Day, to be based at Little Givendale Farm, Ripon, North Yorkshire on 10th June 2020. The event will be hosted by J.C Lister Farms where David and Richard Lister, and farm manager Peter Orton have kindly agreed to open the farm to us for the day.

Little Givendale has 220 commercially run Angus cross cows, the majority of which are the result of continuous use of Aberdeen-Angus pedigree Bulls, with twenty purebred cows among them. Heifers are retained from the calf crop as replacements. There are nine stock bulls on the unit, purchased from Stirling, Carlisle, and privately. Cows calve from Feb to May, utilising two staff, and achieved 92% calving percentage in 2018. Little Givendale is the base for a block of approx. 2000 acres of mixed arable, grazing and silage. More widely the business farms 5-6,000 acres which include arable, a major pig enterprise, a hill farm, a sheep flock and a farm shop (Lister's Farm Shop and Café) where meat produced on the farm is supplied directly to the public.

Heifers are calved as two-year-olds in a really simple system which includes finishing all young stock aimed at either their own farm shop, located at Eboroughbridge, or deadweight at approx. 24 months over their second winter with grass being the key ingredient. On average, one beef animal goes through the shop and café per week. The herd operates a closed herd policy, apart from stock bulls, and participates in a health scheme in partnership with their vet practice monitoring both BVD and Johnes for which the herd is accredited for both. Nutritional advice is gleaned from W.E. Jameson and Sons, based in Masham, North Yorkshire. A TMR ration including silage, balanced with Barley, molasses and mineral is used for finishing cattle and a base of silage and straw ration to



overwinter the housed cows. Grass is rotated in the arable system alongside some improved permanent pasture. The females are of a very consistent commercial quality, with plenty of length and scope as are the stock bulls, and are a great advert as to what the Aberdeen-Angus female can offer a commercial farm enterprise.

The date has been chosen (10th June 2020) because the cows will be in bulling groups with one to three-month-old calves at foot and all out at grass, avoiding silage making and harvest for

Listers and visitors alike making it open to as large an audience as possible.

The location of the unit is ideal, lying only a few minutes from the A19 and A1 motorways and is accessible by air into Leeds or Newcastle and train from the East Coast main line.

We are at this point lining up some keynote industry speakers to deliver some informative and topical subjects from as many different parts of the industry as we can in the time frame that we have. There will be demonstrations, a stock judging competition and trade stands on the day with refreshments and lunch provided.

Save the date in your calendar for what will be a great educational and informative day out in Yorkshire, and an event that will showcase exactly what Aberdeen-Angus can do for a beef enterprise in the challenging climate that we currently find ourselves in.

Shout About the Sire: If you know - show it

Currently only 23% of sires are registered on the British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS). While breeders and producers aren't obliged to record the sire on the database, by not doing so they are missing out information which could add value at all stages of the supply chain; helping better breeding decisions to be made and building consumer trust through greater traceability.

Farmers may not be aware that, as well as providing information on births, deaths and movements of all cattle in the UK, BCMS is a valuable source of pedigree information. The call to all cattle producers is this: if you know the sire, get it recorded on the passport.

Beef currently leads the way in recording the sire on BCMS, and a steady increase in the percentage of sires recorded has been seen since 2010 (Table 1). However, there are still improvements to be made.

Within the industry there is a vast amount of data which could be harnessed to increase productivity and profits, using genetic evaluations if pedigree information for commercial cattle were available.

One example of how this has worked positively is the development of EBVs for carcass traits, based on abattoir data. By combining performance records – phenotypic data – with pedigree information sourced from BCMS and AHDB has worked alongside EGENES to produce the National Beef Evaluation, launched in November 2018, and the Dairy Carcass Index, launched in April 2018.

BCMS itself provides further opportunities to routinely harness recorded data for genetic evaluations. Information on dead or alive status for tagged calves is being used to produce Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) for calf survival in Limousin and dairy breeds, with other beef breeds in the pipeline. Other traits that we intend to explore via the BCMS database include longevity and calving interval, and, alongside phenotype data from the APHA, EBVs for bovine TB resistance in beef cattle are also in development.

By increasing the level of sire recording, we can increase the accuracy and scope of EBVs available from these sources of commercial data. Using these alongside existing EBVs from evaluation services such as ABRI Breedplan and Signet should provide you with the opportunity to breed and purchase

Table 1: Percentage of animals with sire details recorded in BCMS since 2010.

Year of Birth	All cattle	Dairy cattle	Beef cattle	Dairy x Beef cattle
2010	18.4	4.9	24.0	17.5
2011	18.4	5.3	23.8	17.6
2012	20.2	9.5	24.2	18.7
2013	21.1	9.6	24.4	19.6
2014	23.5	11.3	25.5	21.7
2015	26.2	14.2	27.1	23.5
2016	29.5	17.8	29.3	25.8
2017	32.0	21.2	34.5	18.5
2010-2017 average	23.7	11.7	26.6	21.6

stock that best suits your system and market requirements, driving the whole cattle industry forward.

What else could change with improved recording?

The benefits of sire recording do not stop at an individual level. Even if you don't directly use EBVs when making breeding decisions, you can still make a difference by recording known sires. More data would mean greater reliability of EBVs across more sires, leading to genetic gains made by those routinely using EBVs and improved performance across the industry. Encouraging bull buyers to record known sires will also help improve levels of recording.

Genetics companies will react to market requirements. The availability of semen for a wide range of easy calving beef bulls has been improving since demand for beef genetics in dairy herds. Successfully improving the breadth and accuracy of genetic evaluations such as the AHDB National Beef Evaluations and the Dairy Carcass Index will allow genetics companies to source bulls that best fulfil customer requirements.

It's not just about genetics companies either. Your customers want information. A 2015 survey by AbacusBio showed that a key reason for farmers not providing EBV information during the sale or purchase of animals was due to lack of interest from the customer. However, the key reason for farmers not requesting EBV information was because it wasn't provided by the seller. Greater communication between genetics providers, bull breeders, and bull buyers is needed in order to create an environment where the display of genetic information is standard.

As part of AHDB's 'Shout About the Sire' campaign, which launched in January 2019, you can follow the conversation on social media using the hashtag #Shoutaboutthesire.





Common Challenges Find an Aberdeen-Angus Solution on Orkney

Orkney is wall to wall livestock and supporting crops. If there was a monoculture here, it would definitely be grass – an embarrassing amount of grass this summer, as described by one. This is in contrast to last year, but then no two years are the same.

Orkney sits as an archipelago of 70 islands where the North Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean, ten miles north of mainland Scotland. For reference, that’s roughly two-thirds of the distance from the equator to the North Pole. Orkney often has the benefit of the Gulf Stream and thus its climate is temperate and moist, but wind is a feature as evidenced by the lack of trees. Agriculture dominates the economy of the islands, although oil and gas, wind power and tourism are increasingly important factors.

Agriculture in Orkney is heavily driven by livestock production on a variety of soil types, most often rich sandy soils and clay based – however successful livestock systems rely on the variation of crops to include cereal crops for both feed and bedding. Orkney is a challenging environment for growing any type of cereal crop because of the unpredictable weather and shorter growing season, so there is a lack of

Colin & Pam Davidson	Raymond Flaws	Alistair Foubister	William Harcus
Skaill, Sandwick	Nisthouse, Evie	Netherton, Holm	Quanterness, Kirkwall
1000 acres; 120 acres spring barley	210 acres; 20 acres spring barley	340 acres; 60 acres spring barley	1,360 acres; 130 acres spring barley and oats, 8 acres turnip, 1,222 grass and fodder
230 cows; 100 purebred A-A, 130 x crossbred A-Ax & SHx	65 cows, 25 Beltex ewes	120 cows	380 cows, 500 ewes
Spring calving	Spring calving	100 spring, 20 autumn	Spring calving; two blocks – Jan-Mar and May-Jun
9 stock bulls	2-3 stock bulls – A-A	5 stock bulls – 3 x A-A, 1 x SH, 1 x BB	14 stock bulls – A-A and Shorthorn
1 x slatted shed, cubicles, bedded courts. 100 cows out-wintered on sand dunes	Slats with straw for calving	Slats and straw combined	Predominantly slats with straw bedded courts for calving

home-grown cereal for both uses. Less productive varieties of spring barley predominate because of their hardiness. There is less reliance on sprays to artificially ripen crops because of the unpredictable weather. Some straw and feed are imported from the mainland, but at great cost due to the

extra transport costs. In 2018, a year known for a shortage of straw even on the mainland, an arctic load of straw was in the region of £3,000 delivered.

A majority of livestock accommodation is slats with slurry storage for the duration of winter because of environmental

restrictions on spreading due to wet soil conditions in winter. In most systems straw bedding is rationed to calving areas only with some also used as feeding straw. Feeding rations are silage-based with better quality straw, minimal home-produced cereal and soya or dark grains fed in TMR form. Because of its exceptional grass growth, there is much improved grassland, reseeded with clover mixes and strip grazing systems all in place. Bought-in rations or straights are used sparingly and even calf creep is kept to a minimum, with some choosing not to indulge at all. Alternative feed sources which are economic on the mainland, such as waste potatoes, are non-existent on Orkney. Fodder and straw stocks need careful management to last several weeks longer over the winter period as the housing period can be up to seven or eight months. The only realistic alternative bedding source available is sand, which is used in some cubicle sheds.

Orkney is disadvantaged by a lack of marketing opportunities on the island. Apart from casualties, all stock needs to leave the island alive as there is no longer an abattoir facility. This means a collection locally, a ferry journey of several hours, and further road transport once on the mainland. A typical marketing strategy for store cattle would be Thainstone in the backend and can add an average £55 per head to the cost, plus the need to lairage and fill up at the other end ahead of sale. There is a thriving live market in Kirkwall, which is well supported but the need for onward transportation may put some buyers off.

Disregarding specialist markets, a majority of cattle are sold as forward stores to reduce the need for winter housing, but this brings an oversupply situation in the autumn, given the tendency towards spring calving. Furthermore, the level of premium is sometimes not realised in both store and breeding cattle, hence the compromise with forward stores so that the finished article is not too far away for the buyer





and maximum use can be made of the second summer of grazing on the island. Finished cattle are procured by a handful of processors, with the advantage that they organise the transport. The recent drop in price for finished cattle concerns many producers on the island as they are particularly sensitive given the unavoidable higher cost structure.

Orcadian cattle are renowned for their quality and there was no disappointment in this respect.

It was a lesson in basic genetics – dams and sires of equally superb beef type qualities can't fail to produce the top end of our beef supply chain. Of major concern was the gradual dilution of good beef type quality cattle marketed in the UK, some of which are attracting a premium. It is argued that the comparison of the two types of cattle are polar opposites, yet they attract the same price.

Orkney has an interesting wildlife mosaic. Of benefit to most livestock farmers, there is few predators and no

foxes or badgers on the island. There are however an abundance of stoats and bird wildlife, particularly geese. Having only been introduced in 2010, becoming a common species on the mainland and linked south islands since then, the stoat population is about to come under some scrutiny as there is a plan to reduce the number with a culling programme. Landowners are able to cull geese as well, under licence, which offers some protection for crops and reduces the overall burden of destruction.

The ten-mile strip of water provides a natural barrier for disease, which has served Orkney well. Orkney was also the first regional area within the UK to develop a BVD eradication programme, which was almost 98% successful. Environmental management on the island has some specific regional detail that ensures the wide diversity of the wildlife populations and ensures a tailored approach. Orkney seems to have a well-developed agriculture and environmental balance that is respected by both farmers and non-agriculturalists alike. The island has fine-tuned grass systems that suit breeding cattle and

sheep enterprises. Slatted housing produces an abundance of slurry that is utilised effectively onto silage ground, which drastically reduces the need for expensive granular fertiliser.

Orcadian stock is in demand both on and off the island and it isn't difficult to see why on the four units visited. Although all four were slightly different in their assets, they were all similar in the quality of the type of cattle. All four had commercial herds featuring Aberdeen-Angus cross breeding females, some virtually purebred. A striking similarity was the consistency of the quality of female across all four units. Other than a plethora of different but equally good typed Angus bulls, three herds were also using a Shorthorn bull on a selection of females to breed replacements and tap into the Shorthorn premium available through Morrisons.

Other than the obvious benefit of having a consistent group of females that are exceptionally pleasing to the eye and maintain their condition over the winter period, the next most prominent benefit is the higher output derived from



Aberdeen-Angus-sired finished cattle, and the added flexibility this provides in marketing decisions. In these systems A-A sired calves are more consistent (average R grade), have better weight gains (1.0-1.3kg/day vs 0.6-0.75kg/day) and finish up to a month quicker than their continental counterparts. An annual grade report showed the average age at slaughter at 17m or 572 days against a national average of 718 days (24m). Grade sheets tell the tale of whole crops of calves, both males and females, that consistently meet the required spec and return as highly as possible in the current climate. Another frequently quoted benefit is that the Angus female is capable of calving at two years and rearing a calf that weans as heavy as calves from older females. Two-year-old calved heifers need more careful management, but all four systems calved heifers at two and had practices in place that routinely made this possible. The obvious efficiency of the extra lifetime output from calving two-year-olds, was only one of the management efficiencies in practice. There was obvious focus on reducing

incidence of feet and udder problems both of which are exacerbated on slats.

Skaill had a slightly different enterprise mix than the other three, as it had 100 registered purebred cows alongside 130 crossbred, marketing yearling bulls into both pedigree and commercial herds over the whole of the UK. In addition, Skaill differed to the rest in that it has the ability to outwinter all cows on sand dunes, with the obvious efficiencies in winter housing costs. All cows are calved outside except two-year old heifers and second calvers.

In comparison to the mainland there was a clear lack of AI used in any of the herds, apart from a small amount of specialist work in the pedigree population. Stock bulls were selected from both private and sale sources, both from the island and mainland. All four reported that they used available genetic selection tools to aid their selection, but only after they had identified the bulls by appearance and locomotion. Most important genetic selection traits noted were eye muscle, scrotal size, growth traits and a glance at calving ease and

gestation length. There was a clear lean towards reducing the number of days on farm and ability to convert grass to meat yield efficiently. With this in mind, there was an eye on emerging traits such as carcass traits and age to slaughter as well as feed efficiency.

Despite a challenging environment due to location, distance and climate, these same factors have been used by Orcadian farmers to their best advantage. There are very few alternative options to grass-based livestock systems on Orkney, but the soil and climate conspire to make grass a great asset which lends itself well to quality livestock production. The units visited were well equipped and progressive businesses, utilising all available technologies and practices to maximise efficiencies. Yet the most valuable and efficient practice was undoubtedly the simplicity and focus on breeding consistent quality stock, utilising Angus genetics in conditions in which they thrive.

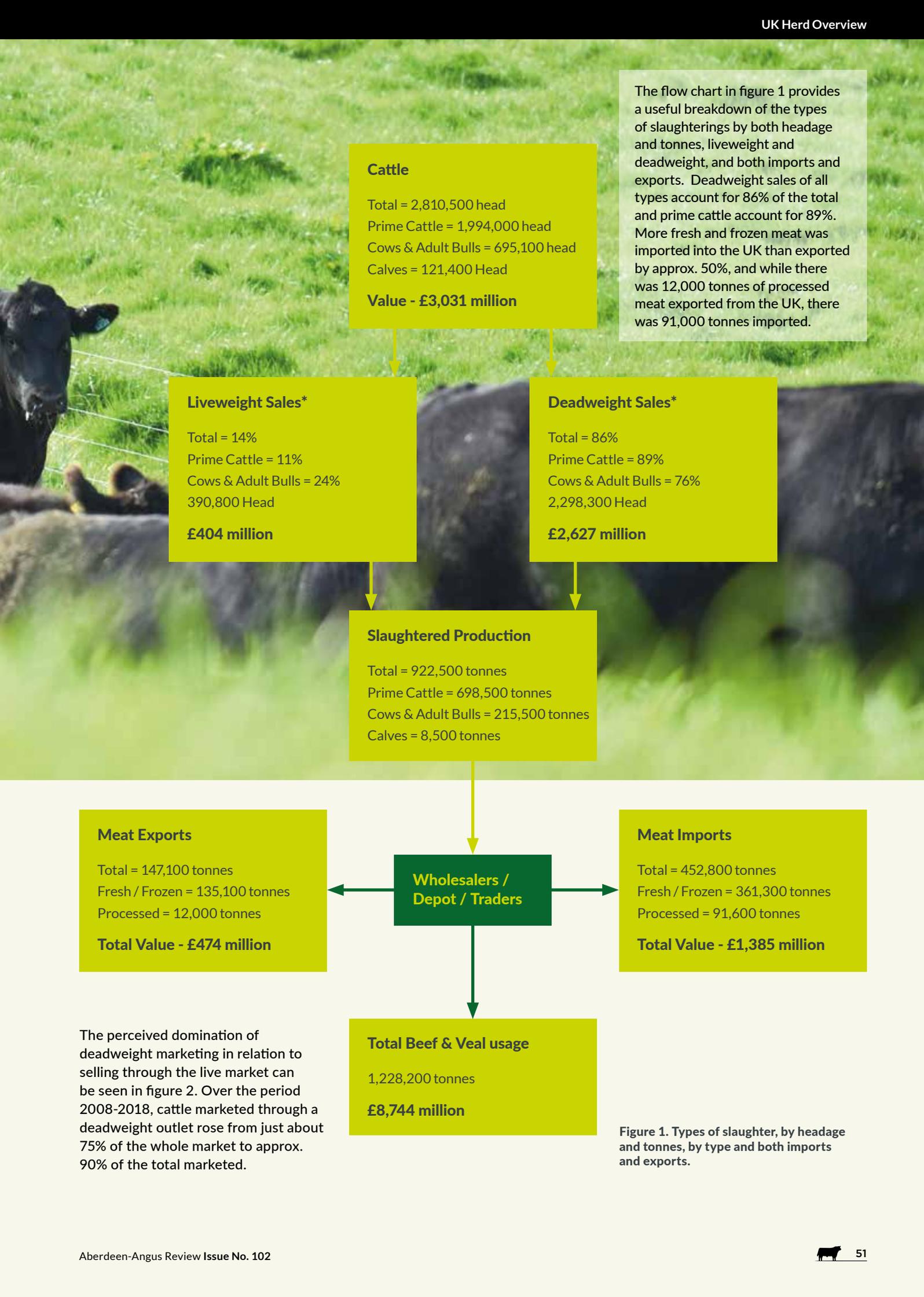


UK Herd Overview 2019

2018 was a challenging and contrasting year for many areas of the country following the relative stability of 2017 and the weather had the biggest role to play. Storms from the east hit cattle herds in the spring, while summer brought unrelenting drought conditions to many areas. There were serious concerns about winter forage provision, along with stocks of straw for both feeding and bedding.

Cow slaughter increased as farmers rationalised their herds while store and finishing cattle came out at different times as farmers juggled both grazing and winter forage provision. Prime cattle slaughter was 1.994 million head in 2018, approximately 1% higher than the previous year, while cow slaughter was 5% higher at 677 thousand head.

Prime cattle prices started the year above the 5-year average and fell slightly due to the combination of good supply and weaker demand. Demand for manufacturing beef remained healthy and cow prices picked up from the start of the year. Beef production grew by 2% to 922.5 thousand tonnes, driven by the increase in cow slaughter. Sterling continued to remain weak and with increased domestic production, combined to support exports, which grew by 5.2%. Imports also increased compared with the year before, by 2.3%, as the supply chain laid down stocks to prepare for Britain's exit from the EU in what should have been March 2019.



The flow chart in figure 1 provides a useful breakdown of the types of slaughterings by both headage and tonnes, liveweight and deadweight, and both imports and exports. Deadweight sales of all types account for 86% of the total and prime cattle account for 89%. More fresh and frozen meat was imported into the UK than exported by approx. 50%, and while there was 12,000 tonnes of processed meat exported from the UK, there was 91,000 tonnes imported.

Cattle
 Total = 2,810,500 head
 Prime Cattle = 1,994,000 head
 Cows & Adult Bulls = 695,100 head
 Calves = 121,400 Head
Value - £3,031 million

Liveweight Sales*
 Total = 14%
 Prime Cattle = 11%
 Cows & Adult Bulls = 24%
 390,800 Head
£404 million

Deadweight Sales*
 Total = 86%
 Prime Cattle = 89%
 Cows & Adult Bulls = 76%
 2,298,300 Head
£2,627 million

Slaughtered Production
 Total = 922,500 tonnes
 Prime Cattle = 698,500 tonnes
 Cows & Adult Bulls = 215,500 tonnes
 Calves = 8,500 tonnes

Meat Exports
 Total = 147,100 tonnes
 Fresh / Frozen = 135,100 tonnes
 Processed = 12,000 tonnes
Total Value - £474 million

**Wholesalers /
 Depot / Traders**

Meat Imports
 Total = 452,800 tonnes
 Fresh / Frozen = 361,300 tonnes
 Processed = 91,600 tonnes
Total Value - £1,385 million

Total Beef & Veal usage
 1,228,200 tonnes
£8,744 million

The perceived domination of deadweight marketing in relation to selling through the live market can be seen in figure 2. Over the period 2008-2018, cattle marketed through a deadweight outlet rose from just about 75% of the whole market to approx. 90% of the total marketed.

Figure 1. Types of slaughter, by headage and tonnes, by type and both imports and exports.

Figure 2. Trend in type of marketing of cattle slaughtered in UK – 2008 -2018

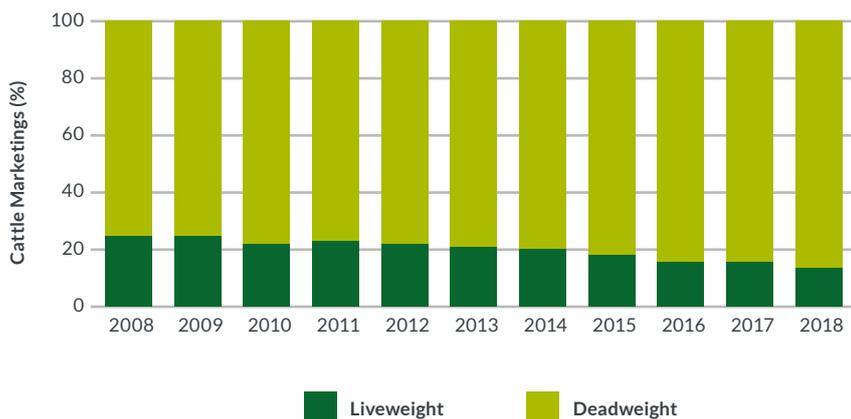


Table 2 details the numbers of dairy and beef herds and their average sizes, along with the percentage change on the year for the regions of the UK. The number of dairy holdings reduced or stayed virtually static in all regions, and the number of holdings with beef cattle reduced slightly in every region on the year.

The average dairy herd size is relatively similar to that of beef, which is much lower and varies from 18 head to 48 in Scotland. These figures belie the vast differences in type of holding across each region, especially the upland regions. A further breakdown of beef herds and sizes can be found in Figure 3, across all the regions.

Table 2. Cattle Holdings and average herd size by region

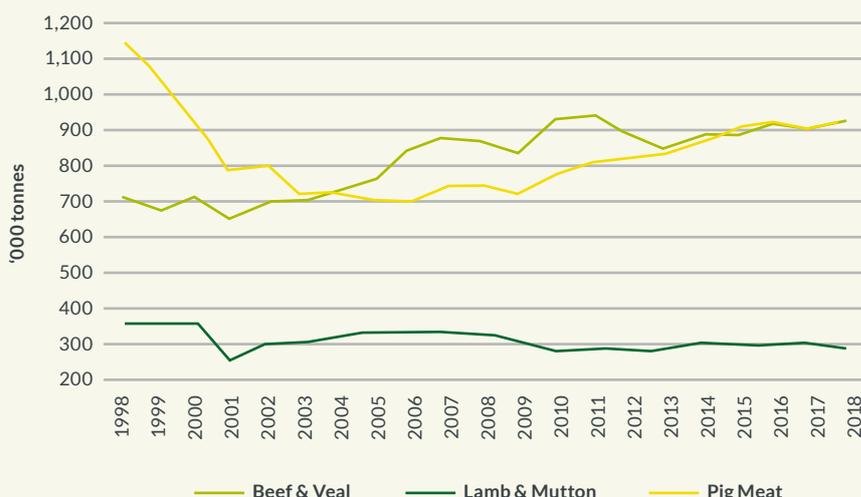
	2018	Change on year (%)
England		
Number of dairy cow holdings	12,038	-3.5
Average dairy herd size (head)	93	3.1
Number of beef cow holdings	25,759	-1.4
Average beef herd size (head)	27	1.1
Total cattle holdings	39,419	-2.0
Wales		
Number of dairy cow holdings	2,965	-2.1
Average dairy herd size (head)	N/A	N/A
Number of beef cow holdings	8,238	-1.7
Average beef herd size (head)	N/A	N/A
Total cattle holdings	10,587	-0.9
Scotland		
Number of dairy cow holdings	1,826	0.2
Average dairy herd size (head)	96	-0.6
Number of beef cow holdings	8,989	-1.8
Average beef herd size (head)	48	0.9
Total cattle holdings	11,477	-1.8
Northern Ireland		
Number of dairy cow holdings	3,428	-2.9
Average dairy herd size (head)	92	2.5
Number of beef cow holdings	14,724	-0.2
Average beef herd size (head)	18	-0.8
Total cattle holdings	20,237	1.5

Figure 3 below provides some useful information on the structure of the UK breeding herd at June 2018



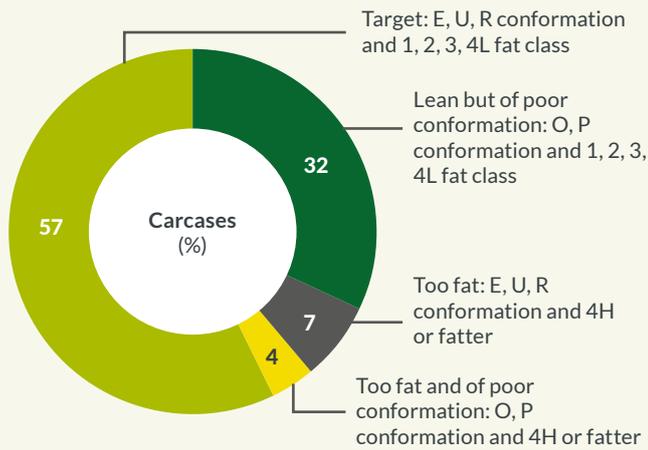
Trends in production of red meats in the UK over the most recent 20-year period can be found in a graph in Figure 4. Pig meat production has fallen over this period from a high of 1,150,000 tonnes to just over 900,000 tonnes. Beef has seen an encouraging increase in production over the same period, and ends the 20-year trend at its highest point, which is also equal to 2011. Total volumes of beef and veal equal pig meat production in the UK at the end of the 20-year period. Lamb and mutton production has shown relative stability with only a slight decrease over the 20-year period from 350,000 tonnes to just under 300,000 tonnes.

Figure 4. Trends in production over 20 years



The distribution of grades across the EUROP grid shows that 41% of all carcasses met the specification R3 – R4H and a further 19.6% fell into the E and U conformation classes and none of these carcasses were 5L or 5H. Similarly, there were no carcasses graded P-O, 5L or 5H. Only 0.7% of all carcasses were graded 5L or 5H over the period. Figure 5 graphically demonstrates the distribution and shows that 57% of all carcasses met the target range: E,U,R conformation and 1,2,3,4L fat class.

Figure 5. Prime cattle carcasses meeting specification, GB, 2018



Abattoir capacity fell across England in 2018 by 2.7%, which is demonstrated by a 3.9% decrease in cattle-killing capacity and a 0.7% decrease in sheep abattoir capacity but an increase in pig capacity over the period of 2.7%.

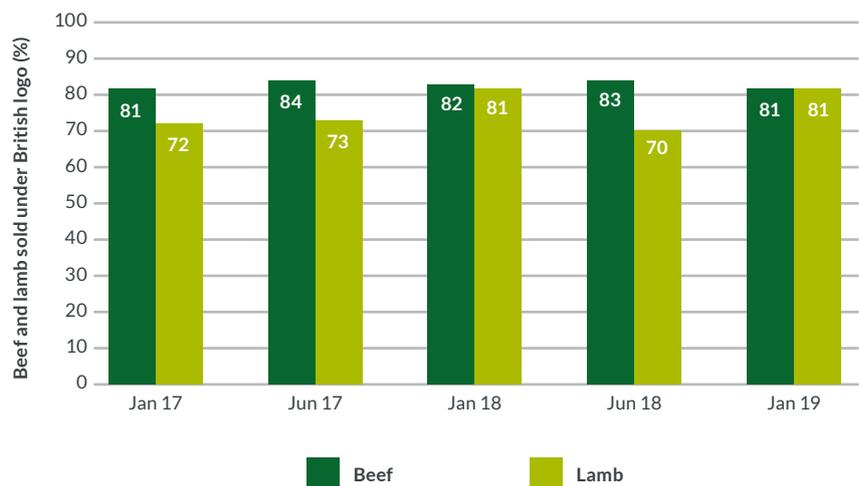
In line with the drop in production of Lamb and Mutton, UK consumption levels have also dropped on the year to 2018, by 2.3%. This is against an increase in all other fresh meat types; beef, pork and poultry. Poultry had double the consumption level of beef, at 2,447,000 tonnes, and also had the highest level of consumption growth over the period. Beef's consumption rose by 1.7%, which surpassed pork at only 0.5% change on the year.

When looking at the trends in meat consumption per person over the 20-year period 1998 - 2018, pig meat consumption has remained relatively constant while poultry shows the biggest growth. Beef ends the period only slightly higher than it started, with a high over 2002-2008.

The UK is only 54% self sufficient in pig meat, and 70.9% self sufficient over all types of meat. The UK produces almost the entire volume of demand of Lamb and Mutton, and this has decreased on the year to 2018 by 1.3%. Both poultry and beef are 75-78% self sufficient and poultry has grown by 2% in terms of self-sufficiency to the year ended 2018.

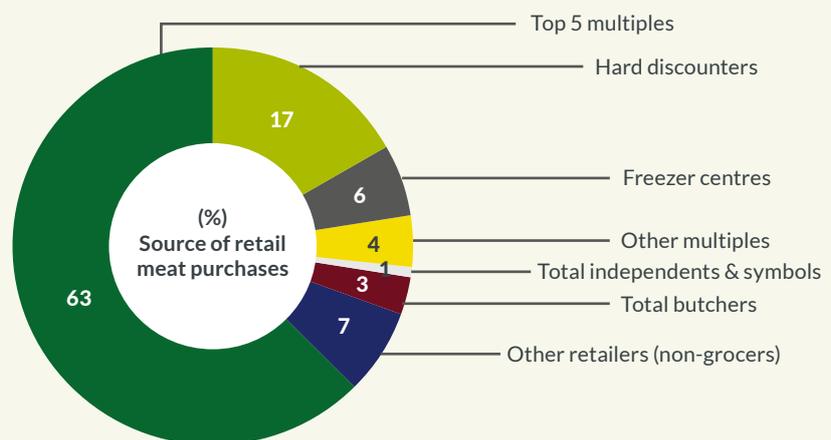
More than 80% of beef sold in the UK is sold under a British logo, as demonstrated in Figure 7. In both January 2018 and January 2019 a high of 81% of lamb was also sold under a British logo, which is up from a low of 70% in June 2018.

Figure 7. Percentage of beef and lamb sold under British logo, GB, 2017 - 2019



The UK consumer has an increasing variety of outlets from which to source meat purchases and Figure 8 shows the difference in types of source by percentage. Sixty three percent of the UK's meat purchases are still made through the top 5 multiple retailers, while only 3% are made through a traditional butcher. Interestingly, slightly more volume is purchased through "other retailers - non grocers" than from a high street butcher.

Figure 8. Source of retail meat purchases by volume, GB, 2018



The Science behind red meat - AHDB's Meat Master Class

AHDB Beef & Lamb is always looking for ways to educate, inform and inspire the meat industry when it comes to marketing red meat. Whether this is working with farmers and showing them how to produce meat for the end consumer, or working with those directly working with meat and showing them the science behind a quality piece of meat, there are numerous ways in which they contribute valuable insight and learnings that can be of great use to many of us in the industry.

Twice a year, AHDB run a two-day workshop that looks at the science behind red meat entitled Meat Master Class. The course has proved popular across the industry from processors through to butchers. It is available to all livestock farmers, but is ultimately for those who work with red meat on a daily basis and need to understand the importance of quality and how this impacts upon the supply chain.

The course looks at beef and lamb quality from farm to fork to understand the different stages at which quality can be compromised. The event also provides opportunities to learn more about our industry as well as providing a great chance for networking across the supply chain.

At the events, delegates will be able to find out more about AHDB and gain insight from experts across the red meat industry. Speakers from AHDB will be talking and giving butchery demonstrations throughout the course. Course dates for the following year will be available in the New Year, and we will be sure to inform of these dates as soon as they become available. In the meantime, please feel free to contact AHDB on: beeflamb.supplychain@ahdb.org.uk for more information.

AHDB also facilitate workshops for farmers, looking at how to produce meat



Barrie Turner attended the AHDB Meat Master Class session this year

for the end consumer. These practical-based events are called Marketing Prime Meat Workshops and follow the whole farm to fork story. Steve Powdrill, AHDB's National Selection Specialist, runs the programme of events, helping beef and sheep farmers to understand more about how to market prime beef or lamb. This particular programme is extremely useful and relevant to the modern-day farmer and comes highly recommended.

It is important that livestock farmers think of themselves as meat producers. Farmers are providing a product to an end market, the consumer, so it is essential to understand what people want to buy – what makes them tick when they are making a purchase decision. Around 49% of prime beef and 40% of prime lamb currently fails to meet ideal target market specifications, which has a significant impact on the price farmers are paid for their stock. If those percentages can be increased, then the prices farmers are paid will increase in-line.

The workshops allow farmers to handle live animals and make their assessment of fat cover and conformation using the EUROP grid. They then see the same

animals on the hook in the chillers along with the actual classification, so it is a good way to compare the two results. These events also give people the opportunity to discuss various market requirements, factors affecting killing-out percentages and dressing specifications, and provide an introduction to video image analysis (VIA) in some abattoirs.

The beef and lamb industry needs to work together to increase the proportion of livestock meeting specification, as this will result in improved returns to farmers and an industry that is better focused on meeting consumer needs.

Society CEO Barrie Turner attended one of the Meat Master Class sessions this year. He found that it was extremely beneficial in providing insight into the importance of quality and how it impacts the overall supply chain, a consideration we all need to have in mind when working within the red meat industry.

There will be more events taking place soon that will be listed on the AHDB website as soon as the dates are finalised. You can visit the website and check event details at:

www.ahdb.org.uk/events.

Documenting Our Breed's Rich, Vast and Prestigious History

As a breed Society, Aberdeen-Angus has a history which stretches back over two centuries, having been present through vast and changing times across its long life to date. One of the Society's longest-ever serving members, Willie McLaren of Netherton Aberdeen-Angus, is working closely with the Society on a project which will document its history for use in years to come.

This important and vast project will act as a way to ensure the documentation of Willie's extensive knowledge of the breed, which includes all the heritage from day one in 1808 when Hugh Watson took ownership of Keillor Farms and was believed to first establish the breed, right up to the present day. The project will cover all the key periods for the breed, including the changing approach to breeding our beloved Aberdeen-Angus, from physical changes to methodical changes, foreign influences and key influential animals that have shaped our breed today. The project will show the changing landscape within our breed in terms of varying demands of commercial producers and consumers over the years.

Speaking about the project which is aimed to be completed on time for the February bull sales at Stirling, Willie McLaren said:

"Our breed has such a rich and prestigious history that we can all be very proud of. We've come through



difficult times, navigated change and seen great success in equal measures over the years, and it's important to document this history so that it is never lost. I'm very passionate about the Aberdeen-Angus, so getting the chance to work on this project is a great honour, and I'm sure the final piece will be a very useful tool that can be adapted and upheld long into the future."

The final outcome of the project will be an extensive presentation with commentary and images of all the key periods throughout the breed's history. This will be held and developed by the Society over the future, to ensure that we always have a usable and detailed history of our breed – valuable knowledge that is never lost. The Society would like to extend our gratitude to Willie for working on this

project with us, which will be invaluable for many years. We must also thank everyone who contributed photographs and valuable knowledge and input to support the project – it has been a real team effort and the end product will reflect exactly that.





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Herd Book Archives: Help Still Required

In last year's Review, we informed you of a project being driven by Angus Smith as we look to archive all the historic versions of the Aberdeen-Angus Herd Book into an online format.

Last year's plea for 50 volunteers to help was partially successful, getting 13 volunteers – including one from Australia and one from Portugal. Many thanks to all of you and especially to former YDP Co-ordinator, Gayle Bersey, for taking on a second volume. We also have a retired secretary completing a volume to see what it would cost if any person or group wants to 'bribe' or pay someone to complete a volume on their behalf. Typing isn't everyone's thing!

At the time of writing, the first 52 volumes are complete, taking us up to 1927. That is the start of a two-year period during which the number of breeders in Ireland first exceeded the number in the whole of the rest of the British Isles, the man who twice bred twin clone heifers died, cattle were registered in Angus for the first time and tattoo numbers were officially introduced.

The first 30 volumes are being prepared for final proof-reading and then they can go online.

One of the results of the new database is the easy way statistics can be brought up. A couple of clicks has shown that of 1,045 breeders who registered cattle in the two years spanning July 1927 - June 1929, 533 were based in Ireland. Once Volume 54 is finished it will be possible to compare this with the number of head registered – there were a lot of very small herds starting up in Ireland then, so the bulk of the British Isles registrations would still be from the other islands in the group.

By far the biggest herd at the time was William Wilson's long-established herd based on his Coynachie and Drumfergus farms in Garty, Aberdeenshire. The herd registered 56 bulls in one year, twice as many as any other. It would be interesting to know his breeding policy as he seems to have stayed clear of the very fashionable herds of Ballindalloch, Harviestoun and Mulben, who for a decade stuck almost exclusively to bulls from within their own three herds. Mr Wilson did use a Gleneshie bull (from the Macpherson-Grant short-lived second herd) and one Ballindalloch bull early in this period, but retained few daughters from the latter, even then he seems to have served these few at an older age than he normally did.

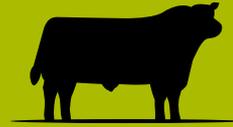
Clone cattle that early? Alan Patten had quite a sizeable herd at Clone, Aughrim in Co. Wicklow. That other county, Angus, was created in 1927 from the old county of Forfarshire.

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Nostalgia: Aberdeen-Angus Through the Years



A nostalgic look back through the Aberdeen-Angus archives.



Aberdeen-Angus Show at Perth in 1955



All eyes on the judge at Perth in 1961



Dr McLaren of London and Mr Kevin Ives and Mr Wilson Filmar Rowley of Yorkshire



Mr RM Adam and Mr & Mrs Nigel Thornton Kemsley at Perth in 1973



Lord Rosebury with Mr Bremner of the Dalmeny Herd



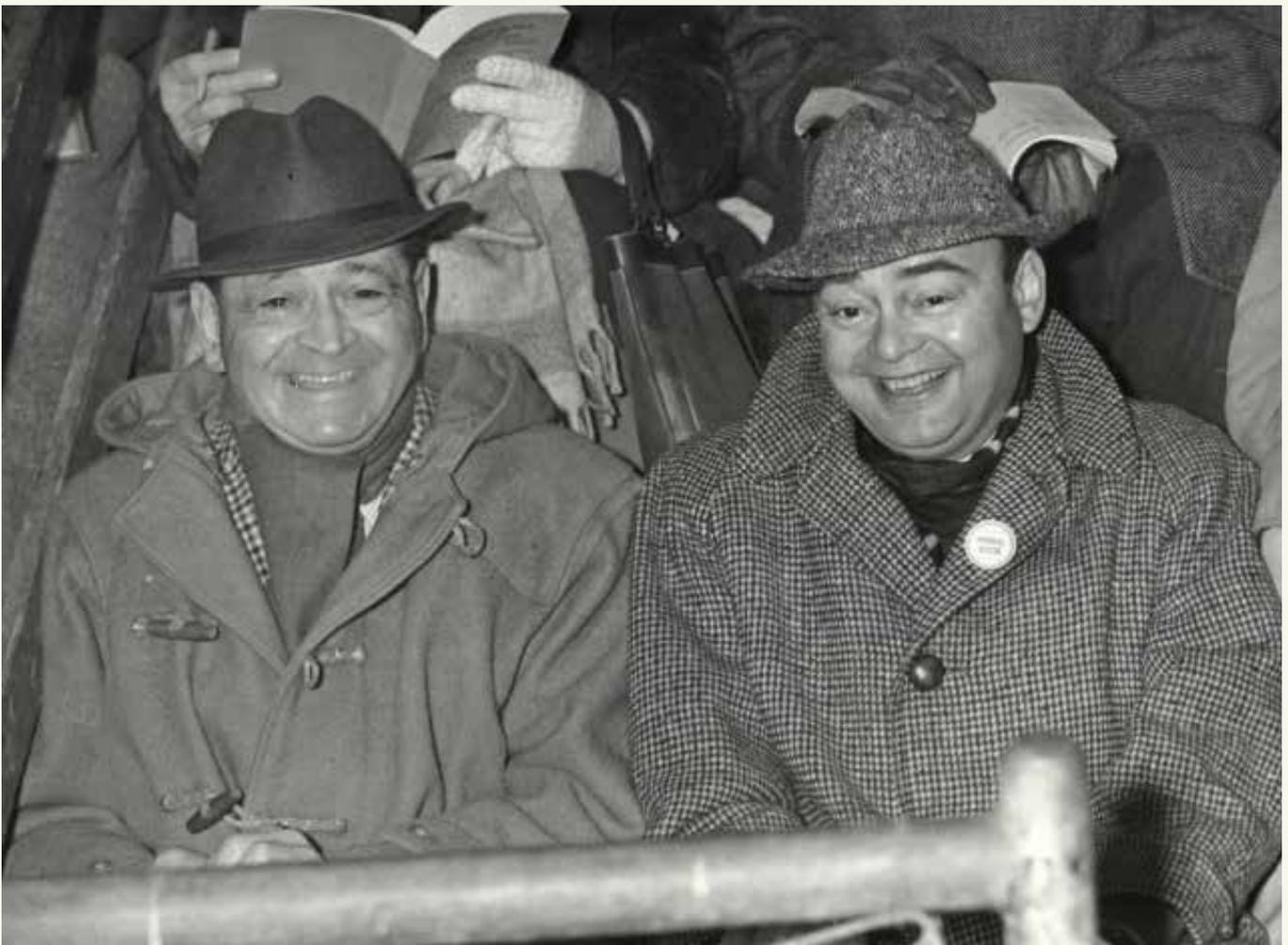
Spectators with eyes fixed on the ring at Perth in 1955



The principals involved in a record price achieved at Perth in 1961



RR Adam and Will Hogg at the 1968 Royal Highland Show



Mr A Probart Jones of Kincardine Castle with Mr Paul Good of Van Wert in Ohio USA

Member Feature: Steady Development of Alistair Jackson's Beningbrough Herd

The Beningbrough Herd has evolved gradually, having existed as a couple of females in its infancy from pre-2006, alongside a dairy herd. Alistair Jackson is a second-generation tenant of the National Trust on Beningbrough Home Farm and his son has just finished college at Askam Bryan last year and combines full time farming at home with relief milking two afternoons a week for a neighbour.

After the dispersal of the dairy herd in 2006, Alistair purchased commercial bulling heifers from Dingwall to form the nucleus of a commercial herd of beef suckler cows, and added 4 pedigree Aberdeen-Angus cows a year later. The 4 females originated from The Moss herd, and came with calves at foot and in-calf again. The Pedigree herd now numbers approx. 35 females and followers, and the aim is to settle around 50.

Notable stock bulls have been purchased from Ballavitchel and the herd also uses a small amount of AI which has resulted in a bull calf which has been kept as the next stock bull, by Rawburn Transformer. This young bull has had a turn with the commercial herd first, and will be turned out with Pedigree cows soon. This strategy will allow Alistair to assess the resulting females from the commercial matings first, before he selects Pedigree females to put to him. Calving takes place throughout the year, which is a deliberate policy to ensure that there is sufficient supply for their own farm shop, and for marketing year round.

The shop takes approx. 1 beef carcass every three weeks, and any that aren't kept for this purpose are either sold as forward stores or finished on farm for either deadweight or live market sale through Thirsk. There is a niche market to Booths supermarkets, which demands cattle reared on National Trust farms which has added another valuable outlet. Animals destined for the shop need to be reasonably well covered, and thus managed slightly differently, to those that are traded to other outlets.

The unit is now all grass and began organic conversion on 1st June 2019, with the re-seed of 75 acres of grazing. Alistair agrees that Organic Conversion is an interesting move, when many have left the Organic industry, however feels that it is the right thing to do from an environmental perspective. Further, a neighbouring organic dairy unit is looking for contract rearing their replacement heifers, and it seemed an ideal opportunity to build a partnership model. The National Trust landlord is very supportive of the move to Organic status and the partnership arrangements, with the added advantage of conversion funding to help the process.

Aberdeen-Angus were a natural choice for the Jackson family, combining favourable characteristics like docility, good forage conversion, rising demand for Angus beef due to its excellent taste, and its easily marketable brand. Premium has been less of a factor in their choice as Alistair has found that it can be variable between outlet and class of stock sold.

The herd's current focuses are threefold: Organic conversion, working towards an all pedigree population on farm, and the highest possible health status among the herd. December 2019 sees the initial whole herd testing through the Premium Cattle Health Scheme for BVD, Johnes, Lepto, IBR and Neospora. Alistair admits he had some concern around weed control in an organic system, but is now convinced that there are successful control strategies available. Long term goals



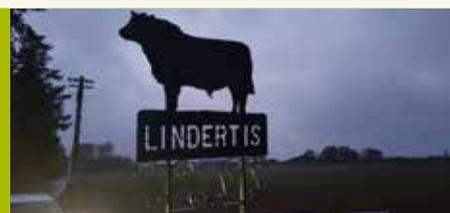
include raising the quality of the pedigree herd by more targeted use of AI sires, and keeping only the best replacements.

The evolution of the production system at Beningbrough remains incomplete, but the gradual change from dairying to a pedigree Angus beef herd, alongside organic conversion, has been in parallel with development of the farm shop concept which Alistair's wife Lucy manages. The supply chain shortening and integration that this enables has been an effective result, albeit that it has taken some perseverance.

The shop, and more recently added café, along with its 20 part time staff, is now in a position to help support the farming business, which was its original goal. Alistair explains that they didn't open a farm shop because of a burning desire to be shopkeepers, but because they recognised the need to diversify using the resources that were available to them. Passing trade has risen dramatically over ten years, and benefits greatly from visitors to Beningbrough Hall, whether by car or walking.

The farm has some vintage brick buildings that lend themselves well to alternative uses, and there are also plans to create a wedding venue alongside a fledgling floristry business managed by Alistair's daughter, Maisie. These additions promise to make the whole business a family affair, with Aberdeen-Angus at its heart.

Black Is Back at Lindertis!



In 1832 Tom Hopkinson's ancestors arrived at Lindertis near Kirriemuir in Angus. Tom looks after the livestock and Angus Limestores Ltd side of the business, assisted by Father Alisdair and stockman Andrew Sherrard.

His elder brother James looks after the 2,000-plus acres of arable, berries and contracting business through Arable Ventures Ltd, in a highly sustainable manner with a minimum till policy where the value of livestock to enhance soil health is invaluable. Tom and James are the sixth generation to be operating the business which trades now as Lindertis Farms Ltd.

Back in February 1963, Sir Torquil Munro of Lindertis sold a diminutive pedigree Aberdeen-Angus bull, Evulse, for a world record 60,000gn (£63,000). Aberdeen-Angus breeders know that the story did not end well as Evulse never sired a calf!

The farm has commercial beef with 200 Simmental/Angus cross suckler cows, taking everything all the way to finish for many years. It might be easiest to carry on the way it has always been but the Family constantly look for areas of improvement. The suckler cows are no exception and considering the market demand a decision was made to move to Pedigree Aberdeen-Angus and build a 200-strong herd to add value to the enterprise. The aim and appeal was to produce high quality bulls and heifers to sell on for breeding, and quality finished cattle commanding a premium price while being easily finished on a forage based system.

The farm has several land types from hill farm at the foot of Glen Prosen (800-900ft above sea level), where 70 ha is good upland grass and 74 ha heather hill. Cows are summered there with grazing for cows and calves at foot, born in a tight spring calving pattern from February to April. The cows are brought back to the home farm in late October, for weaning & routine blood testing. All but the heifers and first calved heifers are out-wintered.

Calving at 2 years is felt to help longevity, just to give them a bit of extra help over the first two lactations. It pays dividends in later life and the investment in the earlier part of their productive life is well worth it.

Calves and cows are both weighed at weaning and a good barometer of cow performance is percentage of calf weight to the dam. Mature cow weight is targeted at 750kg. This weight suits the terrain and 375kg plus calves are commonplace.

Wherever possible the cows are walked around the farm to keep them fit with muscle tone, and help foetal absorption occur during transport which can affect overall herd performance. Handling and weighing cattle are minimal, as many tasks are completed in one handling to reduce growth loss and inefficiency. Attention to detail throughout the production cycle minimises loss of efficiency, with all the small savings helping the business stay profitable even in slower markets.

Lindertis farm has two parts. One side is heavier land more suitable for cultivating and the other is a free-draining sandy loam that can carry cattle all the year. Cows are out-wintered on the sandy loams and graze fields round in a big block of the deferred silage fields which are too steep for cereal production, and also on stubbles with some winter cover crops included in the rotation. The more level land in the centre of the block is tilled. Only straw and mineral licks tailored to deficiencies as supplementary feeding are on offer.

Tom had observed that cows derived from crossing Aberdeen-Angus thrive on this very low-cost system and

maintained condition over some of the other breeds giving fuel to the thought process of a change in breeding policy.

Research into the breed and the breeders along with advice from Neil Caul has resulted in a breeding programme including some of the best genetics the UK Aberdeen-Angus breed has to offer. Foundation stock from Blelack was the starting point, with an embryo programme as the way the pedigree herd was derived. Further investment in a batch of pedigree heifers was planned to speed the changeover and the opportunity to purchase the spring calving portion of David Murrays Wolfaw herd followed. Some commercials were sold to make way for new cows and calves, and the pedigree portion of the enterprise rose to 30 with purchases of Schivas and Swordale females.

The embryo calves in this year's crop have all been bulls, which is about typical when hoping for Heifers, but hopefully this year's implants will yield heifers to be retained for breeding.

There's an impressive line-up of names from a sire point of view including Gretnahouse, Blelack, Friarstown, Retties, Stouphill, Haymount, Duncanziemere, Skail and Weeton in the breeding programme and being used on the remaining suckler cow commercial herd. Tom now has to be dragged away from the computer by wife Gemma when getting too engrossed in studying pedigrees!

There are several females in the herd earmarked for flushing and some 30 frozen embryos in the tank now. A batch of recipient heifers are under preparation to again speed the changeover and produce high end pedigree breeding stock to enhance the herd. Further flushing is planned with the best females.

Tom is very much looking forward to calving this year to see the results of this investment into Pedigree Aberdeen-Angus start to come to fruition and very pleased to be back in black!

Quality Over Quantity at Westellen Aberdeen-Angus



John & Kate Tait operate the well-known pedigree Westellen Aberdeen-Angus herd on the outskirts of Midleton town in East Cork. John and Kate have always enjoyed a long-standing association with the Aberdeen-Angus breed with commercial Aberdeen-Angus sucklers being farmed in the years before the pedigree herd was established. John's dad, William Tait, had also exhibited pedigree Aberdeen-Angus bulls all over the country.

The Westellen Aberdeen-Angus herd was established in 1995 with the purchase of Knock Miss Babs 6th from local Cork breeder, Brian Jeffrey of the Knock Aberdeen-Angus herd. Black Breeda of Fanna was also purchased around the same time with the Belinda and Bunty families originating from this particular cow. One of the most well-known members of this original purchase was Westellen Black Belinda E594 by Tonroe Udi who stood as the reserve supreme Aberdeen-Angus champion at Tullamore Show in 2009, 2010 & 2012.

More recently came the notable additions of Liss Dana E680 and Luddenmore Flora J030. There are six daughters retained in the herd presently from the Flora cow, whilst the Dana cow excelled on the male front, breeding a number of successful

bulls, most notably Westellen Diego M734 and Westellen Dixie G633. Aside from the purchase of quality females, the herd was also developed using prodigious use of the best AI bulls available with Cheeklaw Eirwyn D165, DMM Distinction 17G and Bosullow Elmark G209 making very positive contributions to the herd in the early years, with the herd continuing to use a 100% AI across all females to the present day.

John and Kate are passionate about producing the very best Aberdeen-Angus cattle possible. Cow numbers are kept tight at around 20 cows and followers with superior quality always taking precedence over larger cow numbers. John describes his ideal Aberdeen-Angus as a "3/4-sized animal with natural, easy fleshing and all the best Aberdeen-Angus characteristics; super head, width, length, weight and power for age whilst retaining breed character and style. My main breeding objective is to produce a showy, nice looking animal that will thrive easily, perform well in the show ring but ultimately be in high demand for the end customer, whether that customer be dairy or suckler". John goes on to explain, "it is one of the great challenges of breeding Aberdeen-Angus cattle to try to reconcile the need for ease of calving with the need for exceptional calf quality. Farmers are very attuned to star ratings and calving figures coming from ICBF and if a greater emphasis is placed on carcass weight and physical performance, it will help lift demand for the better pedigree bulls, which in turn helps drive the overall standard of the Aberdeen-Angus breed".

Selling pedigree bulls has never been a problem over the years, with Westellen Dominator K707 selling for a top call of €5,800 at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Spring Premier in Roscrea back in 2012. Meanwhile, this year alone saw Westellen Fergie S808 sell for €3,700 in Kilkenny at the March sale, Westellen Pete T829 taking the championship at Kilkenny (this time at the April sale) and going on to sell for €3,350 and Westellen Dyson T831 taking the overall supreme Aberdeen-Angus championship at the Munster Aberdeen-Angus Club sale in Bandon (also in April) and selling for €2,950. The Westellen Aberdeen-Angus herd have 10 AI-bred bulls for sale presently, with many

of the bulls boasting five-star terminal and replacement indices along with proven, easy calving bloodlines.

John also markets and sells premium Aberdeen-Angus beef under the 'John Tait's Aberdeen-Angus Beef' label which was launched around 15 years ago. "Initially, the beef business was an outlet for pedigree breeders to offload their lesser heifers," says John. "This all changed in the space of a few years and better quality commercial Aberdeen-Angus heifers were sourced instead of their pedigree counterparts". John goes on to explain "the cattle are killed in Ireland at the age of 24 – 30 months, with most heifers killing out in the R grade category with a 300 – 340kgs dead weight carcass. The meat is then transported to Belgium to be prepared for sale, with high-end restaurants and specialist butchers stores selling the meat directly to the final consumer".

John has always been a man of considerable business acumen and commercial expertise and these skills were put to very efficient use during his 10 year tenure on the council of the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association, including a term on Council for the UK Society. This time brings back many warm memories for John. "The obvious highlight of my Presidency and years as an active council members was the amount of good people I had the pleasure of meeting and working alongside to help strengthen the fortunes of the Aberdeen-Angus breed. I also got the opportunity to travel abroad to perform council or Presidential duties at Forums and Conferences too".

John, alongside fellow former Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association President, Louis Byrne, was instrumental in working with ICBF to develop the maternal and terminal index that is used to evaluate animal performance today. John also played a key role in securing funding from the parent body in Scotland to help alleviate the costs of genomic testing of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus calves.

Despite having achieved so much at Westellen over the last number of years, John and Kate are as optimistic and passionate about the future of the Aberdeen-Angus as ever before. "Breeding pedigree cattle brings us both so much joy that we really can't imagine doing anything else. It's an art in itself and the quest to improve your cattle year-on-year by making the best matings, sourcing embryos or selecting AI bulls to breed better calves brings us such huge levels of satisfaction and pride that the whole process really is second to none".

Flourishing Grass-based System for Penrhiw Aberdeen-Angus

Based in Treharris in South Wales, Penrhiw Aberdeen-Angus was founded in October 2005 when John and Celia Thomas purchased 2 maiden heifers from Mr and Mrs Pittams of Dark Lane Angus near Brecon. Additionally, a rather nice young bull in Kitewood Editor by Rawburn Transformer out of Kitewood Evas Honey had been purchased from Val Boak in deepest West Wales for use on the commercial herd. He was very correct, and he sparked the initial interest in Pedigree Breeding.

Penrhiw Farm is a traditional family operation run by John Thomas and his wife Celia, whose families have been farming cattle and sheep for many generations. The herd at Penrhiw is now without exception Aberdeen-Angus, but a few cows still have mottled faces showing their Hereford x Friesian origins. The herd total is approx. 30 cows with almost half of them pedigree. John's father, Ron, had a smaller herd of Hereford x Friesian cows with a few Welsh Blacks on which he used a Hereford and then a Limousin bull. Calving difficulties experienced made the decision to move to Aberdeen-Angus an easy one.

Penrhiw is farmed organically (since 1999) and the Aberdeen-Angus flourish on a grass-based system with all cattle finishing readily off the grass and homemade hay/silage. No need for expensive-purchased feed at Penrhiw!

All cattle are finished – Penrhiw Farm Organic Meat was set up to sell the home-produced beef and lamb at farmers markets across South Wales. John and Celia have been attending farmers markets in Usk and Cardiff since the very first markets were organised in 1999. Having built up a very loyal band of customers who continue to support them, this is a great mode of business for the Thomas family. The quality premium product produced by the Aberdeen-Angus cattle is eagerly sought after and they sell out of beef every weekend.

All the heifers from the pedigree section of the herd have been retained for breeding to build up the herd, and the male calves have been run



on for sale as breeding bulls. Young bulls are sold under the Penrhiw prefix across South Wales to dairy and beef suckler herds. All bulls are NOT pushed and are not fed any hard feed. They are allowed to grow naturally - the customers remark that the bulls continue to improve after purchase and are becoming renowned for their longevity. Temperament is of paramount importance to the Penrhiw operation.

Bulls used since the original "Ed" include Garw Defiant by O'Neills Expedition, bought from Mr David Washbourne, and Standlynch Vance by Borewell Mr Eccles bred by Mr Carter. The herd's most recent

purchase is a nice young bull from Glasnant Aberdeen-Angus by Abberton Dazzle.

Speaking about the show circuit, John and Celia say: "Showing is not for us – we simply don't have the time and don't agree with the vast amount of hard feed the show cattle have to consume to grace the show ring."

The future for Penrhiw is to continue to breed quality cattle and produce quality meat to satisfy the core famers market customers, and to breed good conformation heifers to maintain the herd. Good bulls to sell are a wonderful bonus and the Thomas family will enjoy observing their development.

The Aln Herd Focuses on Economic Not Technical Efficiencies



The Aln herd of Aberdeen-Angus has been taken over by the Executors of the late C H A Burrell, better known as Duff. George (22) and Toby (24), Duff's two sons are currently overseeing the management of Broome Park Farms in Alnwick, Northumberland.

Duff started the pedigree Angus herd over two decades ago, primarily as he believed if he was to farm beef it should be the best. Moreover, he saw the potential for good genetics through Estimated Breeding Values (EBV's) and other means to increase profitability. Today every cow in the herd is pedigree and performance recorded. Most lines are from the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand - either from ET's, AI, or equivalent from another UK farm. As Duff bred with a focus for profitable beef production, he found imported blood lines are more in tune with our requirements and provided a larger genetic base to choose from.

The herd has evolved around low cost forage-based production. Calves are fed nothing but grass and milk up to weaning. Every cow entering the herd has calved at 24 months, with 50% of cows and all heifers out-wintering on grass lays with no other feed (unless it snows).

The first job in taking over the farm was weaning calves then selling steers off grass and out-wintered (the last at 19 and earliest at 15 months). Receiving our spring 2019 performance report from the Society, we saw birth weights and gestation were again lower, 200/400-day weights up, and mature weights down.

A great scanning percentage followed; the two batches of cows proceeded to calve this spring. The first finishing 6 weeks and 2 days after the due date averaging 38.1kg birth weights. The other group, of 100 cows, finished just 5 weeks after their due date averaging 38.8kg birth weights. They have all scanned well back in calf this autumn. All under 'very green management', showing the benefits of compounding good genetics over the years. Toby and I have been extremely grateful for our father's ruthless culling and focus on economic beef production - enabling

Toby to keep his full-time job and me to finish university, whilst the cows do their thing. Huge thanks to the old man for not keeping technically-efficient but rather economically-efficient animals for a margin year in, year out.

Our goals will be much the same; economically efficient beef production, more kilos of quality beef per hectare for less. We will use every tool whether AI, Genomics, IVF Embryos, DNA testing, EBV's, feed intake measures or abattoir carcass analysis. All while bringing in the best global genetics for these goals and culling hard, to produce a tasty product with positive environmental impacts.

Beef quality opportunities:

Going forward, we will continue to strive for the UK to join the majority of the world beef market in having national beef outlets paying farmers based on quality as well as conformation of beef. We must focus on a quality end product, promising consumers a consistently tasty experience. Where a beef farmer's job was once to provide cheap and plentiful protein - now we must provide tasty and environmentally sustainable protein. Too often I hear complaints about the demand and price for beef when there has been no marketing and no increase in quality. We cannot sit back and wait for demand to come to us anymore. It is our job to drive demand for the brand.

We focus on producing quality beef in the form of marbling through high IMF animals, low ossification by finishing animals at a young age, low PH levels by managing cattle quietly and selecting docile animals. We also try to add provenance to our product by helping the environment.

In New Zealand for example: if an animal is sired by an Angus Bull it receives a \$0.15 / kg premium. If it also

meets quality criteria mentioned above, they can achieve another \$0.25 / kg premium. On a 320kg carcass this is \$128 more, as consumers are willing to pay extra for this tasty product.

Environmental opportunities:

I recently undertook a study of soil carbon content through Newcastle University. It looked at how different grazing systems store more carbon in the soil and showed how much soil types vary; some holding 20 tonnes more per square hectare than others. We will adopt any possible management techniques to increase soil organic carbon content, for meat with positive environmental impact.

A 2018 study, "Impacts of soil carbon sequestration on life cycle greenhouse gas emissions in Midwestern USA beef finishing systems" shows paddock grazing systems to have net sequestered 6.65kgs of CO₂-equivalent (CO₂-e) for every kilogram of beef carcass weight. It states "soil carbon sequestration from well-managed grazing may help to mitigate climate change". A hugely positive message.

There are more studies like this from Canada, Australia and the UK. Quantis also undertook a life cycle analysis at White Oak Pastures in the US. Every pound of their beef produced net stored 35lbs of CO₂-e. Quantis then undertook a similar analysis on the 'Impossible Burger', made primarily from GM Soya, concluding it released less CO₂-e per pound than beef but stored no CO₂-e whatsoever. Therefore, well-managed beef can be net positive for the environment, whilst the Impossible Burger cannot.

The Burrell family would like to say a huge thank you to the Society and many members who have been supportive in a tricky time.



New Member Feature: Life at Holystone for Janet and Christopher Watmore



Janet Watmore and her husband, Christopher, are lifetime partners in both marriage and business. Prior to acquiring Holystone Estate in 2010, they had spent 54 years together owning and operating turf-growing business Turfland. Previously owned for almost a century by one of the wealthiest families in the UK, the estate originally covered 8,000 acres of land; when Janet and Christopher fell in love with it in 2010, it was down to 1,500 acres, and it was in desperate need of significant investment and work.

Turning things around – securing investment and assessing the estate

Purchasing the estate, animals and equipment cost us approximately the same as we had received from the sale of Turfland – we had very little left over for working capital and investment, so needed a bank loan. We were shocked, however, when our usual bank were not prepared to offer a loan because of our age – we were both 70. After applying for a loan with Svenska Handelsbanken, however, they agreed to invest in us and have been a source of constant support ever since.

We soon got started. After a long, hard look at the farm, we realised a lot of hard work and investment was necessary. There were only a handful of viable fences. Six cottages and the main farmhouse all needed extensive repairs. The farm buildings were in a dismal state, with no safe electrics or adequate ventilation. The stockman was expected to go out at night with an old miner's helmet to birth calves. There were no separate calving pens for this purpose. We had no new or modern tractors or implements, and animal feed was sparse. Finally, just two people were employed to manage the farm, and both of them had been left virtually unsupervised for several years.

Starting the restoration process

Animal welfare and the health and safety of our employees has always



been a priority for both of us. Our first major investment was the installation of two large cattle sheds. These were constructed with the aid of a much-appreciated government grant as well as design assistance from Edinburgh University. These now provide not only well-lit and ventilated housing for our animals but also a safe place for our employees to work. Due to the corresponding increase in our herd size, we then set about renovating the original buildings to house weaned calves and excess youngstock. We also constructed new feed sheds and a large silage shed, renovated the lambing shed and installed miles of new fencing. We also repaired and decorated four of the cottages on-site to provide holiday accommodation; the major farmhouse itself now serves primarily as a luxury B&B.

Finally, we made a significant commitment to a large woodland project with the Environment Agency. Nine years on, our main farming activities now focus on sheep as well as arable and store cattle. In the last three years, we have invested in the introduction of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus cattle and pure-bred Cheviot sheep. Just recently, we secured the purchase of two magnificent Aberdeen-Angus bulls – for a combined price of £32,000.

Concern for all farmers – not just us

For many people, farming is not a particularly desirable career – for good reasons, such as volatile weather and fluctuating stock and grain prices to name but a few. Thankfully, we count ourselves as the lucky ones; through hard work, wise investment and the assistance of a good bank manager,

we have had the platform and capital available to maintain and improve the farm. Had this not been the case, we would never have been able to bring Holystone Estate into the 21st century. It is a concern, however, that many farmers today still find it difficult, despite their efforts, to make a decent living. Some are unable to achieve even that. Farming is moving forward; more sophisticated equipment and technology is becoming available with every day that passes. To attract skilled labour, however, general perception of the industry must change. We think we are doing our part to help this – at Holystone, we run a modern and streamlined farm, employing the services of local specialists and using state-of-the-art technology to deliver the best food we can.

What next for Holystone?

We are now both 80 years of age, but we are still up before six o'clock each morning, and we still carry out a number of practical tasks as well as organising the day-to-day operations on the farm. We have no intention of allowing our lifetime's work to be sold off and split up when we pass away. As such, the estate is to be held in a trust that will be run by a board of reliable trustees who are prepared to oversee that our letter of wishes is honoured. We have already allocated funds from a large development site we also own to ensure that Holystone Estate will continue to improve and expand for many years to come.

Janet Watmore

The Emerging Raethorn Herd a Key Part of a Busy Life for Gavin Tait

Gavin Tait has many hats and the Raethorn Herd of Aberdeen-Angus is just one of them, albeit a significant one. The herd was founded in 2006 with a few cows purchased from Cheeklaw and Craigour herds, and soon after some heifers from Wedderlie.

Gavin's farming business is in partnership with his parents, who live at Raecleuchhead, Duns, and both of his brothers also farm in Berwickshire alongside other jobs. Gavin began his career in a vet practice in Ayrshire after qualifying and came to Thorneydykes in 2002; after which he did various locum jobs and spells with Aln Veterinary Group in Alnwick and Links Vet Practices in Haddington. After completing an embryo transfer course he set up 'Generate Breeding' in 2009, which now encompasses the Raethorn Herds and genetics/cattle livery business. In 2013, Gavin joined AB Europe and travelled regularly to the parent company headquarters in New Zealand to train into IVF/IVP technologies which they then brought to the UK in 2015. Gavin works 4 days each week for AB Europe and spends the rest of his time running the farm.

AB Europe has many facets including traditional embryo transfer work, alongside the newer technology of IVP collection, in both sheep and cattle. Additionally, there is AI and semen collection and storage. Latterly, Generate Breeding Ltd has become a service provider for AB Europe, providing an on-farm collection facility for livery residents, and working together to provide clients with in-calf recipients. The facilities are constantly developing to provide more accommodation as AB Europe grows, with most demand coming from pedigree beef herds currently. There is accommodation for 15-20 in winter and many more in summer, with a focus on maintaining a high health protocol.

Gavin's first purchases of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus were intent for breeding bulls for use in the Tait family's existing commercial herd. With further purchases and careful

breeding, the pedigree herd has grown to approximately 40 breeding females. It is intended to settle close to 25 breeding females, focusing on quality while selling bulls, semen and embryos.

The family has always had Angus cross commercial females and being noticeably quieter than other breeds made Angus a natural choice. Furthermore, Gavin is confident that he is focusing on moderate size by actively selecting against anything that is too big or too small in stature, using a 650kg cow at condition score 2.5-3 as an ideal guide. Gavin explains that in his experience the bigger cows tend to be higher maintenance cows, particularly where resources are restricted. Smaller cows may struggle to calve unassisted at two years, and tend to breed offspring which fatten too early.

The management system at Thorneydykes means cows need to be lower maintenance types with good feet and legs, particularly with winter accommodation of outdoor slats and a predominantly forage diet. Adult cattle keep relatively clean and dry on comfort mats on slats over the winter and are back out to grass for calving in May. Gavin also explained that he focuses on temperament and maternal traits, and selects cattle with good functional udders producing not too much or too little milk. Youngstock that are not selected for breeding are all finished on farm, spending a second summer at grass, and finished by 24 months during their second winter. In general, the Thorneydykes selection policy is quite commercial, with a "low cost, low maintenance" theme. On slats, the cows can be fed quickly on ad lib silage, with no TMR ration, while the youngstock and livery cattle get better quality silage and some concentrates.



This makes an easily managed system to suit Gavin often working away from home, with one part time staff member.

Thorneydykes also boasts a small herd of Pinzgauer females, imported from Austria, alongside a small herd of commercial breeding females (10-15). The only Pinzgauers in the UK, they are well known on the continent for eating quality, moderate size, hardiness, good temperament and excellent maternal characteristics. The purebred population is maintained by importing semen from Austria and will soon be in a position to test the UK market for selling purebred males. They complement the Aberdeen-Angus very well as a cross, for both recipients and carcass animals.

Gavin has just begun to bring the herd into the limelight, showing a heifer at his local show during summer and achieving first prize in the Border Club's herd competition in autumn with a home-bred heifer calf from the 2019 crop. The herd includes offspring from a Cardona Edwina female that was purchased from Robin Dunlop. This was after successfully putting her through an IVP embryo transfer programme which produced both a bull and a heifer which went back to Robin - the heifer since very successful at shows. With several more projects in the pipeline, Gavin is keen to expand and add new high-performing families.



Stephen Hart and Kat Ball

– Elmview Aberdeen-Angus Herd



Stephen Hart and Kat Ball founded the Elmview Herd of Aberdeen-Angus in 2011 at St Dials Farm, Monmouth, in South West Wales. The herd now numbers 35 black and 15 red pedigree breeding cows, alongside a commercial herd of suckler cows.

Having grown up with Holsteins, on which they were able to hone showing and handling skills from an early age, Stephen won Reserve Champion Handler at the National Calf Show in 2009 and was regularly placed in the top line at many agricultural regional shows over his youth. A move away from Dairying in 2012 allowed an opportunity for his dad to semi retire, and more importantly source an alternative strategy on farm. The family agreed on Aberdeen-Angus – “still feminine and showy but easy to keep and easy calving”. Stephen and his family are hands-on daily on farm, utilizing both of their children in different roles. Stephen’s youngest daughter Isabel covers all farm paperwork alongside her full time job as a farm assurance inspector and Scott works full time alongside Stephen. Kat’s role, alongside supporting the farm, is also a vet at George Farm Veterinary Practice in Malmesbury. Kat is married to Simon and has two children. Simon is manager at Tortworth Farm Shop and restaurant, which boasts many food awards through its use of all home reared meat, with three full time butchers and 30 staff.

Three Brimshaw pedigree heifers were purchased in 2011, which included foundation cow Red Elicia from a sale at Bristol. Red Elicia has become a real asset to the herd, having reared superb



calves – both red and black. A son has been retained – Elmview Red Energy – who is currently running with both red and black pedigree females, and was retained because of his great stature and growth rate. It is hoped that both of these characteristics will be passed on to his progeny. Further investment in some 20 embryos with red genetics from North America, which resulted in seven females from different lines. From these matings Stephen and Kat have chosen Elmview Red Money as their red stock bull and used him for a number of seasons. He exhibits great width over his top and full hind quarters, although he was never shown as a youngster. His progeny were a highlight at the hosting of a club farm walk in 2017. They have also purchased a selection of foundation cows from both Easton Grey and Oakchurch Herds in 2013, which have gone on to do well for the herd.

The breeding policy of the herd is very much a commercial focus, breeding all our own replacements now that the herd has been established. Calving is predominately spring, but there is a small block of autumn calvers, which helps to make best use of shed space. The aim is to keep within a tight ten-week calving period. Fertility is a key focus for the herd, and helps to keep everything as efficient as possible. The herd is now in a position to keep approximately 5 bulls a year which mainly go into dairy herds locally. In addition, a small number of red bulls find homes with North Devon pedigree herds as part of their grading-up programme. Those not being sold for breeding are finished on farm at approximately 20 months.

Winter forage is a mix of grass silage and straw for adult breeding stock, while the growing cattle are fed

home-grown cereals with a balancer additive. Summer grazing is confined to 120 acres, and so an efficient strip and paddock grazing system is employed to make the most of grass production. The best land is reserved for arable production, but this also allows all bedding straw (and fodder straw) to be grown on farm.

The family have been able to do some summer showing in the last few years and have had some notable achievements at both local and regional shows; Rosielee – Champion at Monmouth Show 2018, Evander – Champion at North Somerset Show 2016. The herd frequently takes top prizes at local shows. The herd is regularly represented in the team of five or native team of three at the Royal Welsh Show, and has also entered the National Show when it was held at Three Counties show, and relatively local. They have also exhibited at local winter fairs and primestock events, often winning the native sired sections.

The herd has three current focuses. Firstly and most important for management purposes is to remain easy calving, which Stephen has achieved thus far by investing in sires with good EBVs and closely monitors the body condition score of the breeding females. Secondly, it is important to actively monitor and improve early/easy finishing and good growth rates for efficient finishing. Thirdly, the temperament and management of the animals is very important, especially given that there is a young family about the farmyard.

Stephen and Kat are ambitious to continue showcasing their herd of authentic, easily managed and finished cattle at local shows and events as they feel that this is a great shop window for them. On farm, they are keen to take every opportunity to select cattle for width, while maintaining stature as a means of maintain ease of calving and improving carcass grades. Further, they aim to increase sales of pedigree bulls into both commercial and pedigree herds, preferably with repeat customers!

Aberdeen-Angus February Stirling Sale Tops at 25,000gns

The first major show and sale of bulls and females in 2019 took place on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th February in what was a great event to kick off the year. Monday's Aberdeen-Angus bull sale saw 88 bulls sell to a top price of 25,000gns, a 10,000gns increase on the same event in 2018. Overall average for bulls was up £141 at £5,887 with a clearance rate of 74%.

Leading the trade at 25,000gns was April 2014-born bull from the Gordon Brooke Estate Linton Gilbertines Elgin T149. This impressive bull by Rawbrun Enigma G653 out of Rawburn Ellen Erica E405 was first in its class at the 2018 Royal Highland Show and is a full brother of the 30,000gns Rawburn Emblem K127. Elgin was purchased by TH Brewis of the Roxburghshire-based Eastfield Herd.

There were no fewer than five others to achieve a five-figure price on a strong day for the Aberdeen-Angus breed. The next-highest price in the ring was for Wedderlie Bright Man T703 who went to Glympton Farms in Oxfordshire for



Leading the trade at 25,000gns - Linton Gilbertines Elgin T149

17,000gns. Bright Man is a September 2017-born bull from JH & HM Tilsons Wedderlie Herd and is by Wedderlie Timaru M594 out of Wedderlie Bright Maid M578.

Sunday's Reserve Junior Champion was next best at 15,000gns, Bleack Lord Heartford T879 from NF Massie and Sons. The 15,000gns was paid by Andrew Hodge of the Rulesmains Herd for this one by Weeton Evolution R447 out of Bleack Lady Heather R536. The show's Junior Champion and Reserve

Overall Champion Logie Defiance T774 from AJR Farms in Ellon followed at 13,000gns in what was the highest price ever achieved for AJR Farms at a Stirling event. Out of Logie Delia M200 and by Rawburn Enoch, Defiance went to the Stouphill Herd, Alnwick to William D Allen.

Selling for 11,000gns to JH & HM Tilson at the Wedderlie Herd was Daniel Whiteford and Co's Borewell Black Magic T033, the May 2017-born son of Bleack Explosive P399 out of Bosullow Blackbird. The final five-figure sum of



Wedderlie Bright Man T703, selling for 17,000gns



Bleack Lord Heartford T879, the Reserve Junior Champion, selling for 15,000gns



Junior Champion and Reserve Overall, Logie Defiance T774 sold for 13,000gns



Borewell Black Magic T033,
selling for 11,000gns



**Reserve Senior Champion Stouphill
Mr Peroni T188,** selling for 10,000gns



Linton Gilbertines Phoenix T184
realised 9,000gns



McCornick Evander T337
sold for 8,500gns

10,000gns was realised for the show's Reserve Senior Champion Stouphill Mr Peroni T188 of Dallas Allen's Stouphill Herd. Mr Peroni is by Duncanziemere Jigsaw N087 out of the home-bred Stouphill Merry Primrose N060 and went to JR Galloway's Cardona Herd in Perthshire.

Another from the Gordon Brooke Estate in Linton Gilbertines Phoenix T184 realised 9,000gns from the Holystone Estate in Morpeth. Phoenix is a June 2017-born bull by Rawburn Braw Lad R041 out of Linton Gilbertines Peggy L546. Two followed at 8,500gns, the first of which being the first in class McCornick Evander T337 by Skaili Dino P099 out of McCornick Eventer R133 who went to J&R Stanger in Orkney. At

the same price was Hallington Jethro Eric T548. This bull by Hallington Eurostar R484 out of Hallington Jubilee Erica L322 sold to R Leiper & Co of Ponteland, Newcastle.

Selling for 8,000gns were a further two bulls, firstly Fraser & Son's Idvies Private T791 who was second in class in Sunday's show. Private is out of Idvies Privara N617 and by Deveron Latimer G188, a son of the 30,000gns Netherton Figo, and was sold to W & EI Brown of Ayrshire. At the same price was Hallington Jericho Eric T571 by Hallington Emperor R478 out of Hallington Jubilee Erica P449. The May 2017-born bull was sold to Stobo Home Farm in Peebles.

Judge Tom Arnott's Overall and Senior Champion from Sunday's show was Glassel Jeremy Eric T068 who went on to sell for 6,000gns to the Haymount Herd. Jeremy Eric is a March 2017-born bull out of Glassel Julie Erica L869 by Eastfield Jacobite K149.

In the female section of the sale, a small entry of Aberdeen-Angus saw a top price realised for the Sunday's Female Champion Cairnton Elizabeth T426. Ken and Margaret Howie's Female Champion was sold for 6,000gns to Owen Tunney of Cheshire. Average for the 19 females sold was £2,147.

Results from Sunday 3rd February's Show:

Overall Male Champion
Glassel Jeremy Eric T068

Reserve Champion
Logie Defiance T774

Senior Champion
Glassel Jeremy Eric T068

Senior Reserve
Stouphill Mr Peroni T188

Intermediate Champion
Deveron Exstatic T593

Intermediate Reserve
Cardona Jewel Eric T020

Junior Champion
Logie Defiance T774

Junior Reserve
Bleack Lord Heartford T879

Female Champion
Cairnton Elizabeth T426

Female Reserve
Tonley Ester T435



Hallington Jethro Eric T548
sold for 8,500gns



**Overall and Senior Champion Glassel
Jeremy Eric T068** sold for 6,000gns



**Female Champion Cairnton
Elizabeth T426** sold for 6,000gns



May Stirling Bull Sales Report

The Stirling Spring Show and Sale of Aberdeen-Angus took place back in May, with local breeder Miss Steph Dick of the Stephick Herd of Aberdeen-Angus judging. Overall, the day in the sales ring saw Aberdeen-Angus bulls average £4,806 for 31, with an 82% clearance on the day, reflecting continued strong demand for Aberdeen-Angus sires specifically, and our breed and brand in general.

Over the course of the sale McCornick Delboy T419 from Martin R McCornick fetched the top price of 7,200gns, going to Messrs M K & G Sprowl, Eastlands Farm, Rothesay. Delboy is a very well-thought-of bull who is sired by Halbeath Pentagon N511 and out of McCornick Duchess P041.

The second-highest price was 7,000gns for the show Champion, Idvies Eland T804 of Messrs F J Fraser & Son, Newton of Idvies, Forfar - sired by

Shadwell Black Broughton K485 and out of Idvies Elstreme M569. Shown by freelance stockperson, Kim Brown, he was sold to Culfargie Estates, Perth.

Third highest price achieved on the day was for Logan Bar Easy Jet T114 (ET) from the herd of Murray Lyle of Dunblane. Sired by Rawburn Boss Hogg N630 and out of Chathill Eston Anne H398, Easy Jet sold to the Scrainwood Estate, Alnham, for 6,500gns.

Two followed for the next-highest price reached in the ring, the first of whom was for Tonley Postman T442 from Neil Wattie, Mains of Tonley, Alford. Sired by Bleack Evor H929 and out of Tonley Princess N970, the bull sold to J King, South Hill of Dripps, Thorntonhall, for 6,200gns. For the same money was Hillfoots Egotist T415 of Retties, Upper Craigs, Stirling. The bull sired by Billinge Magic Jack Eric M176 and out of Hillfoots Eva P296 was sold on the day to R Orr, Heights Farm, Buchlyvie - also for 6,200gns.

Then came Reserve Champion Galcantray Blue Magic T057, fetching 6,000gns. The bull by Bleack Bluey P348 and out of Galcantray Bet Maid M538 was sold by D Walker Esq to S A &

J Stewart. On a day which saw a strong clearance rate and average for a May sale, some additional prices from the ring were:

- Lot 217 – Thrunton Picador T944 (ET) – 5,800gns
- Lot 209 – Tillyfour Limited Edition T400 – 5,500gns
- Lot 218 – Tonley Echo T396 – 5,500gns
- Lot 238 – Galcantray Duchy T104 – 5,500gns



McCornick Delboy T419,
selling for 7,200gns

Show Highlights

Champion

Idvies Eland T804 – Messers F J Fraser & Son

Reserve Champion

Galcantray Blue Magic T057 – D Walker

Class 19 – Bulls born on or between 11th March - 30th April 2017

- 1st Galcantray Blue Magic T057
– D Walker
- 2nd Craigowmill Black Buccaneer
T046 – Mr & Mrs Brown
- 3rd Thrunton Picador T944
– J H Campbell
- 4th Retties Bojangles T408
– Messers R & C Rettie

Class 20 – Bulls born on or between 1st - 22nd May 2017

- 1st Logan Bar Easy Jet T114
– Murray Lyle
- 2nd Cherrybank Panther T604
– G & A Mcfadzean
- 3rd Cherrybank Edfusion T596
– G & A Mcfadzean
- 4th McCornick Kirwan T395
– Martin McCornick

Class 21 – Bulls born on or between 23rd May - 11th September 2017

- 1st Idvies Eland T804
– Messers F J Fraser & Son
- 2nd Tonley Postman T442
– Neil Wattie
- 3rd McCornick Delboy T419
– Martin McCornick
- 4th Galcantray Duchy T104
– David Walker

Class 22 – Bulls born on or after 12th September 2017

- 1st Logan Bar Everest U148 – D Murray
- 2nd Logan Bar Douglas U150 – D Murray
- 3rd Logan Bar Elgin T141 – D Murray
- 4th Culfoichmore Ferrari T894
– Gordon McConachie



Show Champion Idvies Eland T804,
selling for 7,000gns



Tonley Postman T442,
selling for 6,200gns



Hillfoots Egotist T415,
selling for 6,200gns



Reserve Champion Galcantray Blue
Magic T057, fetching 6,000gns



Thrunton Picador T944 (ET),
sold 5,800gns



Tillyfour Limited Edition T400,
sold for 5,500gns



Tonley Echo T396, 5,500gns



Galcantray Duchy T104, 5,500gns

A Top Price of 12,000gns at the October Stirling Aberdeen-Angus Sale

The autumn show and sale of Aberdeen-Angus bulls and females took place on Sunday 20th and Monday 21st October 2019. The sale which took place on Monday saw Aberdeen-Angus sell to a top price of 12,000gns in the general sale, with prices peaking at 16,000gns in the total herd sale of the Liley Herd of Marsden Farms. The sale saw a 66% clearance rate reached with 58 bulls selling to an average of £4,596.

Judging the cattle on Sunday was David Johnstone from Ballindalloch Aberdeen-Angus, he commented the following:

"I was looking for bulls with good heads, a long and level top line and who were good on their legs. I was needing a bull that was good on his plates as a lot of bulls seem to fall away at their tail heads nowadays. I thought the top ends of the bulls were good and there were plenty easy fleshed bulls that would go on to be easily sold."

Selling for the top price of 12,000gns in the main sale on Monday 21st October was the Junior Champion from Brailes Livestock, the May 2018-born Brailes Fabulous by Gretnahouse Blacksmith and out of Gretnahouse Fleur. Fabulous



Junior Champion Brailes Fabulous, selling for 12,000gns

was purchased by Mr D Whiteford, Borewell Aberdeen-Angus.

The next top price in the ring was for Reserve Junior Champion McCornick Denzel who went to J Innes for 8,200gns. Denzel is a May 2018-born bull from the McCornick herd and is by Skaill Dino and out of McCornick Duchess. Skaill Dino also sired McCornick Keira who was the Overall Champion at the Royal Highland Show in 2019.

Sunday's Reserve Senior Champion, Schivas Methlick Boy, from Brailes Livestock was the next best price who sold for 8,000gns to AM Shepherd from the Orbliston Herd. Methlick Boy is a

March 2018-born bull by Gretnahouse Exocet and out of Schivas Miss Betty. Methlick Boy has had a series of successful show results in 2019, claiming the Overall Breed Championship at Stirling Show, Junior Male and Reserve Male Championship at the RHASS, Junior Male Champion at the Aberdeen-Angus Summer National at the Royal Welsh Show and the Male Champion at the Perth Show.

The Intermediate Champion, Tonley Excel from Neil Wattie sold to Balavil Estate for 7,200gns. Excel is a March 2018-born bull by Nightingale Perry and out of Tonley Ester. Excel was the Junior Interbreed Champion at the Turriff Show and was crowned Champion of



Reserve Junior Champion, McCornick Denzel, selling for 8,200gns



Reserve Senior Champion, Schivas Methlick Boy sold for 8,000gns



Intermediate Champion, Tonley Excel sold for 7,200gns



Senior Champion, Blelack Dakota
sold for 7,000gns



Rulesmains Kentucky
sold for 6,800gns



Swordale Ewok
sold for 6,500gns



Reserve Female Champion, Gordon Black Cherry
sold for 5,000gns

Champions at Granttown Show. Excel was also Overall Aberdeen-Angus Champion at Keith Show and then went on to be Scottish Native Champion at Keith Show's Scottish Champion of Champions.

The next top price of 7,000gns was for the Senior Champion, Blelack Dakota, from Messrs Massie & Sons, who sold to Mr James Porter from the Old Glenort Herd. Dakota is a January 2018-born bull by Netherallan Peter Pershore and out of Oakchurch Darlene. Dakota was the Bull Calf Champion at the Black Beauty Bonanza.

A price of 6,800gns was achieved for Rulesmains Kentucky from Andrew S Hodge Esq, who sold to A & G Rodger. Kentucky is a January 2018 bull by Duncanziemere Judge and out of Rulesmains Kim. Kentucky was the

Reserve Junior Male Champion at this year's Royal Highland Show.

Selling for a price of 6,500gns was Logan Bar Emperor from D Murray Lyle, who sold to Mr David Walker from the Galcantary Herd. Emperor is a January 2018-born bull by Rawburn Boss Hogg and out of Logan Bar Evora.

In the female section, it was the Reserve Champion Gordon Black Cherry, from the Gordon Brooke Estate, who achieved the top price of 5,000gns, selling to the Holystone Estate. There was a total of seven females sold for an average of 2,336gns.

The total herd sale of the Liley Herd of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus cattle took place on Monday with a top price of 16,000gns being achieved. It was Liley Kinannie with calf at foot who was sold

to Shadwell Estate that sold for the top price. Kinannie, born in January 2019, is by Rawburn Elmer and out of Belhaven Keystone Kinannie.

Andrew Shufflebotham's renowned Cheerbrook Herd dispersal also took place in the ring on Monday, seeing strong interest from buyers with a top price of 12,000gns being achieved. The top price was for Cheerbrook Profile who is an April 2019-born bull by Cheerbrook Luther and out of Cheerbrook Pam. Profile sold to Martin McCornick.

Results from Sunday 3rd February's Show:

Overall Champion
Blelack Dakota U898 (ET)
N Massie

Champion Reserve
Schivas Methlick Boy U638
Brailes Livestock

Junior Champion
Brailes Fabulous U023
Brailes Livestock

Junior Reserve
McCornick Denzel U480
Martin McCornick

Intermediate Champion
Tonley Excel U490

Intermediate Reserve
Blelack Lord Inferno U909
N Massie

Senior Champion
Blelack Dakota U898 (ET)

Senior Reserve
Brailes Methlick Boy U638

Best Group of three
Trustees of the late
Gordon Brooke Estate



Liley Kinannie sold for 16,000gns
in the Liley Herd Dispersal





Aberdeen-Angus Tops at 13,000gns at Carlisle in May

A top price of 13,000gns was reached at the May 2019 Carlisle Spring Show and Sale held at Borderway Mart on Friday 24th May, on a day where trade was brisk for the Aberdeen-Angus breed. A total of 66 bulls sold to an average of £4,206.86 along with 3 served or maiden heifers selling to an average of £1,728.65.

The top price was paid by two buyers in partnership, being Messrs Graham of Corrie, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire and Messrs Clark & Sons of Cumnock, Ayrshire. They purchased a half share each of the First prize winner from class 7, Junior Male Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion, Auchincrieve Exodus U285 from C & E McCombie.

The next best price of 6,800gns was realised for Neil Wattie's First prize bull from class 2 Tonley Ellis T432, selling to Messrs Muir of Stenness, Stromness, Orkney after impressing earlier on in the day's show which was judged by Ben Marsden of the Liley Herd of Aberdeen-Angus.

Two bulls reached 6,500gns in the sale ring, first being the breed's Supreme and Senior Male Champion, Stouphill Prince Morgan T189 of WD Allen. The impressive Prince Morgan was purchased by Messrs Mitchell & Son Ltd of Glespin, Lanark,



Junior Male Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion, Auchincrieve Exodus U285 sold for 13,000gns

Lanarkshire who have acquired a bull that Mr Marsden saw as a real standout in the show ring. At the same money was a 5th prize winner selling to Messrs Kemp Ltd from Barton Le Street, Malton, Yorkshire, Hallington Enhancement T598.

The Reserve Junior Male Champion then followed at 6,000gns, being Retties Lord Rufus U002 (ET) of R & C Rettie. This striking young bull made its way to Newton Stewart in Wigtownshire to Messrs McCornick. Matching the price reached for the Reserve Junior Champion was another from C & E McCombie in Auchincrieve Jura Eric U267 who was purchased by Messrs Wilson & Sons of Beattock, Moffat, Dumfriesshire for 6,000gns.

Next best on Friday's sale was the Reserve Senior Male Champion, Linton Gilbertines

Dragoon T192 of the Gordon Brooke Estate, selling for 5,800gns to Messrs Ord of Newton On The Moon, Morpeth, Northumberland. Two bulls were sold on the day for 5,500gns, being Gretnahouse Black Bud T973 and Retties Earl U004 (ET) who were sold to Messrs Bell of Kirkton, Hawick, Roxburghshire and

Messrs Tomlinson of Abbots Bromley, Rugeley, Staffs respectively.

The top price amongst the females was for the day's Female Champion, Neil Wattie's Tonley Emiline T412 who was sold to Messrs Morton & Son of Melrose, Roxburghshire.



Tonley Ellis T432 sold for 6,800gns



Reserve Junior Male Champion Retties Lord Rufus U002 (ET) sold for 6,000gns



Auchincrieve Jura Eric U267 sold for 6,000gns



Reserve Senior Male Champion Linton Gilbertines Dragoon T192 sold for 5,800gns



Gretnahouse Black Bud T973 sold for 5,550gns



Retties Earl U004 (ET) sold for 5,500gns

Results from Sunday 3rd February's Show:

Supreme Champion
Stouphill Prince Morgan T189
WD Allen

Champion Reserve
Auchincrieve Exodus U285
C & E McCombie

Senior Male Champion
Stouphill Prince Morgan T189
WD Allen

Senior Male Reserve
Linton Gilbertines Dragoon T192
Gordon Brooke Estate

Junior Male Champion
Auchincrieve Exodus U285
C & E McCombie

Junior Male Reserve
Retties Lord Rufus U002 (ET)
R and C Rettie



Top-priced female was the Female Champion Tonley Emiline T412



Supreme & Senior Male Champion Stouphill Prince Morgan T189 sold for 6,500gns



Supreme Champion and Reserve



Overall champion and sale leader at 4,000gns, Wensleydale Esquire



Thrunton Principle, selling for 3,900gns



Show Champion Tops the Sale at Carlisle in October

The October sale at Borderway Mart in Carlisle saw the sale of eight Aberdeen-Angus bulls to an average of £3,268.13, up £436.63 for seven fewer bulls sold at the same event this time last year. In the Aberdeen-Angus section of the sale, a top price of 4,000gns was achieved on two occasions.

Selling at the top price was the show's overall champion Wensleydale Esquire, a 14-month-old son of Blelack Ensign out of Wensleydale Elba Izzy from Christopher Timm, West End, Appleton, Roebuck. Esquire was purchased by Messrs Sharpe of Lamplugh, Workington for the 4,000gns figure.

At the same money was William and Margaret Taylor's Crook Hill Black Bart, a June 2018-born son of Oakchurch Duster, out of the Netherton Mr Radersired Crook Hill Blackbird. He was third in his class at the pre-sale show and was purchased on the day by Liz Galloway of Lochlyon, Thankerton, Biggar.

Selling for 3,900gns was the second-in-class bull Thrunton Principle from JHC Campbell and Sons, Thrunton, Alnwick. Principle sold to Framhill Farms, Bamburgh, Northumberland. The breeding behind this 18-month-old Angus includes Gretnahouse Blackpot onto the Blelack Prince Consort dam, Thrunton Pirouette.

Judging the Show on the day was Ruth Perry of the Hartley Herd of Aberdeen-Angus. Ruth is a former participant of the Aberdeen-Angus Youth Development Programme who now makes up the team of regional co-ordinators on the programme. It is great to see Ruth progressing her promising career in the industry by taking on judging responsibilities – we will be watching closely as Ruth's career develops. A round-up of the results from the show at Carlisle in October is as follows:



Overall reserve, Kilmaluag Jiggerypokery Eric

Overall Champion
Wensleydale Esquire U110
CD Timm

Overall Reserve
Kilmaluag Jiggerypokery
Eric T222
Donald Rankin

Class one bull born between 18th October 2017 - 8th April 2018

1st Kilmaluag Jiggerypokery
Eric T222
Donald Rankin

2nd Haymount Wicket T825
J & W Arnott

3rd Buckhurst Bashful Man
U219
John Walsh

4th Tree Bridge Explorer U715
D & PA Evans

Class 2 – Bull born between 9th April - 7th August 2018

1st Wensleydale Esquire U110
CD Timm

2nd Thrunton Principle U163
J H Campbell and sons

3rd Crook Hill Black Bart U021
Dr William & Mrs Margaret Taylor

4th Buckhurst Jewel Eric U222
John Walsh

Aberdeen-Angus is 'On the Money'

At the recent Royal Ulster Agricultural Society Beef & Lamb Premier Championship, Aberdeen-Angus breeder Jack Smyth, Newton Stewart, exhibited an Aberdeen-Angus-sired heifer. This heifer won the prestigious Housewife's Competition. She was sired by Drumdow Primera N005, christened "On the Money" and lived up to her name by selling for £4,700 to The Morning Star restaurant in Belfast.

The champion in the Aberdeen-Angus-sired section was won by Arthur & Alise Callaghan, Kilkeel, with a heifer sired by Home Farm Excel and went on to become overall Native Champion. She sold for breeding for £2,800.



Housewife's Competition Champion



Aberdeen-Angus sired section Champion

Royal Northern Spring Show at Thainstone

Aberdeen-Angus bulls sold to a top of 6,000gns at the multi-breed show and sale of bulls held by Aberdeen and Northern Marts at Thainstone Centre, Inverurie, in February as part of the Royal Northern Spring Show.

The top price was paid for the champion, Orbliston Jacobite T144, a rising two-year-old son of the 6,200gns Ballindalloch Master Peter L360, from accountant, Andrew Shepherd, Orbliston, Fochabers. The buyer was M Langlands, Dalbrhaddan, Alyth.

Mr Shepherd, former chairman of accountants Johnston Carmichael, also sold his reserve champion for 3,500gns to AG Steel, Newton of Deershaw, Alvah, Banff.

Yearsley Herd Claims 2,600gns Top Price at Skipton Aberdeen-Angus Females Sale



Isherwood Herd of Aberdeen-Angus

The Yearsley herd of North Yorkshire husband and wife, Adrian and Penny Johnson, was responsible for the 2,600gns top price performer at The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society's second annual autumn show and sale of pedigree females at Skipton Auction Mart on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

It fell to Yearsley Royal Lady S257, an April 2016-born AI son of Carrington Park Time On B7, out of the Blelack Jury daughter, Wall Royal Lady H663, an 11,000gns acquisition by the Johnsons at the Shropshire-based Wall herd dispersal sale in 2011 and who arrived with her bull calf, since well sold into the Cogent breeding programme.

"She has done us really proud. The Royal Lady line, which originally came from Canada, has proved a really successful family," said Mr Johnson, who established his now 35-strong Yearsley Angus herd in 1988. It is based at Clarence House Farm in the village of the same name near Brandsby in Hambleton.

The day's leading price was sold with her second calf at foot, the February-born bull, Yearsley Royal Lord, by Rawburn Makka Pakka V341. Also served in June to Haymount Wilsner, the outfit joined the Robinson family in Bedale.

John Walsh, who runs the Buckhurst herd at Walmersley, near Bury, did well with several females, the pick of which on price at 2,000gns was Buckhurst Jury Erica S184, a February, 2016, daughter of Blelack Entertainer who was shown successfully as a heifer.

She sold with her third calf at foot, Buckhurst Judge Eric V245, this by the home-bred bull Buckhurst Endeavour, who himself goes back to Rawburn Boss Hogg, out of the 10,000gns Rawburn Ebony. The outfit found a new home in South Yorkshire with G Roper, of Thorne.

Mr Walsh, who made a clean sweep of the prizes in the heifer show class with 2018-born entries, all again by Blelack Entertainer, sold both the red rosette winner and runner-up at 1,600gns and 1,700gns respectively to the same local buyers, AA & IM Smith, from Ingleton. The third prize winner joined Brian Church in Askwith for 1,050gns.

South Craven father and son, David and Josh Isherwood, who run the Airedale herd at Lane Bridge Farm, Kildwick staged their annual draft sale of cows. They also have a butcher's shop in nearby Silsden where home-reared Angus beef is a speciality.

Taking top call of 2,500gns was Airedale Eliza R359, a four-year-old daughter of Weeton Lord Horatio, out of Crook Rise Eliza M809. The mother of three calves was again sold in-calf to Lord Sinden T542 to G Clarke, of Northwich in Cheshire.

The Isherwoods also sold another four-year-old, Airedale Ellen Erica R418, bred the same way and to the same service sire, at 2,400gns, again to the Bedale-based Robinsons, with a third cow, the five-year-old Weeton Lady Heather R476, by Te Mania Berkley B1, also in-calf to Lord Sinden, making 2,350gns when joining Darlington's Harry Hodgson.

The show was judged by Andrew Shufflebotham, of the Cheerbrook herd in Nantwich. Aberdeen-Angus cows and calves averaged £1,512 and in-calf cows £2,021, with heifers selling to 1,700gns at an average of £1,176.

Spring Worcester Trade Tops at 5,000gns

The April 2019 sale at Worcester saw a total of 14 Aberdeen-Angus bulls sell to an average of £3,828.74, 1 cow and calf sell for £3,675 and 7 maiden heifers averaging £2,257.50.

The top price of 5,000gns on the day was reached for a Hallington Wizzard P445 son in Warrenho Escalator T701, from AE and CR Bishop in Wokingham. The May 2017-born bull carries a Terminal Sire index of +38 and a Self Replacing Index of +47 and was sold on the day to D and J Pugh in Brecon.

The Bishop family also had the reserve champion, Warrenho Emmett T711, another son of Hallington Wizzard. Emmett was native champion at the South of England calf show and went on to sell for 4,800gns to one of the biggest buyers on the day, S. W. Clarke, Burton Upon Trent.

Next at 4,700gns was Oakchurch



Warrenho Escalator,
sale-topper at 5,000gns

Domino T296 from Jeremy and Ala Price, Staunton on Wye. The May 2017-born Oakchurch Equity N141 son, was champion under judge Owen Tunney, Cheshire, and with a Self Replacing Index of +41, sold to Rand Contracting, Royston, Hertfordshire.

Neil and Mark Wattie, Alford, Aberdeenshire, sold Tonley Abraham T388, an April 2017-born son of Blelack Evor H929 to M. C. Price, Leominster, for 4,300gns.

Jeremy and Ala Price topped the female trade at 3,500gns with the 2010-born cow, Oakchurch Frances K010. This ET-bred daughter of Rawburn Transformer, sold with its November 2018-born heifer calf by Te Mania Berkley B1 to Mr Clarke.

The same buyer also bought the female champion, February 2018-born Rodmead Evening Tinge U870 by Glympton Rebellion L549 from Angus Neish, Warminster, Wiltshire, for 2,650gns.

Joining it on the trip home was the reserve female champion, Warrenho Julum Erica T709, a September 2017-born Hallington Wizzard P445 daughter from the Bishop family.



Warrenho Emmett,
selling for 4,800gns

Tentative Trade at Worcester in September

In the height of uncertain economical times, this feeling was evident in some reluctant trading at Worcester for the September sale of Aberdeen-Angus cattle.

Topping the sale on the day was one from the Rull herd dispersal in Rull Frances R206, selling for a combined price of 2,800gns. Rull Frances is by Netherton Big Edition H460 (ET) and sold with her bull calf at foot Rull Fri U236 by Wall Royal Leo L837.

The dispersal of the well-noted Rull Herd of Aberdeen-Angus from Devon was a strong feature of the day, with their dispersal meeting a welcome trade as a good opportunity to get some useful cattle.

The small offering of Aberdeen-Angus bulls forward on the day topped at

2,600gns for Winslow Jumbo U362, a Glenade Enforcer R312 (ET) son from Terry Ives & Sons. Tree Bridge Ermine U726 by Australian sire Millah Murrah Loch Up L133 (AI) (IMP) topped the offering of females from David Evans, Treebridge at 1,050gns. This lovely heifer went home to Paul Westaway's Melveiw Farming Partnership in Gloucester.

Overall, trade was difficult with the continued economic uncertainty at the time, this was reflected across all breeds present on the day. Below is a summary of prices from the day:

Aberdeen-Angus sale:

Lot 15 – Winslow Jumbo U362
2,600gns

Lot 16 – Park Wall Percy U017
1,800gns

Lot 17 – Park Wall Rascal U018
2,000gns

Lot 21 – Tree Bridge Ermine U726
1,050gns

Rull dispersal:

Lot 23 – Rull Frances R206
1,900gns (calf at foot)

Lot 24 – Rull Fri U236
900gns

Lot 25 – Rull Frances T230
1,200gns (calf at foot)

Lot 26 – Rull Tillson V237 (ET)
700gns

Lot 27 – Rull Pollyana U234
1,000gns

Lot 28 – Rull Blackbird U235
880gns

First Irish Aberdeen-Angus Sale of 2019 Tops at €4,200



Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Champion Drumcrow Prosecco T714

Carrick-on-Shannon - February 2019

The first of the spring bull sales for 2019 in the Republic of Ireland took place at Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim. A large entry of over 80 Aberdeen-Angus bulls attracted sustained interest from buyers throughout the day with a clearance rate of just over 60% recorded (up from 50% at this sale last year). Yearling bulls proved to be the most popular choice with customers with the twelve to eighteen-month-old bulls selling to a higher average price than their older counterparts.

The sale leader, Molloy David T246, exhibited by Brian Faughnan, Clooncarne, Bornacoola, Co Leitrim sold for the day's best price of €4,200. This five-star terminal index bull was born in October 2017 and is sired by the popular AI bull, Netherton Mr Brazilian E377 and is out of a Rosemead Karona J956 dam. This bull took Second prize in the pre-sale show and was also awarded the Best Pair of Aberdeen-Angus bulls trophy alongside herdmate, Molloy

Lord Henry T247 (a son of Rawburn Enigmatic P886) who went on to sell for €2,600. The Faughnan family have been longtime exhibitors of the annual sales in Carrick-On-Shannon and received a rousing round of applause from all spectators present when they secured the top price of the day in the sales ring.

Next best price came in the form of the oldest bull offered for sale, namely Ballinalee Lord Harry T385 exhibited by Michael Edgeworth, Bush Farm, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford. One of the newer exhibitors to Carrick-On-Shannon, the 340 mile round trip certainly proved an advantageous one with Ballinalee Lord Harry T385 realising €3,200 in the sales ring. This bull also carried a five-star terminal breeding index and is sired by Lisduff Dandy K895 and is out of a home-bred cow by Aughlustia Pouncer J222.

The well-known Liss Aberdeen-Angus herd of John & Sean McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co. Meath claimed the

Reserve Supreme Aberdeen-Angus championship with Liss Marol T742. This 14-month-old bull is one of the first sons of junior stock bull, Liss Darl R561 to be offered for sale and is out of a home-bred cow from the Myrlo cow family. This bull boasted a five-star index for both terminal and replacement traits and sold for €2,500.

Finally, the day's Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Drumcrow Prosecco T714 exhibited by Frank & Margaret McKiernan, Drumcrow, Corlismore, Co Cavan failed to meet his reserve in the sales ring and was unsold.



Top-priced bull Molloy David T246 sold for €4,200

Carrick-on-Shannon - March 2019

Clearance rate soars at Carrick-On-Shannon in March

The second of five spring sales at Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim saw a clearance rate of 75% recorded in the sales ring (up from just over 50% at the same sale last year) with steady and sustained interest from buyers all day long. The top price of the sale was claimed by Drummullian Paul 792 exhibited by Padraig McGrath, Elphin, Co. Roscommon who sold for €3,000.

The youngest bull of the entire sale, the 11-month-old Rabawn Mike U202 from James Muldowney, Rathbawn, Swinford, Co Mayo secured the second best price of the day, selling for €2,900.

This five-star replacement index bull was one of three bulls to sell for the Rabawn Aberdeen-Angus herd at Carrick-On-Shannon and goes back to Galcantray Preditor V9 and Lawsons Ford Bagatelle Z094 and the dam's side.

Local breeder, Hugh Fox, Kye, Elphin, Co. Roscommon won First prize with the September 2017-born bull, Greeve Pilot T250 who is a son of the AI bull, Westellen Diego M734. This bull failed to meet his reserve in the sales ring and was unsold.

The reigning Supreme Male Champion from the 2018 National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show, Owenmore Relter, bred by Anthony Scanlon, Carnaree, Ballymote, Co Sligo sold for €2,600.

This double five-star index bull was also a First prize winner at the 2018 All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships in Mohill and was a Second prize winner in the pre-sale show on the day.



Top-priced bull Molloy David T246 sold for €4,200

Carrick-on-Shannon - April 2019

Aberdeen-Angus trade tops at €4,000 at Carrick-On-Shannon in April

The largest pedigree Aberdeen-Angus sale of the year so far took place at Carrick-On-Shannon in April with 139 head of Aberdeen-Angus cattle catalogued in total. The sale resulted in a 65% clearance which was quite satisfactory given the large volume of cattle present on the day with Aberdeen-Angus bulls selling to a top price of €4,000. The Midland & Western Livestock Improvement Society also held a moment of silence during the sale, in memory of lifetime Aberdeen-Angus breeder and regular exhibitor at the Carrick-On-Shannon sales, Gerard Mulligan, Currycramp, Dromod, Co Leitrim who passed away in his 98th year on 9th March last.

The sale leader came from Cathal & Cormac Duignan, Laheen House, Eslin Bridge, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim who sold their 13-month-old Laheens Rebel for €4,000. This five-star terminal index bull is sired by the popular AI bull, Westellen Diego M734 and was a prize winner in the pre-sale show. This one attracted significant interest in the ring and was eventually knocked down to a farmer from Northern Ireland.

Second highest price in the sales ring came in the form of the First prize winner, Drumcrow Port Royal T712 exhibited by Frank & Margaret McKiernan, Drumcrow, Corlismore, Co Cavan who sold for €3,700. This four-star terminal index bull was born in November 2017 and is sired by the homebred Drumcrow Joker and is out of an Old Glenort Lamont G291 cow.

The Drumcrow Aberdeen-Angus herd also claimed the next best price in the sales ring with the Second prize winner, Drumcrow Lucky Jim T713 selling for €3,600. Another November 2017-born bull, this one carried a five-star terminal and four star replacement index and was also sired by the aforementioned Drumcrow Joker.

Master judge Eustace Burke of the Clontead Aberdeen-Angus herd awarded the day's Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Championship to the 13-month-old, Liscolvin Rossie exhibited by Martin Garvey, Liscolvin, Hillstreet, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim. This bull was last year's Reserve Male Champion at the 2018 National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show and sold for €3,500.

Also selling at €3,500 was another former show bull from the 2018 circuit, namely Knockmountagh Robert from Eamon McKiernan, Newtown,

Monasterboice, Co Louth. This February 2018-born bull stood overall Junior Male Champion & Reserve Supreme Junior Champion at the 2018 National Livestock Show in Tullamore and also claimed a First prize win in the pre-sale show at Carrick-On-Shannon.

Ernest Bohan, Drumkielvey, Mohill, Co Leitrim sold his 18-month-old Drumkielvey Meat Boy T173 for €3100. This five-star terminal and five-star replacement index bull is also a son of the AI bull, Westellen Diego M734 and is out of the Miss Betty cow family at Drumkielvey.

Lastly, the day's Reserve Supreme Aberdeen-Angus champion, Jackie Rambo exhibited by John Heneghan, Clougher, Ballinlough, Co Roscommon sold for €3,000. This one is sired by Blackfield Lasher R539, a Rawburn Edge J983 son and was born in January 2018.



Laheens Rebel sold for €4,000

Top Call of €4,600 at Carrick-On-Shannon in May



Top-priced bull Clooncarne Rocket sold for €4,600

Carrick-on-Shannon - May 2019

The May sale at Carrick-On-Shannon saw a very healthy demand for Aberdeen-Angus bulls, with prices jumping well ahead of other major sales held in the last number of weeks. Almost 100 Aberdeen-Angus bulls were catalogued for sale and this helped draw a large crowd to the Showgrounds in Carrick-On-Shannon for one of the final sales of the spring season.

The day's sale leader, Clooncarne Rocket bred by Thomas Mulligan and Family from Currycramp, Dromod, Co Leitrim sold for €4,600 to a dairy herd in Co Sligo. This 14-month-old bull was sired by Clooncarne Frank, a Nakkeg Nord 913 son and was shown last summer as a young calf.

Michael & Barry Smith, Market Street, Cootehill, Co Cavan secured the second highest price of the day, selling their 15-month-old bull, Lawsons Ford Evaluator U410 for €4,200. This one carried a five-star index across both replacement and terminal traits and was a son of former herd stock bull, Friarstown Evolver N274 and the Scottish bred dam, The Moss Eunique F636.

Next best in the sales ring were Gerard Regan, Driney, Loughglynn, Castlerea, Co Roscommon sold the 15-month-old Mullencross Ronaldo for €3,400, Gerard & Helen Reynolds, Bunlahy, Ballinalee, Co Longford who sold Bunlahy Pal and Bunlahy Randy Mac Dandy for €3,100 and €3,000 and Tom Reynolds, Knockadrianan, Johnstons Bridge, Bornacoola, Co Leitrim who sold

Knockadrianan Ronan for €3,000. Overall, the sale realised a near 70% clearance (which was particularly heartening in light of the sheer volume of bulls catalogued) with the vast majority of bulls sold aged between 12 – 15 months.



Second-highest priced bull Lawsons Ford Evaluator

Aberdeen-Angus Tops Multi-breed at Carrick-On-Shannon in June

Carrick-on-Shannon - June 2019

The final sale of the spring season took place at The Showgrounds, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim over the weekend with 170 head of cattle catalogued for sale. The Aberdeen-Angus breed provided the overall sale-topper of the entire event, outselling all other major beef breeds (including all of the popular continental beef breeds) to end the 2019 sale season on a particularly high note.

The sale-topper, Lawsons Ford Real Macoy bred by Michael & Barry Smith, Market Street, Cootehill, Co Cavan sold for €5,600 to a beef farmer from Northern Ireland after a period of rapid and intense bidding in the sales ring. This one carried a five-star terminal index and was exactly 15 months old on the day of sale. He is sired by Friarstown Evolver N274 and was also a prize-winner at the National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show last October.

Three yearling Aberdeen-Angus bulls (all born in May 2018 and only just 12 months of age) realised the next best prices of the sale. James Regan, Castlerea, Co Roscommon sold Farmhill Ryan for €3,100, Gerard Regan, Castlerea, Co Roscommon sold Driney

Rocket for €2,900 with Mark Beirne, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim selling The Grove Retriever for €2,700.

Paddy Farrell, Ballinwing, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim sold Sheemore Peter P520 for €2,500. This bull was one of the few autumn 2017-born bulls to be offered for sale on this occasion and was sired by Netherton Americano M703 and was out of Sheemore Polly M372, a Coneyisland Legend E112 daughter.

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.



Line-up at Carrick-On-Shannon in June

Young Bulls Take Centre Stage at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Premier Spring Sale at Nenagh

The 2019 Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association Premier spring sale of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus bulls took place at Nenagh at the beginning of May with over 40 exhibitor bred bulls catalogued for sale.

80% of the bulls forward were born in the spring of 2018 and it was from this age group of bulls that master judge, Shane Healy of the Branner Aberdeen-Angus herd in West Cork found both his Supreme Champion and Reserve Champion. The sale went on to produce a 65% clearance overall (down slightly from a 75% clearance last year) with the majority of the bulls that sold on this occasion aged 12-15 months, with one bull not having even reached his first birthday. Whilst the young bulls attracted sustained interest in the sales ring, the average price dropped in line with the power, age and maturity of the bulls on offer to settle at just over €2,200.

The sale leader came from Joe Kelly, Glostermin, Gortvagh, Co Leitrim who sold his November 2017-born bull, Glostermin Lord Harrison T021 for €2,850. This Third prize winner was one of just three autumn 2017-born bulls to trade on the day and is a son of the well known AI bull, Friarstown Ideal Pete K202 and goes back to Springblack Lady Hupitor A016 on the dam's side.

The day's Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Champion was awarded to the 13-month-old, Coolnahinch John Eric U106 from James Hall, Coolnahinch, Keenagh, Co Longford. This five-star replacement index bull sold for €2,750 and is out of Edgeworthstown Eva N141, a Lios Breac Lord Bloom H059 daughter. This one held one of the lowest calving ease figures of the day at 1.1% (breed average: 2.06%) as well as a replacement index of €143.

The Reserve Aberdeen-Angus Championship was won by the youngest bull in the entire sale, the 11-month-old Glostermin Lord Herbie U022 from Joe Kelly, Glostermin, Gortvagh, Co Leitrim and sold for €2,200. This young bull came from the same herd as the day's sale-topper and is out of a home-bred cow



Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Coolnahinch John Eric U106, selling for €2,750

that goes back to Goulding Jumbo King K436 and Aynho Rossiter Eric B126.

Another spring 2018-born bull, Clooncorick Master U903 exhibited by John Richardson, Keenaghan, Ballyconnell, Co Cavan sold next for €2,500. This one was a Third prize winner in the pre-sale show and was sired by Lismoy Lancelot who himself is a son of the famed multi All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus champion, Rosemead Karona J957.

The First prize winner, Templequain Lord John U061, exhibited by Martin Costigan, Templequain, Errill, Portlaoise, Co Laois sold for €2,350. This February 2018-born bull was a son of HF Rebel 53Y and came from the Lady Janice cow family at Templequain.

The 12-month-old, Second prize winner, Creggane Pops U473 from James Boyce, Creggane, Charleville, Co Limerick sold for €2,250. This bull had barely reached his first birthday and was another of the young, yearling bulls to sell on the day and carried a calving ease figure of 1.2%, which was much lower than the official breed average of 2.06%.



Reserve Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Glostermin Lord Herbie U022, selling for €2,200

Also trading at €2,250 was the 14-month-old, Sheemore Plumtree U526 from Paddy Farrell, Ballinwing, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim. This one also took a blue rosette in the pre-sale show and was out of the home-bred cow, Sheemore Pretty Lady M373 with Blackeagle Challenger 19E, Netherton Figo C244 and Wandering Creek Challenger 5A in the back breeding.

Dungannon - April 2019

Champion Tops Aberdeen-Angus Entry at 4,500gns at Dungannon in April

There was a strong demand for pedigree Aberdeen-Angus bulls at the breed society's April show and sale, hosted by Dungannon Farmers' Mart.

Prices peaked at 4,500gns, and following a complete clearance auctioneer Trevor Wylie reported that 10 lots changed hands to average £3,370 per head – an increase of £523 on last year's sale.

Claiming the Male Championship and the day's top bid of 4,500gns was the January 2018 Cloghogmill Eric U546 brought out by the father and son team of Adrian and Graeme Parke from Strabane. Bred by Robert and Joyce Smyth, he was purchased privately as a two-month-old calf at the foot of his dam, Cloghogmill Emma R244.

Sired by the Friarstown Ideal Pete K2092 son, Cloghogmill Prince Pete R255, he was Reserve Bull Calf champion at the NI Aberdeen-Angus Club's calf show in November 2018. Described by judge Robert Sufferin, Maghera, as a well-made bull with great conformation and breed character, the champion was snapped up by Messrs D and JS Hatrick from Londonderry.

Two lots sold for 4,000gns each. First to sell was the second placed Drumhill



Young attendees take a keen interest in the events at Dungannon in April



Male Champion Cloghogmill Eric U546 sold for a top price of 4,500gns



Ballyvaston Elgin U074 sold for 4,000gns



Drumhill Dazzler T652 sold for 4,000gns

Dazzler T652 ET from Jonathan and Lisa Doyle's herd at Cookstown. Born in November 2017, he was sired by the Netherallan Peter Pershore E052 son Blelack Equity J127, and is out of the Blelack Blackrod J160 daughter Skail Diana L596. Ranked in the breed's top one per cent for milk +25, he sold to Bernard Venny from Downpatrick.

Also selling at 4,000gns was the third prize winning Ballyvaston Elgin U074 from Christopher Strain's herd at Downpatrick. Sired by Rawburn Enigmatic, this 15-month-old entry is out of a home-bred dam by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052. Buyer was Stephen Cargill from Parkgate, Ballyclare.

The Reserve Male Championship went to the January 2018 Denamona Blacksmith U592 bred by Moses Irwin Jnr from Fintona. Sired by Blelack Egotist K531, he was bred from the Camus Eden G431 daughter Denamona Black Bessie K151 – one

of 65 cows in the herd. This one came under the hammer at 3,900gns, selling to S Caldwell from Beragh, County Tyrone.

Next best at 3,100gns was the second placed Coolermoney Lord Harry U832 bred by Adrian and Graeme Parke. Born in January 2018, and sired by Hallington Evo L333, this one was bred from Mogeely Lady Hilda N241 – one of nine cows in the Strabane-based herd. Buyer was Ian McKinstry from Upper Ballinderry, Lisburn.

The Female Championship went to Christopher Strain's Ballyvaston Lady Thelma U085. Sired by the Rosemead Karona J957 son Ballyvaston Euan S026, she was bred from Drumawhey Lady Tilly J901. This January 2018 heifer sold at 1,000gns to WA Houston from Kilkeel.

Kilkenny - March 2019

March Sale at Kilkenny Tops at €4,000

The first of three bull sales at Kilkenny for 2019 proved to be a tremendous success with a very brisk trade for Aberdeen-Angus bulls of all ages recorded in the sales ring. Both the average price and clearance rate were well up on the same sale from 2018 and resulted in an average of just under €2,700 at a 72% clearance rate.

The sale-topper, Coolrain Pajero exhibited by Nigel Peavoy, Coolrain, Portlaoise, Co Laois sold for €4,000. This 18-month-old bull is sired by Ardrossan Admiral A2 and is out of a Coneysland Legend E112 dam and took the reserve Aberdeen-Angus championship in the pre-sale show. Meanwhile, the supreme Aberdeen-Angus champion, Berry Packy from Patrick Murphy, Glasson, Athlone, Co

Westmeath sold for €3,100 and was one of 11 Aberdeen-Angus bulls that traded on or above the €3,000 mark on the day.

Frank & Margaret McKiernan, Drumcrow, Corlismore, Co Cavan sold

the 20-month-old Drumcrow Prime Guy T697 for €3,000. This bull carried a calving ease figure of just 1.2% (breed average: 2.09%) and is out of Drumcrow Pattie H336 who is sired by the Canadian AI bull, Coldstream Genetic Trend 80f.



Top-priced bull, Coolrain Pajero

Kilkenny - April 2019

Aberdeen-Angus Tops the Multibreed Sale at Kilkenny in April

The Aberdeen-Angus breed provided the overall sale-topper at the multi-breed bull sales at Kilkenny in April, outselling all other major beef breeds, including all of the continental breeds from a total combined entry of well over 200 beef pedigree bulls.

The sale-topper came from Frank & Margaret McKiernan, Drumcrow, Corlismore, Co Cavan who sold their December 2017-born bull, Drumcrow Pilbara for €3,800. This four star terminal index bull took the Reserve Aberdeen-Angus Championship and also boasted a calving ease figure of just 1.7%, which was significantly below the official breed average. The Drumcrow Aberdeen-Angus herd also sold Drumcrow Palladium T704 and Drumcrow Pepperbox for €3,200 each

to average €3,400 for their offering of three Aberdeen-Angus bulls.

The Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Championship was awarded to Westellen Pete T829 exhibited by John & Kate Tait, Westwood, Rostellan, Middleton, Co Cork and this November 2017-born bull went on to sell for the day's second highest price of €3,350. This one is a son of Bova Lord Bonanza N266 and carried a five-star terminal breeding index and caught the eye of show judge, Albert DeCogan of the Mogeely Aberdeen-Angus herd to secure top championship honours in the pre-sale show.

Overall, customers preferred the mature Aberdeen-Angus bulls with 2017-born bulls selling most freely in the ring to realise a 75% clearance, whilst their younger counterparts brought the overall sale clearance down to just 45% once all the 2018-born bulls were included. The average price settled at just over €2,400 with in excess of 30 Aberdeen-Angus bulls trading on the day.



Reserve Aberdeen-Angus Champion and top-priced bull, Drumcrow Pilbara



Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Westellen Pete T829

Kilkenny - May 2019

May Sale at Kilkenny tops at €2,750



The sale-topper, Drumcrow Pontiac T717

The Drumcrow Aberdeen-Angus herd of Frank & Margaret McKiernan, Drumcrow, Corlismore, Co Cavan provided the overall sale-topper in the Aberdeen-Angus ring at the multi-breed bull sales at Kilkenny yesterday. The top-priced bull, Drumcrow Pontiac T717 was born in December 2017 and was out of Drumcrow Princess Jewel J363 who is a daughter of Coldstream Genetic Trend 80F. This is the second time in succession for the Drumcrow Aberdeen-Angus herd to top the trade at Kilkenny with their bull, Drumcrow Pilbara selling for the top price of €3,800 at the April sale.

John McDermott, Farnaharpy, Skreen, Co Sligo sold the January 2018-born bull, Masreagh David U229 for €2,300. This five-star terminal index bull is out of the UK bred cow Cwm Dolly P162 and goes back to Pengiun Dominant K398, Bleack Prine Consort A286 and Friarstown Ideal Pete K202 in the back breeding.

Also trading at €2,300 was Liss Duke U747 from John McEnroe, Liss,

Oldcastle, Co Meath. This one is sired by the home-bred Liss Tango G854 and comes from the well-known Duchess cow line at Liss. The Liss Aberdeen-Angus herd sold a total of four spring 2018-born bulls to an average of €2,100 on the day.

Overall, customers proved to be selective at the third and final sale at

Kilkenny for 2019 with the sale resulting in a 55% clearance at an average price of €2,100. There was no pre-sale show on this occasion at Kilkenny so opportunities for photographs were limited but please make sure to take a look at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association social media channels for more videos and photos from the sale.



John McEnroe's Liss Aberdeen-Angus herd averaged €2,100 for four yearling bulls. Pictured is John with Liss Duke U747 who sold for €2,300

Birches Herd Scoops Aberdeen-Angus Championship at Balmoral



Birches Lady Julie U507 was the Junior Champion and Supreme Overall Champion

Berkshire-based herd owner Rob Bishop judged the Aberdeen-Angus entry at this year's 151st Royal Ulster Show, held at Balmoral Park.

"It's a fantastic show and I am delighted to see good numbers of younger cattle coming forward which makes for healthy competition," said Mr Bishop who runs the noted Warrenho Herd.

Claiming the plaudits in the all-black championship line-up was the winner of the junior award Birches Lady Julie U507, bred and exhibited by the Matchett Family – Nigel, Gail, Sarah and Sam from Portadown.

Born in January 2018 she emerged as leader of a nine-strong junior heifer class. This one was sired by stock bull Carrigroe Fred and is out of the home-bred Birches Lady Julie P586 – one of 20 breeding females in the herd, and maternal sister to the prolific show winner Carrigroe D Lady Jane who is almost twelve-years-old and still competing in the showing.

Nigel bought the in-calf Carrigroe Lady Julie from Frank and John Appelbe as a Christmas present for Gail, and the resulting progeny was Birches Lady Julie P586 - dam of the Balmoral Supreme Champion.

Judge Rob Bishop said: "The overall champion caught my eye. She is long, clean and well-balanced. Very powerful for her age, but feminine with a good wide top and depth through her second thigh. I've no doubt today's winner will mature into a good breeding female."

Claiming the Reserve Supreme honours was Ashvale Victoria T204 who stood first in a strong class of six senior heifers. Bred by Richard and Fiona McKeown, Templepatrick, this April 2017 heifer is a daughter of Carrington Park Time On B7 and is bred from Old Glenort Victoria



J573 – purchased at the Old Glenort reduction sale in Ballymena. The Reserve Champion is due in September to Rawburn Jumbo Eric.

"This is another powerful heifer, with a tremendous future ahead of her," commented Rob Bishop.

The Reserve Junior Championship went to the second placed Woodvale Edwina U274 from Alwyn and Carol Armour and sons, from Dromara. Sired by stock bull Oakmoor Mr Paul S311, she is bred from Duncanziemere Edwina R126 – one of 12 cows in the herd, she was purchased for 5,000gns at Carlisle in 2016 when Alwyn made her Female Champion.

Senior bull Drumhill Lord Harrow T346 secured the best of opposite sex award for Desmond Martin's Lisola Herd at Saintfield. Bred by Jonathan and Lisa Doyle, Cookstown, this April 2017 bull was sired by Nightingale Proud Jake G405, and is out of Bleblack Lady Heather J169. He was bought at Stirling in February 2019.

Runner-up for the best of opposite sex award was the yearling bull Ember Daniel U402 from Freddie Davidson's herd at Banbridge. Sired by Cheeklaw Edgar R515, this January 2018 bull is a son of the home-bred Ember Delia M654.

Breed society chief Barrie Turner thanked the judge and congratulated the exhibitors on a successful show. "Balmoral is a fantastic showcase for the Aberdeen-Angus breed, and I'd like to thank the exhibitors for bringing such a wonderful spectacle to this year's show."

Results from the judging ring:

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Aberdeen-Angus Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Supreme Champion:

Matchett Family.

Reserve: Richard and Fiona McKeown

M&S Award for the Junior Champion:

Matchett Family.

Reserve: Alwyn, Carol Armour and Family

WJ Carson Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Exhibitor-bred Champion: Matchett Family

Reserve: Richard and Fiona McKeown

JD Templeton Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Yearling Bull: Freddie Davidson

Drumlister Trophy for the Best of Opposite Sex to the Champion:

Desmond Martin

John Thompson and Sons Ltd Crystal Awards for the Best Pair of Heifers:

Brian Johnston and Hylda Mills

Reserve: Moses Irwin Jnr



Reserve Junior Champion Woodvale Edwina U274



Best of opposite sex to the champion, Drumhill Lord Harrow T346



Yearling bull Champion Ember Daniel U402

Females to the Fore at the 179th Royal Highland Show



Junior, Female and Supreme Champion McCornick Keira

As the 2019 Royal Highland Show got off to a great start on Thursday 20th June, the crowds were out in their masses for the Aberdeen-Angus classes kicking off at 2pm. The sun was shining for the most part and the attendees were treated to an excellent show of cattle on a good day for the breed.

Judge for this year's event was David Evans of Tree Bridge Aberdeen-Angus, and it was a yearling heifer who took the overall Aberdeen-Angus championship for first time exhibitors, Martin McCornick and daughter Gemma from Newton Stewart. It was Junior and Female Champion McCornick Keira by Skaill Dino that was David Evans' standout entry in the ring, describing her as having 'exceptional breed characteristics' – a worthy champion for the breed on what was a strong day for the females. The Reserve went to

Alistair Clark's class winner and Male Champion Carruthers Grenadier who also impressed Mr Evans in the ring earlier in the day. This June 2015 bull is out of Carruthers Gemma by Morven Kilo Master.

Methven-based Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Iris took both the Reserve Junior and Reserve Junior

Female accolades for the Isle of Skye based breeder. The November 2017-born Lady Iris is out of namesake Mosston Muir Lady Iris by Retties Euromillions. On a strong day for Mr Rankin's Kilmaluag herd, the Reserve Female Championship went to Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle, out of Mosston Muir Lady Isobelle by Retties JFK.



Male Champion and Reserve Supreme and Carruthers Grenadier R797

In the Junior Bull section, David Evan's Best Junior Bull came from Brailes Livestock in the shape of Schivas Methlick Boy, a young bull who previously impressed to win his individual class. Reserve Junior Bull was Rulesmains Kentucky of Andrew Hodge, second to Schivas Methlick Boy in the individual and overall Junior Bull classes.

In the Beef Cattle Pairs competitions, the championship went to the pair from Alistair Clark and David Walker, respectively being Carruthers Grenadier and Galcantray Bet Maid. The Aberdeen-Angus team took the Beef Interbreed Native Team Competition with a magnificent team of three, being Alistair Clark's Carruthers Grenadier, David Walker's Galcantray Bet Maid and Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle.

There was also success for the breed in the Beef Interbreed Team Competition where the Aberdeen-Angus team was in reserve place, made up of Donald Rankin's heifer Kilmaluag Lady Iris, D&K Graham from Stirling with Carruthers Elspeth, Galcantray Bet Maid from David Walker in Nairn and Alistair Clark and Sons' bull, Carruthers Grenadier, from Cumnock.

The Society would also like to extend its congratulation to all young handlers who took part so expertly in the Show this year! It's always great to see you learning your trade and growing. Well done to all involved.

Core results round-up:

Overall Aberdeen-Angus champion
McCornick Keira U451

Martin McCornick

Overall Reserve Champion
Carruthers Grenadier R797

Messrs Alistair Clark & Sons

Junior Champion
McCornick Keira U451

Martin McCornick

Reserve Junior
Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220

Mr Donald Rankin

Best Junior Female
McCornick Keira U451

Martin McCornick

Reserve Best Junior Female
Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220

Mr Donald Rankin

Champion Female
McCornick Keira U451

Martin McCornick



Junior Reserve Champion Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220



Reserve Female Champion Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191



Best Junior Male
Schivas Methlick Boy U638



Reserve Junior Male Rulesmains
Kentucky U019

Champion Male
Carruthers Grenadier R797

Messrs Alistair Clark & Sons

Reserve female
Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191

Mr Donald Rankin

Best Junior bull
Schivas Methlick Boy U638

Brailes Livestock

Reserve Junior bull
Rulesmains Kentucky U019

Mr Andrew Hodge

Breeder of best bull
Carruthers Grenadier R797

Messrs Alistair Clark & Sons

Best animal bred by exhibitor
McCornick Keira U451

Martin McCornick

Two-in-a-row for Ross Bros at Premier Meat Exhibition



Champion exhibitor Gavin Ross on the right



Gavin Ross with the breeder of his champion



Gavin being presented with the Milan Butchers Association salver

An Aberdeen-Angus cross from Ross Brothers, Wardhead, Strichen, Aberdeenshire, carried off the Supreme Championship at the Scottish National Fat Stock Club's Premier Meat Exhibition at Scotbeef, Bridge of Allan.

Their overall winner was a 359.2kg steer which killed out at 60.5% and classified – U3. It was bred by Ian and Elizabeth Smith in their 60-cow suckler herd at West Cullerlie, Echt, Aberdeenshire, and purchased at a store cattle sale at Thainstone.

"We're delighted as we never expected to win the top award for the second time in two years," said Gavin Ross, who was present with son, Alan, to be presented with the coveted Scotbeef Silver Steer Trophy and cash prize of £1,000 for the Champion.

The Ross family business is one of the biggest finishers of cattle and sheep in the North-east and a leading supplier to Scotbeef.

Judge, Alan McNaughton, former site manager with McIntosh Donald at Portlethen, described the champion as

an ideal carcass to suit a whole range of the trade.

"Both supermarkets and High Street butchers would view the champion as a perfect size and weight for their business," he said.

Best pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus was a 359/7kg steer classifying R3 from from Matt and Heather Currie, Skewbridge, Longhorsley, Northumberland.

Brother and sister, Selina (16) and Hugh (18) Gordon, Clochnahill, Stonehaven, shared the top honours in the young livestock producers' section, Selina taking the junior championship with a 391.1kg Aberdeen-Angus cross heifer bred in Orkney by G and R Stevenson and Co, Burness Firth.

The award in Scotbeef's Aberdeen-Angus beef finishing competition was presented to Peter Oosterhof, Savocho, Lonmay, Aberdeenshire, who was stepping up from third place last year. The award is based on the management of the beef enterprise on the farm and the suitability of the finished cattle for Marks and Spencer and assessment of the beef by a tasting panel.

Class results for Aberdeen-Angus

Light steer – 1 Ross Brothers; 2 K Forsyth, Oswie, Whithorn; 3 Tom Adam, Craigton, Clackmannan

Heavy steer – 1 JW Paul and Sons, Ballingall Mill, Leslie; 2 JGS and D Duncan, Jacobshall, Gamrie; 3 J and R Stanger, South Seatter, Sandwick, Orkney

Heifer – Euan Fettes, Braes of Enzie, Buckie.

Inaugural Society Participation at Pembrokeshire County Show



Show Champion, Melview Kocoo

In August 2019, the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society attended the Pembrokeshire County Show for the first time.

This up-and-coming show is becoming an increasingly anticipated event on the agricultural calendar year-on-year, and it was great for the Society to have a stand at the event and be able to interact with a new audience about the benefits of breeding Aberdeen-Angus cattle.

There was also success for Aberdeen-Angus in the show ring at the event, with Paul Westaway's Melview Kocoo P158 taking home the titles of Aberdeen-Angus Female and Breed Champion, as well as Any Other Native Female and Breed Champion.

Kocoo is a five-year-old cow and she comes from the Tegnose K family, bred by former Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society President Nigel Hammill. Tegnose Karman, one of the first UK Aberdeen-Angus bulls to have huge amounts of semen exported around the world, is from this cow family – a bull that has played a huge part in putting UK genetics on the global map.

The Society had a stand for the first time at Pembrokeshire for all three days of the show. The stand attracted a good amount of interest from new faces looking to make use of Aberdeen-Angus genetics, and it was definitely a positive experience for our breed to attend. A big thank you to all involved in a super show.

Results from all classes featuring Aberdeen-Angus cattle, all courtesy of Melview Farming, were as follows:

Champion:

Melview Kocoo, Melview Farming

Bull, any age:

- 1st Houghton Xanthos (Lincoln Red)
- 2nd Melview Glory, Melview Farming
- 3rd Al Glancollen Teifi (South Devon)

Cow, in calf or in milk:

- 1st Melview Kocoo, Melview Farming
- 2nd Glancollen Ceinwen (South Devon)
- 3rd Wragby Phylis (Lincoln Red)
- 4th Al Glancollen Buttercup (South Devon)
- 5th Wragdy Corin (Lincoln Red)

Heifer, born on or between 1st Aug 2016 and 31st May 2018

- 1st Glancollen Lisa (South Devon)
- 2nd Melview Gia, Melview Farming
- 3rd Melview Jane Ella, Melview Farming

Calf, born after 1st June 2018

- 1st Melview General, Melview Farming
- 2nd Wellhouse Yasmin (Lincoln Red)
- 3rd Al Glancollen Buttercup (South Devon)
- 4th Wellhouse Yosef (Lincoln Red)

Pair of heifers, owned by the exhibitor, born on or after 1st Sept 2016

- 1st Melview Farming

Group of three animals, the property of the same exhibitor

- 1st Messrs EG and CE James (South Devon)
- 2nd Melview Farming
- 3rd Mr Robin Whittle (Lincoln Red)



The Society stand at the Pembrokeshire County Show



Shared Success at the 2019 Great Yorkshire Show



Junior, Male and Overall Breed Champion, Shadwell Evolution T003

After a strong showing in the 2018 event, the 2019 Great Yorkshire Show saw more success coming the way of The Shadwell Estate from Thetford in Suffolk.

Judge Mr A. Lawson of Newcastle, Hallington, Aberdeen-Angus herd, saw a clear stand-out in the entries in Shadwell Evolution T003 who was presented with the Junior, Male and Overall Breed Championship in Tuesday 9th July's Aberdeen-Angus classes at the Great Yorkshire Showground, before also taking the honour of Junior Interbreed Reserve. The September 2017-born Evolution is by Retties JFK M195 and out of Shadwell Evora M618. Retties JFK M195 would prove to be a prominent feature in the day's showing, as the sire to both the Breed Champion and Reserve, along with the Champion Pair of Animals in the Pairs section from Messrs R&C Rettie.

Taking the reserve Aberdeen-Angus breed championship was the day's female champion Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191 from Isle of Skye-based Mr Donald Rankin. Lady Isobelle is by Retties JFK and out of namesake

Mosston Muir Lady Isobelle M249 and contributes to a successful period for all at Kilmaluag as they become a regular fixture amongst the prize winners on the show circuit.



Female and Overall Reserve Champion Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191

It's back to English soil for the day's Male Reserve, being AE & CR Bishop's Warrenho Jubilant Eric U727. Jubilant Eric from the Established Warrenho Herd of Aberdeen-Angus in Wokingham, Berkshire impressed as a class winner earlier in the day and is out of Warrneho Julia Erica N464 by Hallington Wizard P445.

Female Reserve on the day emerged from the local area through Marsden Farms Ltd with Liley Kinannie R173, based in Penistone in South Yorkshire. Kinannie is a multiple show champion who went under the hammer. Perthshire-based Messrs R&C Rettie also had the Junior Female Champion at this year's Yorkshire event in Retties Pam T420 who follows up on finishing Forth in class at the Royal Highland Show last month. Pam is out of Retties Pam R321 by Deveron Leggat P469. Donald Rankin saw more success, with his cattle taking first place in the Pairs and Group of Three classes, expertly shown in the ring by the Retties.

This year's Yorkshire event also saw a marquee private sale taking place, with the first place heifer from the Gordon Brooke Estate Gordon Euxette selling to Chris and Janet Watmore of the Holystone Estate after she caught their eye by winning her class earlier in the day.

Core results round-up:

Breed Champion: Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd Thetford Norfolk
[Shadwell Evolution T003](#)

Breed Reserve: Mr D Rankin Perth
[Kilmalug Lady Isabelle S191](#)

Male Champion: Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd Thetford Norfolk
[Shadwell Evolution T003](#)

Male Reserve: A E & C R Bishop Wokingham Berkshire
[Warrenho Jubilant Eric U727](#)

Junior Champion: Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd Thetford Norfolk
[Shadwell Evolution T003](#)

Junior Reserve: R & C Rettie Perth Perthshire
[Retties Pam T420](#)

Female Champion: Mr D Rankin Perth
[Kilmalug Lady Isabelle S191](#)

Female Reserve: Marsdens Farms Ltd Penistone South Yorkshire
[Liley Kinannie R173](#)



Male Reserve Champion, Warrenho Jubilant Eric U727



Female Reserve Champion, Liley Kinannie R173



An Excellent Event for Shadwell Estate at the 2019 Royal Welsh Show and Aberdeen-Angus Summer National



Male and Overall Champion, Shadwell Evolution T003

The Suffolk-based Shadwell Estate had a second consecutive successful event at the 2019 Royal Welsh Show, where they took home the Aberdeen-Angus breed championship last year with their senior bull Shadwell Ebenezer.

This year it was the turn of Shadwell Evolution T003 who took the Male and Breed Championships at the Royal Welsh Show, also taking the top honours in the Aberdeen-Angus Summer National. The September 2017-born bull by Retties JFK out of Shadwell Evora has already seen some great success on this summer's show circuit, adding the Breed Championship at the Royal Welsh Show to his championship winning showing at the Great Yorkshire Show just a few weeks back. A bull which we are sure to see a lot of in the coming years, this one

was a standout in the ring for Mr Alistair Fraser of Newton of Idvies, who was the judge for the 2019 summer national event.

In the Male section of the show, the Reserve also came from Shadwell Estate in the shape of Shadwell Empire T004. Empire who is by Rawburn Black Hawk out of Shadwell Evora had previously come second in class to Shadwell Evolution before Evolution, Empire and Shadwell Pam U040, the day's Junior/Yearling Champion, took top honours in the group of three category, rounding off a great day for the Suffolk-based outfit in an event that they dominated.

In the Female section of the show, Mr Fraser's champion was the overall Breed Reserve Tofts Polly Perkins L777, multiply owned by Playfair Farms and Melview Farming. Female Reserve was Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220 in another impressive showing from Kilmaluag having taken the reserve

breed championship at the Yorkshire show with Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle.



Overall Reserve and Female Champion, Tofts Polly Perkins L777



Male Reserve, Shadwell Empire T004

Round-up of Results from all Classes at the Aberdeen-Angus Summer National for 2019 at the Royal Welsh Show



Reserve Female, Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220

Bull born on or before 31st December 2016

- 1st Shadwell Evolution T003
– Shadwell Estate Company
- 2nd Shadwell Empire T004
– Shadwell Estate Company

Bull born on or between 1st January - 31st December 2017

- 1st Schivas Methlick Boy U638
– Brailes Livestock
- 2nd Shadwell Blue Diamond U035
– Shadwell Estate Company

Bull born on or between 1st April - 31st July 2018

- 1st Retties Lark Royal U025(ET)

Bull calf born on or between 1st August - 31st December 2018

- 1st Retties Excel U031 – R&C Rettie
- 2nd Morpheus Rolex U045
– Mr Owen Tunney

Female born on or before 31st December 2015 with natural calf at foot

- 1st Tofts Polly Perkins L777
– Melview Farming

Female born on or between 1st January - 31st December 2016 with natural calf at foot

- 1st Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle S191
– Mr Donald Rankin
- 2nd Morpheus Rosebud S028
– Mr Owen Tunney

Female born in 2017

- 1st Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220
– Mr Donald Rankin
- 2nd Kilmaluag Lady Ruth T207
– Mr Donald Rankin
- 3rd Cheeklaw Black Beth T597
– Brailes Livestock
- 4th Glympton Pride Jean T127
– Glympton Farms
- 5th Retties Pam T420 – R&C Rettie

Female born in 2017 with first natural calf at foot

- 1st Retties Ruisseau T391 – R&C Rettie
- 2nd Morpheus Rosebud T035
– Mr Owen Tunney

Heifer born on or between 1st January - 31st March 2018

- 1st Shadwell Pam U040
– Shadwell Estate Company

2nd Retties Evita U005 – R&C Rettie

3rd Morpheus Rosie U040
– Mr Owen Tunney

4th Glympton Rowena U194
– Glympton Farms

5th Glympton Pride Jean U185
– Glympton Farms

Heifer born on or between 1st April - 31st July 2018

1st Glympton Rowena U234
– Glympton Farms

Heifer calf born on or between 1st August - 31st December 2018

1st Retties Lady Rose U033 – R&C Rettie

2nd Brailes Miss Ellie U036
– Brailes Livestock

3rd Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle U035
– Mr Donald Rankin

4th Morpheus Laura U044
– Mr Owen Tunney

5th Glympton Tidybee U241
– Glympton Farms



Junior/Yearling Champion, Shadwell Pam U040



Champion Calf, Retties Excel U031

Overall Aberdeen-Angus Summer National Champion: Shadwell Evolution T003 – Shadwell Estate Company

Overall Reserve: Tofts Polly Perkins L777 – Melview Farming

Male Champion: Shadwell Evolution T003 – Shadwell Estate Company

Male Reserve: Shadwell Empire T004 – Shadwell Estate Company

Female Champion: Tofts Polly Perkins L777 – Melview Farming

Female Reserve: Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220 – Mr Donald Rankin

Junior/Yearling Champion: Shadwell Pam U040 – Shadwell Estate Company

Champion Calf: Retties Excel U031 – R&C Rettie

Calf Reserve: Retties Rockstar U051 – R&C Rettie

Group of 3: 1st – Shadwell Estate Company with – Shadwell Evolution T003, Shadwell Empire T004, Shadwell Pam U040.

The Certified Aberdeen-Angus Beef Trophy plus £1,000 to the Champion Animal Sponsored by A.K Stoddart: Shadwell Evolution T003 – Shadwell Estate Company

Nightingale Trophy – Presented to the Yearling/Junior Champion: Shadwell Pam U040 – Shadwell Estate Company

Cridlan Trophy – presented to the female with natural calf at foot: Tofts Polly Perkins L777 – Melview Farming

Netherton Trophy – Presented to the group of three: Shadwell Estate

Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup – Best bull – Male champion: Shadwell Evolution T003 – Shadwell Estate Company

The Duchess R35 memorial trophy – presented by Jerusalem Angus for the Supreme Champion animal: Shadwell Evolution T003 – Shadwell Estate Company



Calf Reserve, Retties Rockstar U051



Group of three, Shadwell Estate Company



Females to the Fore at the 2019 Tullamore Show



The FBD Insurance National Livestock Show in Tullamore took place over the weekend with a bumper entry of over 80 Aberdeen-Angus cattle catalogued for the largest one-day show in the country. The three-judge system returned for 2019 with Brian Clark of Duncanziemere Aberdeen-Angus, Scotland, Bob Switzer of Sandy Bar Aberdeen-Angus, Canada and Sam Coleman of Glarryford, Ballymena, Co Antrim officiating over this year's show. Angus Beef Ireland provided an extremely lucrative total sponsorship of €6,000 between the junior and senior sections which helped attract over 20 entrants in some of the classes. The female section was described as exceptionally strong, with female exhibits taking three of the four top championship positions on the day.

The six-year-old senior cow, Mayo Karin from Gerard Kilgallon, Knockadorraghy, Mayo Abbey, Claremorris, Co Mayo swept the board in the Senior section, taking First prize in the cow class before going on to secure both the Senior Female Championship and the Overall Supreme Senior Championship of the show. This one is sired by Westellen Deekay Grandslam J694 and was shown with a bull calf at foot.

Taking the reserve senior championship and reserve senior female championship was the winner of the junior cow class, Liss Kim S641 from John & Sean McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co Meath. This 35-month-old young cow is rearing her first calf and was the overall junior champion at this same show last year as a senior heifer.

Meanwhile the overall senior male championship went to Pat & Finbarr Cahill, Shankill Lower, Cavan, Co Cavan with their stock bull, Drumhill Lord Harry R635. This one also took the top spot in the senior male section last year and was the reserve All-Ireland senior champion at last year's All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships too.



Female and Overall Champion, Mayo Karin

Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co Cork took the reserve senior male championship with Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535. This one is a regular winner of the show circuit and was the recipient of the 2019 Munster Aberdeen-Angus Provincial Trophy earlier in the summer.

Following on from the trend set in the senior section, a female entry also took top honours in the juniors with Tom Mulligan & Family, Currycramp, Dromod, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim claiming the Overall Supreme Junior championship with their October 2017-born heifer, Clooncarne Princess. This one won the largest class of the entire show (21 entries) and has won many prizes and championship over the summer months.

John & Kate Tait, Westwood, Rostellan, Middleton, Co Cork secured the overall Junior Male and Reserve Supreme Junior championship with their 11-month-old bull Westellen Rocky U838. This one is an embryo son of TC Freedom 104 and Prairiellane 5057 Rosebud 8109 and also took the runner-up position in the Munster Aberdeen-Angus Junior Bull of the Year competition.

The Reserve Junior Female Championship went to John Mullooly,

Lavally, Strokestown, Co Roscommon with Lavally Lady Jacqui T363. This one was born in September 2017 and was Second to the Overall Junior Champion in the largest class of the day.

The Reserve Junior Male Championship went to John & Sean McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co Meath with Liss Mandrin V849. This January 2019-born bull calf was one of the youngest bulls at this year's show and is sired by Mogeely Lord Harrow M191.



Female and Overall Reserve, Liss Kim S641



Male Champion, Drumhill Lord Harry R635



Male Reserve, Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535

Class Results

Senior cow born on or before 31st August 2016

- 1st Gerard Kilgallon's Mayo Karin by Westellen Deekay Grandslam J694
- 2nd Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Mogeely Flora R373 by Rosemead Karona J957
- 3rd John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Minree M415 by The Moss Ethelorange L132
- 4th John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Minree M415 by The Moss Ethelorange L132

Junior cow / Senior Heifer born between 1st September 2016 - 31st August 2017

- 1st John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Kim S641 by Te Mania Berkley B1
- 2nd John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Biluri T693 by Mogeely Lord Harrow M191
- 3rd Tom Mulligan's Currycramp Precious by Lisacaran Victor

Intermediate heifer born between 1st September 2017 - 31st August 2018

- 1st Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Princess by Clooncarne Kyle
- 2nd John Mullooly's Lavally Lady Jacqui T363 by Dillion Knight Eagle Challenger
- 3rd Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Ruby by Drumgowna Norman
- 4th Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Rita by Rawburn Boss Hogg N630

Senior heifer calf born between 1st September 2018 - 31st December 2018

- 1st Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Ruda by Drumgowna Norman
- 2nd Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Rudie by Drumgowna Norman
- 3rd John McEnroe's Liss Kim U835 by Netherton Americano M703
- 4th John McEnroe's Liss Biluri U829 by HF Rebel 53Y

Junior heifer calf born in 2019

- 1st Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding V Patriot 988 by Glenade Prince Callan S331
- 2nd Amanda Bogan & Conor Craig's Millbawn Sparkles by Aynho Rossiter Eric B125
- 3rd Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Sugartown V432 by Friarstown Evolver N274

Senior bull born before 31st August 2016

- 1st Pat & Finbarr Cahill's Drumhill Lord Harry R635 by Nightingale Proud Jake G405
- 2nd Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 by Cardona Proud Punch L752

Intermediate bull born between 1st September 2017 - 31st August 2018

- 1st John Barlow's Clooncarne Pellet by Beryl Jamey
- 2nd John McEnroe's Mogeely Dreamer T534 by Wedderlie Blackbox J935
- 3rd Bernard Kerins' Kerins Revolver by Lanigan Red Deep Canyon
- 4th Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Laheens Reputation by Weeton Diamond Mine P444

Senior bull calf born between 1st September 2018 - 31st December 2018

- 1st John & Kate Tait's Westellen Rocky U838 by TC Freedom 104
- 2nd Eamon & John McKiernan's Knockmountagh Rupert by Mogeely Joe H979
- 3rd Thomas Beirne's Drumbeera Everest U241 by Caulry Nationwide
- 4th John & Kate Tait's Westellen Black Bush U839 by Bova Lord Bonanza N266

Junior bull calf born in 2019

- 1st John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Mandrin V847 by Mogeely Lord Harrow M191
- 2nd Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Sir by Drumgowna Norman
- 3rd Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Superman by Lisduff Dandy K895
- 4th Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding V William 993 by Glenade Prince Callan S331

Best Pair of Aberdeen-Angus cattle

- 1st John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Minree M415 & Liss Kim S641

- 2nd Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Rivaldo & Clooncarne Rivaldo
- 3rd Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 & Mogeely Flora R373
- 4th Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Ruda & Knockadrinan Rudie



Junior Champion, Clooncarne Princess



Junior Reserve and Junior Male Champion, Westellen Rocky U838



Reserve Junior Female, Lavally Lady Jacqui T363



Reserve Junior Male, Liss Mandrin V849



Leading pairs

Munster Provincial Trophy 2019 goes to Mogeely Aberdeen-Angus for the 8th Consecutive Year



Edward Dudley

Cheeklaw Jake Eric

The prestigious Munster Provincial Trophy (one of four regional awards to be handed out each year) was won by Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co Cork at Cork Show in June.

The DeCogans have claimed Munster's top showing accolade for the last eight consecutive years and took the title this time round with their senior stock bull, Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 (pictured here

at Barryroe Show where he also took supreme championship honours). This four-year-old bull is one of several stock bulls in use at the Mogeely Aberdeen-Angus herd and has claimed multiple First prize wins on the 2019 show circuit to date.

Meanwhile, Barryroe Show also marked the midway point in the annual Munster Aberdeen-Angus Club Calf Finals with Edward Dudley's Castlough Mister Bert U196 and Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Mogeely Pru U600 leading the contest in the male and female sections respectively.



Liss Herd wins the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championship for 2019

The annual All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships were staged at the Dualla Show this year with a large showing of cattle catalogued for the final major event of the summer season. All four provinces were represented on the day with the central location of this year's finals venue proving popular amongst exhibitors. Univet acted as a major sponsor for the event again this year and provided highly sought after Univet products to each of the winners in addition to the very substantial prize money that was on offer in each section. The Judge for the occasion was Mr Bernhard Delle from Germany and his appointment for judging duties marked the first time a non-Irish judge had officiated over proceedings in some years.



Supreme Aberdeen-Angus champion, Mogeely Dreamer T534

The supreme Aberdeen-Angus championship for 2019 was awarded to John & Sean McEnroe, Liss, Oldcastle, Co Meath with their intermediate stock bull, Mogeely Dreamer T534. This 23-month-old bull is one of a number of stock bulls in use for the Liss Aberdeen-Angus herd and was purchased at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association

Premier Sale in Carrick-On-Shannon last November. This one is sired by Wedderlie Blackbox J935, himself the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Champion back in 2016 and is out of Mogeely Daisy L159 who is a daughter of Mogeely Joe H979. The Liss Aberdeen-Angus herd have won the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus championships

several times previously and also held the distinction of exhibiting the largest number of cattle at this year's championships too.

The reserve supreme Aberdeen-Angus championship went to John & Kate Tait, Westwood, Rostellan, Midleton, Co Cork with their heifer calf, Westellen Dana U840. This one also took the overall junior Aberdeen-Angus championship on the day to stand on top of a very well contested junior section. This 11 month old heifer is sired by Shadwell Jafar Eric N658 and also took the reserve Munster Aberdeen-Angus junior female of the year prize earlier in the month. Judge Bernhard Delle commented on his final championship line-up, saying that both his champion and reserve were 'medium sized, well developed cattle that were representative of both the Aberdeen-Angus breed and what the consumer and processors demand and expect from Aberdeen-Angus cattle'.

The reserve senior Aberdeen-Angus championship went to Matthew & Rita Goulding, Kilmore, Ballyduff, Tralee, Co Kerry with Goulding R Missie 963. This yearling heifer has just reached her first birthday and was one of the youngest animals in contention for the overall senior title. This one is the latest in a long line of success stories for the Missie cow family at Goulding Aberdeen-Angus and is sired by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052.

The reserve junior Aberdeen-Angus championship went to Cathal & Cormac Duignan, Laheen House, Eslin Bridge, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim with their senior bull calf, Laheens Rock and Roll. This 11-month-old bull was sired by the legendary AI sire, Bohey Jasper and marked the second time in as many years that the Duignan Family have secured the reserve junior championship at the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus finals.



Reserve Supreme Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Westellen Dana U840



Reserve Senior Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Goulding R Missie 963



Reserve Junior Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Laheens Rock and Roll

Class Results



Senior Aberdeen-Angus bull born before 1st September 2017

- 1st Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 by Cardona Proud Punch L752
- 2nd Pat & Finbarr Cahill's Drumhill Lord Harry R635 by Nightingale Proud Jake G405
- 3rd Dr. Michael Sheahan's Luddenmore El Diablo T328 by Friarstown Praire Cloud N250

Intermediate Aberdeen-Angus bull born between 1st September 2017 - 31st August 2018

- 1st John & Sean McEnroe's Mogeely Dreamer T534 by Wedderlie Blackbox J935
- 2nd Bryan O' Halloran's Schivas Elijah U645 by Weeton Ronan P420
- 3rd Bernard Kerins' Kerins Revolver by Lanigan Red Deep Canyon
- 4th Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Laheens Reputation by Weeton Diamond Mine P444

Senior Aberdeen-Angus bull calf born between 1st September 2018 - 31st December 2018

- 1st Cathal & Cormac Duignan's Laheens Rock and Roll by Bohey Jasper
- 2nd Cathal & Cormac Duignan's Laheens Rolls Royce by HF Rebel 53Y
- 3rd Thomas Beirne's Drumbeera Everest U241 by Caulry Nationwide
- 4th John & Kate Tait's Westellen Black Bush U839 by Bova Lord Bonanza N266

Junior Aberdeen-Angus bull calf born between 1st January 2019 - 31st March 2019

- 1st Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding V William 993 by Glenade Prince Callan
- 2nd John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Mandrin V847 by Mogeely Lord Harrow M191
- 3rd Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Lord Hennessy V433 by Friarstown Evolver N274
- 4th Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Santa by Drumgowna Norman

Mixed sex Aberdeen-Angus calf born after 1st April 2019

- 1st Thomas Beirne's Drumbeera Lady Talia V250 by Caulry Nationwide

Senior Aberdeen-Angus cow with calf at foot born before 31st December 2016

- 1st Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Knockadrinan Blackbird P599 by Nightingale Dunbarr K551
- 2nd Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Mogeely Miylo P291 by Rosemead Karona J957
- 3rd John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Minree P415 by The Moss Ethelorange L132
- 4th Edward Dudley's Castlough Mystic Buffy N133 by Clontead Ecco

Junior Aberdeen-Angus cow with calf at foot born after 1st December 2016

- 1st John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Biluri T693 by Mogeely Lord Harrow M191

Senior Aberdeen-Angus heifer born between 1st September 2017 - 28th February 2018

- 1st Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Lady Helly U411 by Friarstown Evolver N274
- 2nd Eustace & Deirdre Burke's Clontead Lady Hotshot T243 by Shadwell Jafar Eric N658
- 3rd Liam McEvoy's Rath Osheen R Lady Jeey by Bunratty John G Dram

Intermediate Aberdeen-Angus heifer born between 1st March 2018 - 31st August 2018

- 1st Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding R Missie 963 by Netherallan Peter Pershore E052
- 2nd John Barlow
- 3rd Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Ruby by Drumgowna Norman

- 4th Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding R Philippa 919 by Oakchurch Dirk

Senior Aberdeen-Angus heifer born between 1st September - 31st December 2018

- 1st John & Kate Tait's Westellen Dana U840 by Shadwell Jafar Eric N658
- 2nd Eustace & Deirdre Burke's Clontead Pamela U265 by Aynho Rossiter Eric B125
- 3rd Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Ruda by Drumgowna Norman
- 4th John & Sean McEnroe's Liss Kim V835 by Nethererton Americano M703

Junior Aberdeen-Angus heifer born between 1st January - 31st March 2019

- 1st Matthew & Rita Goulding's Goulding V Patriot 988 by Glenard Prince Callan

Best matching pair of Aberdeen-Angus cattle

- 1st Cathal & Cormac Duignan

Junior young stockperson (aged under 17 years on 1st January 2019)

- 1st Colin Bourke
- 2nd Cillian Barlow
- 3rd Darragh Barlow
- 4th Steven McEvoy

Senior young stockperson (aged 17 - 27 years on 1st January 2019)

- 1st Marie McFadden
- 2nd Bryan O' Halloran
- 3rd Christopher Clinton
- 4th Christopher Clinton



1st prize Junior stock person, Colin Bourke



1st prize Senior stock person, Marie McFadden



1st prize winner, Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535



1st prize winner, Goulding V William 993



1st prize winning pair

Large Entry for Aberdeen-Angus at the 2019 Agri Expo

The Aberdeen-Angus Winter National calf show at Agri-Expo in Carlisle attracted the largest entry of the five pedigree sections with a turnout of 120 head which saw championship honours go to Alistair Clark, and his two sons, Alistair and Brian's Duncanziemere herd from Avisyard, Cumnock, Ayrshire.

The judge, leading Irish breeder, John McEnroe, owner of the Liss herd at Oldcastle, Co Meath, found his overall champion in the 10-month-old bull calf, Duncanziemere Sportsman V307, which had earlier picked up the male and calf championships on his way to the top.

This exciting calf attracted considerable ringside interest and was sold privately on the day for £14,000 in a joint purchase by Graham Massie for his Blelack herd at Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, and Jonathan and Lisa Doyle for their Drumhill herd at Cookstown, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

A son of the former Royal Highland Show reserve champion, Carruthers Grenadier R797, the champion is out of the home-bred cow, Duncanziemere Schelda P088, which has already produced two other calves which went on to be sold as stock bulls.

Reserve overall (for the second year running) female and yearling champion was one of three first prize winners from the Retties herd of Richard and Carol Rattie at Methven, Perth, the 15-month-old heifer, Retties Lady Rose U033, by the 2018 Royal Highland Show champion, Water End Payton N108 and out of the



Calf, Male and Overall Champion, Duncanziemere Sportsman

home-bred cow, Retties Lady Rose N271. The Retties also won the award for the best pair of Aberdeen-Angus.

The McCornick family from Boreland Farm Kirkcowan, Newton Stewart – Martin and Emma, and daughters Gemma and Kate – followed on from their Royal Highland Show triumph in June to take the reserve and yearling male championships with their 19-month-old bull, McCornick Pathfinder U465 by the same sire as their Ingliston champion, Skaill Dino P099, and out of the privately-bought, Halbeath Pam L428.

After parading the reserve champion in the “baby beef” open show, Stephanie Dick, Westerton, Cowie, Stirling, went on to carry off the reserve female and reserve yearling championships with the 20-month-old heifer, Crew Destiny U601, a daughter of Hallington Evo L333 and out of Crew Dakota L101, which has proved a great breeding cow in the Crew herd with her progeny including three bull calves.



Yearling, Female and Overall Champion Retties Lady Rose



Reserve Yearling and Reserve Overall Champion, Crew Destiny

RESULTS

Senior yearling bull

- 1st Martin McCornick's McCornick Pathfinder U465
- 2nd Alasdair Houston's Gretnahouse Black Bomb U999
- 3rd David and Sandy Watt's Swordale Elmo U263

Intermediate yearling bull

- 1st Gordon Gray's Etrick Gladiator U218
- 2nd Owen Tunney's Morpheus Rolex U045
- 3rd Chris and Janet Watmore's Holystone Dilly Dilly U474

Junior yearling bull

- 1st Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lionheart U037
- 2nd M and D Currie's Kingholm Real Pro U221
- 3rd M and D Currie's Kingholm Ding Dong U228

Senior bull calf

- 1st Alistair Clark's Duncanziemere Sportmans V307
- 2nd Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Exceptional V646
- 3rd Graeme Massie's Blelack Evening Standard V956

Intermediate bull calf

- 1st Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Elo V048
- 2nd Shadwell Estate's Shadwell Robin Hood V128
- 3rd Temple Farm's Temple Elvis V793

Junior bull calf

- 1st I and A Burgess' Abbey Quincy V334
- 2nd Gary Rock's Jackrock Porstmouth V023
- 3rd Rob Bishop's Warrenho Kind Prince V799

Senior bull calf

- 1st Gary Rock's Jackrock Pacman V027
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Paramount V052
- 3rd Gordon Gray's Etrick Batman V227

Junior bull calf

- 1st Owen Tunney's Morpheus Rebel V053
- 2nd Graeme Massie's Blelack Goliath V005
- 3rd Shadwell Estate's Shadwell Ely V153

Heifer with calf at foot

- 1st Owen Tunney's Cairnton Elizabeth T426 and calf, Morpheus Enigma V057

Senior yearling heifer

- 1st Stephanie Dick's Crew Destiny U601
- 2nd Dallas Allen's Stouphill Duchess Georgina U223
- 3rd Lucy Pittenrigh's Swordale Emerald U270

Junior yearling heifer

- 1st Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lady Rose U033
- 2nd Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Isabelle U035
- 3rd Chris and Janet Watmore's Holystone Dawn Chorus U484

Senior heifer calf

- 1st Temple Farm's Temple Jenevieve Erica V781
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lady Ruth V046
- 3rd Andrew Hodge's Rulesmains Fondare V163

Intermediate heifer calf

- 1st M and J O'Hara's Glenade Elba V446
- 2nd Graham Massie's Blelack Eyebright V955
- 3rd Owen Tunney's Mpppheus Roxy V048

Junior heifer calf

- 1st Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Kleo V647
- 2nd Daniel Whiteford's Borewell Pride V213
- 3rd Andrew Hodge's Rulesmains Priceless V183



Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Overall Champion, Glenade Elba



Reserve Bull Calf Champion, Jackrock Pacman

RESULTS

Baby heifer calf

- 1st Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Estorella V660
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lady Ruth V056
- 3rd D and K Graham's Carruthers Gerogie V011

Pairs

- 1st Temple Farm
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie
- 3rd Hamish and Margaret Sclater

Championship results

Overall, male and calf champion
Alistair Clark's Duncanziemere Sportsman V307

Reserve overall, female and yearling champion
Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lady Rose U033

Reserve female and reserve yearling champion
Stephanie Dick's Crew Destiny U601

Reserve male and yearling male champion
Martin McCornick's McCornick Pathfinder U465

Reserve calf champion and heifer calf champion
M and J O'Hara's Glenade Elba V446

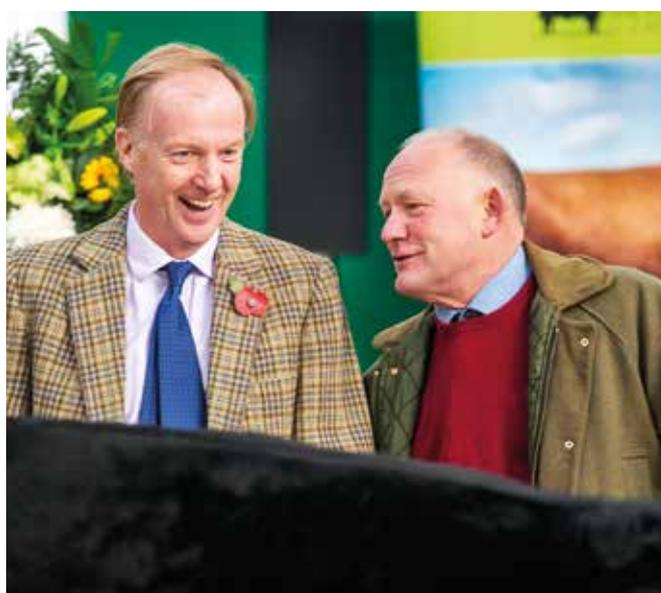
Reserve heifer calf champion
Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Estorella V660

Reserve bull calf champion
Jack Rock's Jackrock Pacman V027

Reserve yearling male champion
Gordon Gray's Ettrick Gladiator U218



Reserve Yearling Male Champion,
Ettrick Gladiator





Coolermoney and Clooncarne Herds Share the Limelight at the Irish National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show

The final major event of the Irish showing calendar took place during October with the National Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show attracting the cream of Aberdeen-Angus youngstock to The Showgrounds in Carrick-On-Shannon for the annual autumn showcase.

Cattle from both sides of the Irish border competed for the day's top prizes. All four provinces were well represented in the show ring with 12 entries catalogued for some of the classes. Judge for the occasion was Mr Dallas Allen of the Stouphill Aberdeen-Angus herd in Northumberland, UK who has officiated at several major events across Ireland and the UK and was incredibly pleased with the quality of the calves put forward on the day.

The overall female championship went to Adrian Parke & Family, 23 Coolermoney Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone NI with Coolermoney Rosita V924. This young heifer was born in March 2019 and is a daughter of Ayno Rossiter Eric B125 and also took First prize at the Ulster Summer Championships in Clogher Valley last July. This one is out the home-bred, Coolermoney Rosita J003 and was expertly shown by Gemma Parke alongside the enthusiastic assistance of her three daughters, Alesha, Amelia and Jasmine.

Local exhibitors Brian & Mary Faughnan, Bornacoola, Co Leitrim secured the reserve female championship with their 2019-born heifer, Molloy Sheena. This one is sired by Rawburn Enigmatic P886 and is out of Molloy Dee N165 who is also

dam of Molloy Deirdre R214 who won the overall female championship at the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Autumn Premier back in November 2016.

Thomas Mulligan & Family, Currycramp, Dromod, Co Leitrim reigned supreme in the male section, taking the top championship honours with Clooncarne Rossiter. This November 2018-born bull is sired by Westellen Diego M734 and is out of Currycramp Polly N362 and was shown extensively during the summer season. The Mulligan Family went on to collect 7 individual prizes with their home-bred team of male and female show calves – the largest haul of prizes of any single exhibitor at this year's show.

Familiar faces on the show circuit, Albert & Jennifer DeCogan, Killamuckey, Castlemartyr, Co Cork took the reserve male championship with their newly acquired junior stock bull, Drumbeera Everest U241. This one was bred by Thomas Beirne, Gortvagh, Co Leitrim and was sold privately at the end of a successful summer season, which saw this young bull collect numerous championships and prizes.



Supreme Female Champion, Coolermoney Rosita V924



1st prize winner, Coolermoney Lady Heather V935



Supreme Male Champion, Clooncarne Rossiter



Reserve Male Champion, Drumbeera Everest U241



1st prize winner, Mogeely Pru U600



1st prize winner, Knockadrinan Rudie

CLASS RESULTS

Heifer born between 1st September 2018 – 31st October 2018

- 1st Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Mogeely Pru U600 by Rosemead Karona J957
- 2nd John & Kate Tait's Westellen Dana U840 by Shadwell Jafar Eric N658
- 3rd Bernard Kerins' Kerins Reakemi by Luddenmore Fionn G441
- 4th Bernard Kerins' Kerins Riokemi by Luddenmore Fionn G441
- 5th Angela Armstrong McFadden's Crerogue Emere U537 by Blelack Elijah G747

Heifer born between 1st November 2018 – 31st December 2018

- 1st Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Rudie by Drumgowna Norman
- 2nd Thomas Mulligan's Clooncarne Rosanna 2 by Clooncarne Kyle
- 3rd Henry & Sam Dudley's Killea Patsy U499 by Killea Mojo R242

Heifer born between 1st January 2019 – 14th February 2019

- 1st Brian Faughnan's Molloy Sheena by Rawburn Enigmatic P886
- 2nd Geraldine Shanley's Aughnamona Sally by Netherton Americano M703
- 3rd Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Rachael V913 by Balmachie Jack Eric R206
- 4th John McEnroe's Liss Biluri V852 by Liss Darl R561
- 5th Thomas Mulligan's Clooncarne Savanna by Clooncarne Frank

Heifer born between 15th February 2019 – 31st March 2019

- 1st Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Rosita V924 by Aynho Rossiter Eric B125
- 2nd Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Sugartown V432 by Friarstown Evolver N274

Heifer born after 1st April 2019

- 1st Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Lady Heather V935 by Netherton Figo C244
- 2nd Bernard Kerins' Kerins Sasskemi by Owenmore Punch
- 3rd Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Sheila by Friarstown Evolver N274
- 4th Thomas Beirne's Drumbeera Lady Talia V250 by Caulry Nationwide
- 5th Kenton Crowe's Aughakil Martha V457 by Westellen Diego M734

Bull born between 1st September 2018 – 31st October 2018

- 1st John & Kate Tait's Westellen Black Bush U839 by Bova Lord Bonanza N266
- 2nd John & Kate Tait's Westellen Rocky U838 by TC Freedom 104
- 3rd Bernard Kerins' Kerins Rambo by Lanigan Red Mikado

Bull born between 1st November 2018 – 31st December 2018

- 1st Thomas Mulligan's Clooncarne Rossiter by Westellen Diego M734
- 2nd Albert & Jennifer DeCogan's Drumbeera Everest U241 by Caulry Nationwide
- 3rd Pat & Finbarr Cahill's Shankill Manix U163 by Drumhill Lord Harry R635
- 4th Brian Faughnan's Molloy Rocco by Netherton Mr Brazilian E377
- 5th Thomas Mulligan's Clooncarne Rivaldo by Westellen Diego M734

Bull born between 1st January 2019 – 14th February 2019

- 1st Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Ranger V902 by Blackbanner X1 of Idvies
- 2nd Thomas Mulligan's Clooncarne Superman by Lisduff Dandy K895
- 3rd Thomas Mulligan's Clooncarne Super Jet by Luddenmore Just The Business
- 4th John McEnroe's Liss Mandrin V847 by Mogeely Lord Harrow M191
- 5th John McEnroe's Liss Mortimer V845 by Mogeely Lord Harrow M191

Bull born between 15th February 2019 – 31st March 2019

- 1st Michael & Barry Smith's Lawsons Ford Lord Hennessy V433 by Friarstown Evolver N274
- 2nd Henry & Sam Dudley's Killea Black Raymond V556 by Killea Mojo R242
- 3rd Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Sir by Drumgowna Norman
- 4th Pat & Finbarr Cahill's Shankill Lord Haw V039 by Weeton Diamond Mine P444

Bull born on or after 1st April 2019

- 1st Bernard Kerins' Kerins Sparker by Rawburn Black Hawk L261
- 2nd Brian Faughnan's Molloy Santiago by Rawburn Black Hawk L261
- 3rd Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Stephen by Drumgowna Norman

4th Thomas Mulligan's Clooncarne San Andreas by Clooncarne Frank

5th Geraldine Shanley's Aughnamona Saporto by Drumcrow Laporto

Senior young stockperson, aged 14 – 18 years

- 1st John Smyth
- 2nd Jack Cronin
- 3rd Stephen Crowe
- 4th Sam Dudley

Junior young stockperson, aged 10 – 14 years

- 1st Fiona Mulligan
- 2nd Zara Sheahan
- 3rd Paul Bohan
- 4th Josh Cronin



1st prize winner, Coolermoney Ranger V902



1st prize winner, Lawsons Ford Lord Hennessy V433



1st Senior Young Stockperson, John Smyth with judge, Dallas Allen

Coolermoney Herd Wins the Plaudits at Northern Irish Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show



A fantastic event and a great advertisement for the breed was how Irish judge Niall Lynch described the Northern Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Club's 15th Annual Calf Show, hosted by Dungannon Farmers' Mart in early November this year. Mr Lynch said:

"There were some excellent calves on show and I had to make some difficult decisions. The top-placed entries in each class had very little between them, especially in the young calf classes. I thoroughly enjoyed the event, and I'd like to thank the Northern Ireland Club for its invitation and hospitality."

Securing the JB Lamb Memorial Cup and the Supreme Championship Honours, sponsored by the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association, was the senior bull calf champion Coolermoney Ranger V902 from Adrian and Graeme Parke's herd at Strabane. This nine-month-old calf is by the noted Black Banner X1 of Idvies, and is out of the prolific brood cow Coolermoney Raven L117 – one of nine cows in the herd ranked best small herd in 2019.

The supreme champion was described by the judge as a fantastic young bull. "He is a good square calf, very natural and oozing breed character. This one caught my eye as soon as he entered the showring."

Coolermoney Ranger V902 stood first in his class at Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association's National Calf Show, held at Carrick-on-Shannon in October.

Standing reserve in the bull calf championship line-up was the intermediate class winner Crew Dartagnan V737 ET from Samantha Allen, and nephew Allen Shortt, Strabane. Born in March 2019, he is by

Warrenho Dalmigavie G237, and bred from the former All-Ireland class winner Crew Dakota L102 - dam of the supreme champion at last year's Dunggannon Calf Show.

Claiming the heifer calf championship ribbons was the intermediate class winner Coltrim Lady Jane V047, bred by Neville and Ivan Forsythe, Moneymore. This eight-month-old heifer comes from the herd's noted Lady Jane cow family. She was sired by former stock bull Kiltariff Lord Tornado M433, and is bred from Coltrim Lady Jane R325 – one of 30 cows in the herd.

Runner-up was Birches Lady Jane V813, the junior heifer calf class winner, bred by the Matchett family – Nigel, Gail, Sarah and Sam from Portadown. This six-month-old calf is a daughter of the herd's stock sire Cheeklaw Emlyn P480 – reserve breed champion at Balmoral and winner of the 2017 All-Ireland Championship. Her dam is the privately purchased Carrigroe Miss Champion – one of 20 cows in the herd.

The senior classes were led by the yearling heifer champion Aughnahugh Elora U337 bred by Andrew Cromie,

who owns a herd of five pedigree cows. Born in May 2018, she is by Nethererton Mr Brazilian E377, and out of Old Glenort Eveline. This one was placed first at Newry Show, and won the reserve championship at Castlewellan.

Taking the reserve yearling championship was the November 2018 Woodvale Miss Annie U436 exhibited by Alwyn and Carol Armour and Sons, Dromara. Sired by the 12-cow herd's 5,000gns stock bull Oak Moor Mr Paul S311, he is bred from Woodvale Miss Annie N611.

The Matchett family won the trophy for the best pair of calves owned by an exhibitor. Runner-up was Fintan Keown from the Home Farm Herd based at Belleek.

NI Aberdeen-Angus Club chairman Alan Morrison congratulated the prize winners, and thanked Niall Lynch for judging the club's 15th annual show. "Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the day, especially the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association for its generous sponsorship; and the Wylie family for the use of the excellent facilities at Dungannon Farmers' Mart."



Coolermoney Ranger V902, bull calf champion and supreme overall champion

Results from the judging ring:

Young handlers



James Morrison, Maguiresbridge, winner of the Junior Young Handler Class

Junior handler, aged 8 to 13 years-old

- 1st James Morrison
- 2nd Pippa Troughton
- 3rd Joe Mallon



Bailey Smyth, Castlederg, winner of the Intermediate Young Handlers Class

Intermediate handler, aged 14 to 18 years-old

- 1st Bailey Smyth
- 2nd Molly Troughton
- 3rd James O'Rourke



1st prize Senior Young Handler Sam Matchett from Portadown

Senior handler, aged 19 to 24 years-old

- 1st Sam Matchett

Yearling classes

Senior yearling heifer, born January to August 2018

- 1st Andrew Cromie, Aughnahugh Elora U337 by Netherton Mr Brazilian E377
- 2nd Alan and Naomi Morrison, Drummeer Beauty U877 by Irelands Fletcher F1
- 3rd Alan Cheney, Lana Ewonder U576 by Lana Duke N627

Junior yearling heifer, born September to December 2018

- 1st Alwyn an Carol Armour and Sons, Woodvale Miss Annie U436 by Oak Moor Mr Paul S311
- 2nd Sarah and Sam Matchett, Birches Lady Jet U721 by Luddenmore Just Thebusiness P220

Senior yearling bull, born January to August 2018

- 1st Alan Cheney, Lana Elber U414 by Lana Eros R132
- 2nd Neville and Ivan Forsythe, Coltrim Peanut U907 by Kiltariff Lord Tornado M433

Junior yearling bull, born September to December 2018

- 1st Sarah and Sam Matchett, Laheens Rock and Roll by Bohey Jasper
- 2nd Neville and Ivan Forsythe, Coltrim Echo U992 by Kiltariff Lord Tornado M433
- 3rd Mrs Fiona Troughton, Tullybryan Lord Javinci U116 by Lisduff Leonard S387

Calf classes

Senior heifer calf, born in January or February 2019

- 1st Adrian and Graeme Parke, Coolermoney Rachel V913 by Balmachie Jack Eric R206
- 2nd James Mallon, Knockoneill Evening Tinge V794 by Luddenmore Just Thebusiness P220
- 3rd Freddie Davidson, Ember Princess Lil V553 by Cheeklaw Edgar R515

Intermediate heifer calf, born in March or April 2019

- 1st Neville and Ivan Forsythe, Coltrim Lady Jane V047 by Kiltariff Lord Tornado M433
- 2nd Adrian and Graeme Parke, Coolermoney Lady Heather V935 by Netherton Figo C244

- 3rd Alwyn and Carol Armour and Sons, Woodvale Tidy Bee V543 by Oak Moor Mr Paul S311

Junior heifer calf, born in May or June 2019

- 1st Sarah and Sam Matchett, Birches Lady Jane V813 by Cheeklaw Emlyn P480
- 2nd Fintan Keown, Home Farm Lady Halow V415 by Netherton Americano M703
- 3rd Fintan Keown, Home Farm Lady Highlight V404 by Netherton Americano M703

Senior bull calf, born in January or February 2019

- 1st Adrian and Graeme Parke, Coolermoney Ranger V902 by Black Banner X1 of Idvies
- 2nd Freddie Davidson, Ember Daniel V542 by Cheeklaw Edgar R515
- 3rd Callum McAleese and Emily Kyle, Tullyarmon Evolution V031 by Blelack Evolution R454

Intermediate bull calf, born in March or April 2019

- 1st Samantha Allen and Allen Shortt, Crew Dartagnan V737 ET by Warrenho Dalmigavie G237
- 2nd Alwyn and Carol Armour and Sons, Woodvale Lord Juggernaut V495 by Oak Moor Mr Paul S311
- 3rd Sarah and Sam Matchett, Birches Lord James V846 by Carrigroe Fred

Junior bull calf, born in May or June 2019

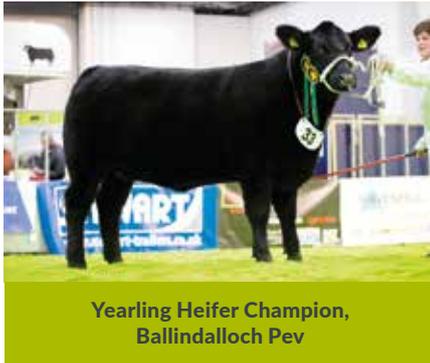
- 1st Sarah and Sam Matchett, Birches Lord Jacob V835 by Cheeklaw Emlyn P480
- 2nd Mrs Fiona Troughton, Tullybryan Lord Jonty V201 by Portauns Volcano P643
- 3rd Fintan Keown, Home Farm Lord Hardy V382 by Netherton Americano M703

Pair of calves, owned by exhibitor, born in 2019

- 1st Sarah and Sam Matchett, Birches Lord Jacob V835 and Birches Lord James V846
- 2nd Fintan Keown, Home Farm Lady Highlight V404 and Home Farm Lady Hallow V415
- 3rd Adrian and Graeme Parke, Coolermoney Rosita V924 and Coolermoney Lady Heather V935

Fulsome Praise For Aberdeen-Angus at Black Beauty Bonanza

Aberdeen-Angus breeders received warm accolades from the judge for an outstanding turn-out at the 21st Black Beauty Bonanza Calf Show at Thainstone Centre, Inverurie.



**Yearling Heifer Champion,
Ballindalloch Pev**

Northumberland breeder, Dallas Allen, whose experience as a judge includes officiating at the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Calf Show a month earlier, said the show of calves and yearling Aberdeen-Angus was the best he had ever judged.

“There was depth in every class and the first three or four in each of the 13 classes would have been worthy winners,” he said.

Mr Allen said the characteristics he was looking for were breed character, easy fleshing and good locomotion and he found that in all four champions.

“All the cattle I put to the top have a bright future ahead of them and the potential to make a real impact on the breed,” he said.

It was a successful day for the Macpherson-Grant family of Ballindalloch Home Farms – the new main sponsors of the annual show – who won the reserve heifer calf championship with the eight-month-old Ballindalloch Greta, by the home-bred Ballindalloch Earl, and went on to take the yearling heifer championship with the 20-month-old, Ballindalloch Pev U539, by Deveron Lookout.

The recently-retired Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, Clare Russell, took particular pleasure in presenting the championship awards. These went to her Farm Manager, David Johnstone, the current Chairman of the North East Aberdeen-Angus Club who organised the event, and his wife, Susan.

“It’s great to see the Ballindalloch herd back winning top awards,” said Mrs Russell, whose great grandfather, Sir George Macpherson-Grant, founded the Ballindalloch herd in 1860 and is recognised as one of the great founders of the Aberdeen-Angus breed.

Aberdeenshire breeder, Neil Wattie, and his son, Mark, of Mains of Tonley, Alford, repeated their success at the Stars of the Future at Stirling the previous week to carry off the heifer calf championship with their Stars of the Future junior champion, the ten-month-old, Tonley Lady Heather V591, by Blelack Evermore J231, a sire bought in Ireland as an older bull, and also stood reserve for the yearling bull championship with the 19-month-old, Tonley Jezza Eric U518, by Warrenho Emperor M425.

Also enjoying a double success was Stephanie Dick, Westerton, Cowie, Stirling, who took the reserve yearling heifer championship with the 20-month-old, Crew Destiny U601, an ET daughter of Hallington Evo. This followed on from her reserve female championship success at Agri Expo two weeks earlier, and the bull calf championship with the 10-month-old, Stephick Ezra V561, an ET son of Weeton Diamond Mine P444, a first prize winner at Stars of the Future.

Reserve bull calf champion was the seven-month-old, Retties Paramount V052, by Gretnahouse Blackpot P685, from Richard and Carol Rettie, Devonside, Clackmannan.

The Logie Herd of David Stubbs, AJR Farms, Mains of Collieston, Ellon, repeated their success of last year by winning the yearling bull championship, this time with the 19-month-old, Logie Endresult U812, by Isauld Prime S641.



**Reserve Yearling Heifer Champion,
Crew Destiny**



**Heifer Calf Champion,
Tonley Lady Heather**



**Reserve Heifer Calf Champion,
Ballindalloch Greta**



**Yearling Bull Champion,
Logie Endresult**

Championship results

Heifer calf: Neil and Mark Wattie, Mains of Tonley, Alford, with ten-month-old, Tonley Lady Heather V591, by Blelack Evermore J231

Reserve: Ballindalloch Home Farms with eighth-month-old, Ballindalloch Greta V565, by Ballindalloch Earl N397

Yearling heifer: Ballindalloch Home Farms with 20-month-old, Ballindalloch Pev U539, by Deveron Lookout R504

Reserve: Stephanie Dick, Westerton, Cowie, Stirling, with 20-month-old, Crew Destiny U601, by Hallington Evo L333

Bull calf: Stephanie Dick with 10-month-old Stephick Ezra V561, by Weeton Diamond Mine P444

Reserve: Richard and Carol Rettie, Devonside, Clackmannanshire, with seven month old, Retties Paramount, by Gretnahouse Blackpot P685

Yearling bull: AJR Farms, Mains of Collieston, Ellon, with 20-month-old, Logie Endresult U812, by Isauld Prime S641

Reserve: Neil and Mark Wattie with 19-month-old, Tonley Jezza Eric U518, by Warrenho Emperor M425

Pair home-bred calves: Robbie Galloway, Cardona, Doune with second prize seven-month-old bull calf, Cardona Exchequer V113, by Deveron Master Banbury L376, and fifth prize seven-month-old heifer calf, Cardona Ermus V096, by Fordel Magic Potion K359

Reserve: NF Massie and Sons, Blelack, Dinnet, Aboyne, with third prize ten-month-old bull calf, Blelack Eyebright V955, and second prize seven-month-old heifer calf, Blelack Poppy V957, both by Tonley Jester Eric S318

Pair home-bred yearlings: Hamish and Margaret Sclater, Denhead of Dunlugas, Turriff, with the Second prize, Deveron Legend U624 and the Third prize, Deveron Endurance U609, both seven-month-old sons of Deveron Lomax R510;

Reserve: Richard and Carol Rettie with 15-month-old, Retties Lady Rose U033, by Water End Payton N108 and Second prize 13-month-old, Retties Lionheart U037, by Gretnahouse Blackpot P685

New herd award: Karl Scott, Foggie Farm, South Brownhill, Turriff

Special prize for endeavour: Harvey Stuart (13), Glenlivet

Class results

Heifer calves

4th January - 1st March 2019

- 1st Neil and Mark Wattie's Tonley Lady Heather V591
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Eveline V045
- 3rd NF Massie and Sons' Blelack Eyebright V955

15th March - 8th April 2019

- 1st Ballindalloch Home Farms' Ballindalloch Greta V565
- 2nd NF Massie and Sons' Blelack Poppy V957
- 3rd AJR Farms' Logie Eyebright V926

10th April - 25th May 2019

- 1st Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Elize V665 and Deveron Elderberry V672
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lady Ruth V056
- 3rd Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Elderberry V672

Yearling heifers

29th January to 17th April 2018

- 1st Ballindalloch Home Farms' Ballindalloch Pev U539
- 2nd Stephanie Dick's Crew Destiny U601
- 3rd Hannah Heereema's Balavilhouse Rita U757

26th April - 10th October 2018

- 1st Ken and Margaret Howie's Cairnton Blackcap U430
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lady Rose U033
- 3rd Donald Rankin's Kilmaluag Lady Isobelle U035

Bull calves

1st - 31st January 2019

- 1st Stephanie Dick's Stephick Ezra V561
- 2nd Ewen and Gill Macgregor's Raddery Lothario V229
- 3rd NF Massie and Sons' Blelack Evening Standard V956

12th - 28th February 2019

- 1st AC Grant and Son's Varis Punch V133
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Elo V048
- 3rd Varis Petro V131

1st - 18th March 2019

- 1st Karl Scott's Foggie Edition V237;
- 2nd Ewen and Gill Macgregor's Raddery Exige V237;
- 3rd Charles McCombie's Auchincrieve Lord Inferno V437

19th - 30th March

- 1st Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Laidlaw V655
- 2nd Ballindalloch Home Farms' Ballindalloch Emperor V571
- 3rd Charles McCombie's Auchincrieve Jekyll Eric V454

1st - 27th April

- 1st Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Paramount V052
- 2nd Robbie Galloway's Cardona Exchequer V113
- 3rd Neil and Mark Wattie's Tonley Kante V609

28th April - 10th May

- 1st NF Massie and Sons' Blelack Equator V976
- 2nd Ewen Campbell's Kilmallie Jukebox Eric V343
- 3rd Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Evans V679

Yearling bulls

3rd March - 17th April 2018

- 1st AJR Farms' Logie Evolution U797
- 2nd Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Legend U624
- 3rd Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Endurance U609

21st April - 22nd December

- 1st Neil and Mark Wattie's Tonley Jezza Eric U518
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lionheart U037
- 3rd Ken and Margaret Howie's Cairnton Killimanjaro U435

Junior showmanship

Senior

- 1st Eion Cumming
- 2nd Mark Wattie
- 3rd Katie Meston

Intermediate

- 1st Aimee Stronach
- 2nd Craig Coutts
- 3rd Andrew Reid

Junior

- 1st Harvey Stuart
- 2nd Alex Crombie
- 3rd Jasmin Strachan

Triumph for Aberdeen-Angus in the Junior Native Breeds at Stars of the Future

An Aberdeen-Angus heifer triumphed to win the junior native breeds interbreed championship at the Stars of the Future calf show at Stirling.



Junior Aberdeen-Angus and Native Breed Interbreed Champion, Tonley Lady Heather

The heifer, Tonley Lady Heather V591, a 10-month-old daughter of Blelack Evermore J231, bought privately in Ireland as an older bull, and out of Blelack Lady Heather N202, had earlier been named junior breed champion for owner, Neil Wattie, and son, Mark, from Mains of Tonley, Alford. She was a fifth prize winner at Agri Expo at Carlisle a week earlier.

Aberdeen-Angus also came out top for the coveted Joe Watson Memorial Trophy for the best interbreed pair – open to both the native and continental breeds – which went to Stephanie Dick, Westerton, Cowie, Stirling, with her first prize senior bull calf, the 10-month-old Stepchick Ezra V561, by Weeton Diamond Mine P444, and his full sister, the third prize, Stepchick Emilie V563.

Judge, Robert Clarke, who manages the Shadwell herd in Suffolk, awarded the senior Aberdeen-Angus championship to the August, 2018-born bull, Ettrick Gladiator U218, from the first crop by the 17,000gns Linton Gilbertines President

S021, from Gordon and David Gray, Sunnycroft, Lindean, Selkirk, which was stepping up from reserve senior at Agri Expo. His dam, Ettrick Gaenor S174, is considered by the Grays as the best cow in their herd.

Husband and wife Richard and Carol Rettie, now based at Methven, Perth, went home with a clutch of prize tickets, including the reserve senior championship with a 15-month-old heifer being shown for the first time, Retties Elixir U032, by their home-bred sire, Retties JFK M195, which has sired bulls sold for up to 14,000gns, and out of Carlhurlie Elixir M889, bought for 6,500gns at the Carlhurlie dispersal.

Reserve amongst the juniors was the Agri Expo reserve female champion, Deveron Kleo V647, a March-born heifer calf by the 4,000gns Carlisle purchase, McCornick Kingkong S240, and out of Deveron Kleo R498, from Hamish and Margaret Sclater, Denhead, Dunlugas, Turriff.



Best interbreed pair, Stephanie Dick with Stepchick Ezra and Stepchick Emilie



Senior Champion, Aberdeen-Angus Champion, Ettrick Gladiator



Reserve Senior Champion, Aberdeen-Angus Reserve Champion, Retties Elixir



Reserve Junior Champion, Aberdeen-Angus Reserve Champion, Deveron Kleo



Championship Results

Senior: Gordon and David Gray's Ettrick Gladiator U218

Reserve: Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Elixir U032

Junior: Neil Wattie's Tonley Lady Heather V591

Reserve: Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Kleo R498

Class results

Senior yearling bull

- 1st Gordon and David Gray's Ettrick Gladiator U218
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Excel U031
- 3rd Mr and Mrs J Watmore's Holystone Dilly Dilly U474

Junior yearling bull

- 1st Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lionheart U037
- 2nd M and HD Currie's Kingholm Ding Dong U228
- 3rd Neil Wattie's Tonley Lord Hoffman U588

Yearling heifer

- 1st Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Elixir U032
- 2nd Brailes Livestock's Brailes Miss Ellie U036
- 3rd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lady Rose U033

Senior bull calf

- 1st Stephanie Dick's Stepick Ezra V561
- 2nd Andrew Hodge's Rulesmains Batman V165
- 3rd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Rob Roy V044

Intermediate bull calf

- 1st Karl Scott's Foggie Edition V237
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Elo V048
- 3rd KWW and EM Brown's Craigowmill Black Bamber V180

Junior bull calf

- 1st Robbie Galloway's Cardona Exchequer V133
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Paramount V052

- 3rd E Campbell's Kilmallie Jukebox Eric V343

Senior heifer calf

- 1st Neil Wattie's Tonley Lady Heather V591
- 2nd Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Eveline V045
- 3rd Stephanie Dick's Stepick Emilie V045

Intermediate heifer calf

- 1st Hamish and Margaret Sclater's Deveron Kleo V647
- 2nd Andrew Hodge's Rulesmains Priceless V183
- 3rd Neil Wattie's Tonley Elma V598

Junior heifer calf

- 1st Richard and Carol Rettie's Retties Lady Ruth V056
- 2nd Brailes Livestock's Brailes Black Beauty V055;
- 3rd Robbie Galloway's Cardona Ermus V096

Ringside: Scotland



ALYTH

Champion	Allan and Keith Rennie's five-year-old bull, Mosston Muir Excalibur P342
Reserve	Allan and Keith Rennie's four-year-old cow, Mosston Muir Estrelita R360
Judge	J Robertson

AYR

Champion	Alistair Clark and Sons' four-year-old bull, Carruthers Grenadier R797
Reserve	C Douglas with five-year-old cow, House Omuir Jace Erica R007
Judge	W McCrabbe, Ireland

BANCHORY

Champion	Graham and Fiona Willox's four-year-old cow, Carlhurlie Essence R087
Reserve	G Miller with yearling bull, Birkenbower Goliath U522
Judge	Alastair Fraser, Forfar

BERWICKSHIRE

Champion	Jim Ford and Ian Watson's yearling heifer, Kersquarter Passia U289
Reserve	Gordon Brooke Estate's yearling bull, Gordon Provander U300
Judge	A Clark, Jun, Cumnock

BLACK ISLE

Champion	A and K Rhind and Son's six-year-old bull, Oakchurch Equity N141
Reserve	Ballindalloch Home Farm's two-year-old heifer, Ballindalloch Black Bee U503
Judge	R Coghill, Watten

BORDER UNION

Champion	Dallas Allen's two-year-old heifer, Stouphill Quorum T208
Reserve	Jim Ford and Ian Watson's yearling heifer, Kersquarter Jipsey Erica U291
Judge	Neil Wattie, Alford

BRACO

Champion	Richard and Carol Rettie's yearling heifer, Retties Evita U005
Reserve	Richard and Carol Rettie's yearling bull, Retties Lordofthe Rings U015
Judge	J Duncan, Glasgow

CAITHNESS

Champion	J and J Gunn's two-year-old heifer, Tonley Ester T435
Reserve	D and M Tait's yearling bull, Inkstack Emblem U813
Judge	Craig Malone, Cardenden

CENTRAL AND WEST FIFE

Champion	Donald Rankin's yearling heifer, Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220
Reserve	R and C Rettie's yearling bull, Retties Lord of the Rings
Judge	B Campbell, Alnwick

COYLTON

Champion	W and El Brown's yearling bull, Drumdow Rasper U335
Judge	Ian Nimmo, Bogside, Newmains

DALRY	
Champion	R Dunlop's two-year-old heifer, Raethorn Edwina T034
Judge	Brian Clark, Cumnock

DOUNE AND DUNBLANE	
Champion	Richard and Carol Rettie's yearling heifer, Retties Evita U005
Reserve	Andrew Mylius and Partners' yearling bull, St Fort Esky Loch
Judge	Ken Brown, Ledlanet

DRYMEN	
Champion	D and M Lyle's yearling bull, Logan Bar Emperor U147
Reserve	Stephanie Dick's yearling heifer, Crew Destiny U601
Judge	J Hodge, Rothesay

DUMFRIES	
Champion	Donald and Kerry Graham's yearling heifer, Carruthers Elspeth U116
Reserve	Henry Duncan's yearling bull, Longbank Jack Eric U873
Judge	Jim Ford, Kelso

ECHT	
Champion	Neil and Mark Wattie's six-year-old cow, Tonley Jay Erica N925
Reserve	Graham and Fiona Willox's two-year-old heifer, Cardenwell Miss Bluebell T102
Judge	Charles McCombie, Huntly

FETTERCAIRN	
Champion	Graham and Fiona Willox's four-year-old cow, Carlhurlie Essence R087
Reserve	Graham and Fiona Willox's two-year-old heifer, Cardenwell Miss Bluebell T102
Judge	A Telford, Berwick

FIFE	
Champion	Allan and Keith Rennie's four-year-old cow, Mosston Muir Estrelita R360
Reserve	Brailes Livestock's two-year-old heifer, Cheeklaw Black Beth T597
Judge	Ian Anderson, Cumnock

GARGUNNOCK	
Champion	Hereford
Reserve	Stephanie Dick's yearling heifer, Crew Destiny U601
Judge	R Reid, United Auctions

GLENDALE	
Champion	Dallas Allen's two-year-old heifer, Carlhurlie Quorum T208
Judge	L Allan

GRANTOWN	
Champion	Neil and Mark Wattie's yearling bull, Tonley Excel U490
Reserve	Ballindalloch Home Farm's two year old heifer, Ballindalloch Black Bee U503
Judge	Mrs Wendy Willox, Huntly

HADDINGTON	
Champion	A Renton and Mrs S Redden's three-year-old cow, Schivas Lady S398
Reserve	Jim Ford and Ian Watson's yearling heifer, Kersquarter Passia U289
Judge	S Braid, Moffat

KEITH	
Champion	Neil and Mark Wattie's yearling bull, Tonley Excel U490
Reserve	A and K Rhind and Son's six-year-old bull, Oakchurch Equity N141
Judge	Craig Douglas, Penrith

KIRRIEMUIR	
Champion	Donald Rankin's yearling heifer, Kilmaluag Lady Iris T220
Reserve	FJ Fraser and Son's two-year-old heifer, Idvies Eugene T801
Judge	Ms M Clarke, Montrose

Ringside: Scotland



NAIRN	
Champion	A and K Rhind and Son's six-year-old bull, Oakchurch Equity N141
Reserve	Mrs Lena Forbes' 10-year-old cow, Lochdhu Ellie J772
Judge	Hamish Sclater, Turriff

PERTH	
Champion	Brailes Livestock's two-year-old heifer, Cheeklaw Black Beth T597
Reserve	Richard and Carol Rettie's yearling heifer, Retties Evita U005
Judge	Alastair Cormack, Duns

NEW DEER	
Champion	Neil and Mark Wattie's six-year-old cow, Tonley Jay Erica N925
Reserve	Bruce MacAngus' yearling bull, Schivas Black Dog U641
Judge	Sandy Norrie, Turriff

STIRLING	
Champion	Brailes Livestock's yearling bull, Schivas Methlick Boy U638
Reserve	Stephanie Dick's yearling heifer, Crew Destiny U601
Judge	Mark Wattie, Alford

NEWMILNS	
Champion	Wm Young's two-year-old heifer, Skerrington Ellen Erica T292
Reserve	HEREFORD
Judge	C Wight, Biggar

STRANRAER	
Champion	W and EI Brown's yearling bull, Drumdow Rasper U335
Reserve	BEEF SHORTHORN
Judge	A Hastings, Stranraer

ORKNEY COUNTY	
Champion	JS Baillie and Co's 14-month-old heifer, Sebay Jilt U397
Reserve	Colin Davidson's yearling bull, Skail Deric U876
Judge	Carol Rettie, Methven

SUTHERLAND	
Champion	TJ and G Maclean's yearling heifer, Raddery Purdey U215
Reserve	Hamish Polson's three-year-old cow, Spittal Shore Prim S407
Judge	Ms Catherine Williamson, Kingussie

PEEBLES	
Champion	Beef Shorthorn
Reserve	Jim Ford and Ian Watson's yearling heifer, Kersquarter Passia U289
Judge	J Dyet

TURRIFF	
Champion	Graham and Fiona Willox's three-year-old cow, Cardenwell Miss Blossom
Reserve	A and K Rhind and Son's six-year-old bull, Oakchurch Equity N141
Judge	Alex Sanger, Montrose

Ringside: England & Wales



ALRESFORD	
Champion	A E and C R Bishop's two-year-old heifer, Warrenho Emerald T664
Reserve	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Jubilant Eric U727
Judge	K Hasemore

GARSTANG	
Champion	W J Ashworth's two-year-old heifer, Blackrodian Evita T190
Reserve	W J Ashworth's yearling heifer, Blackrodian Evita U205
Judge	Mr Jackson, Leyland

BUCKS COUNTY	
Champion	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Jubilant Eric U727
Reserve	Glympton Farms' two-year-old heifer, Glympton Eileen T144
Judge	Nigel Hammill, Macclesfield

GILLINGHAM AND SHAFTESBURY	
Champion	Colin J Hutchings' four-year-old bull, Balgay Elfhelm R368
Reserve	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Jubilant Eric U727
Judge	B R Butler, Holsworthy

DEVON	
Champion	Angus Neish's three-year-old cow, Rodmead Bonnie Lass S774
Reserve	Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's five-year-old cow, Temple Lolly Pop P582
Judge	Dave Murray, Forfar

HERTFORDSHIRE	
Champion	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Raymond U737
Reserve	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Empiric U716
Judge	Keith Jempson, Oxford

DUNSTER	
Champion	Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's five-year-old cow, Temple Lolly Pop P582
Reserve	C J and J L M Hutchings and Sons' four-year-old bull, Balgay Elfhelm R368
Judge	M Stoker, Wiltshire

LINCOLNSHIRE	
Champion	Shadwell Estate Co's yearling bull, Shadwell Evolution T003
Reserve	D and P A Evans' three-year-old cow, Tree Bridge Polly Perkins S626
Judge	Angus Baillie, Formby

EDENBRIDGE	
Champion	A E and C R Bishop's yearling heifer, Warrenho Lady Heather U717
Reserve	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Jubilant Eric U727
Judge	John Coultrip, Kent

NORTH SOMERSET	
Champion	Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's five-year-old cow, Temple Lolly Pop P582
Reserve	P J and K E Westaway's two-year-old heifer, Melview Diva T293

Ringside: England & Wales



NORTHUMBERLAND

Champion	P J and A Turnbull's two-year-old bull, Buckhurst Lord Hurricane T212
Reserve	W and S Chrystal's Wingate Grange Patience
Judge	Robert Clarke, Suffolk

PEMBROKESHIRE

Champion	Melview Farming's five-year-old cow, Melview Kocoa P58
Judge	A Thomas, Haverfordwest

ROMSEY

Champion	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Jubilant Eric U727
Reserve	A E and C R Bishop's yearling heifer, Warrenho Lady Heather U717
Judge	Robert Clarke, Suffolk

ROYAL BATH AND WEST

Champion	Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's five-year-old cow, Temple Lolly Pop P582
Reserve	Angus Neish's yearling bull, Rodmead Poseidon U893
Judge	Dallas Allen, Alnwick

ROYAL BERKSHIRE

Champion	A E and C R Bishop's two-year-old heifer, Warrenho Emerald T664
Reserve	K Westaway's heifer calf, Melview Kitkat V313
Judge	James Playfair-Hannay, Kelso

ROYAL CHESHIRE

Champion	Owen Tunney's three-year-old cow, Morpheus Rosebud S028
Reserve	Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's five-year-old cow, Temple Lolly Pop P582
Judge	R Jackson

ROYAL CORNWALL

Champion	Owen Tunney's three-year-old cow, Morpheus Rosebud S028
Reserve	Temple Farm (Chedzoy) Ltd's five year old cow, Temple Lolly Pop P582
Judge	R Jackson

ROYAL CORNWALL

Champion	C J and J L M Hutchings and Sons' four-year-old bull, Balgay Elfhelm R368
Reserve	I D and D Rowe's two year old heifer, Bosullow Pride T453
Judge	Angela McGregor, Oldmeldrum

ROYAL NORFOLK

Champion	Shadwell Estate Co's yearling bull, Shadwell Evolution T003
Reserve	Marsden Farms' four-year-old cow, Liley Kinannie R173
Judge	Neil Wattie, Alford

Ringside: England & Wales



ROYAL THREE COUNTIES

Champion	Angus Neish's three-year-old cow, Rodmead Bonnie Lass S774
Reserve	Glympton Farms' two-year-old heifer, Glympton Pride Jean T127
Judge	Alex McLaren, Northampton

RUTLAND

Champion	Duncan Jeary's two-year-old heifer, Briston Evergold U144
Judge	C Green, Leicester

RYEDALE

Champion	P J and A Turnbull's two-year-old heifer, Fox Foot Black Beeswings T601
Reserve	P J and A Turnbull's two-year-old bull, Buckhurst Lord Hurricane T212
Judge	J Musk, Bury St Edmunds

SOUTH OF ENGLAND

Champion	P C Stovold and Son's yearling heifer, Rosemead Jessica U012
Reserve	A E and C R Bishop's yearling bull, Warrenho Jubilant Eric U727
Judge	M Clarke, Forfar

SOUTH SUFFOLK

Champion	Shadwell Estate Co's yearling heifer, Shadwell Pam T941
Reserve	Shadwell Estate Co's yearling bull, Shadwell Evolution T003
Judge	D Sapsed

STOKESLEY

Champion	D and P A Evans' three-year-old cow, Tree Bridge Polly Perkins S626
Reserve	Juliet Swires' yearling heifer, Cragg Minnea Belle U150
Judge	Daniel Whiteford, Berwick on Tweed

SUFFOLK

Champion	Mr and Mrs Nicholas Reid's five-year-old cow, Overbury Hall Passiflora P020
Reserve	Shadwell Estate Co's yearling bull, Shadwell Evolution T003
Judge	Andrew Elliot, Galashiels

WESTMORLAND

Champion	Lucy Pittendrigh's yearling heifer, Swordale Emerald U270
Reserve	L G Metcalfe's yearling bull, Atlanta Lord Hector U120
Judge	Nigel Hammill, Macclesfield

Ringside: Northern Ireland



ANTRIM	
Champion	The Matchett Family's Birches Lady Holly T301
Reserve	Fiona McKeown's Ashvale Victoria T204
Judge	Thomas Beirne

LONDONDERRY / LIMA VADY	
Champion	McAleese & Kyle's Macknagh Mills Evora R624
Reserve	Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Rachel V913
Judge	Robin Lamb

ARMAGH	
Champion	Freddie Davidson's Ember Daniel U402
Reserve	Mills & Johnston's Dartrey Della U843
Judge	Gerry Lynch

LURGAN	
Champion	The Matchett Family's Birches Lady Holly T301
Reserve	Fiona McKeown's Ashvale Victoria T204
Judge	Cyril Millar

BALLYMONEY	
Champion	Catherine O'Hara's Goulding Belinda U906
Reserve	McAleese & Kyles's Tullyarmon Everest T016
Judge	Stephen Wallace

NEWRY	
Champion	E & J McClelland's Brookhall Emma T195
Reserve	Fiona Troughton's Tullybryan Picasso U094
Judge	Gary Hanna

CASTLEWELLAN	
Champion	E & J McClelland's Brookhall Emma T195
Reserve	Andrew Cromie's Aughnahugh Elora U337
Judge	Eamon McKiernan

OMAGH	
Champion	Adrian Parke's Coolermoney Frazer U865
Reserve	Fiona Troughton's Granabeg Enola Maiden T321
Judge	Gerry Lynch

CLOGHER VALLEY	
Champion	SJ Smyth's Glen Cowie Jackie Erica F096
Reserve	Moses Irwin's Denamona Princess Caroline U824
Judge	Angela McGregor

SAINTFIELD	
Champion	The Matchett Family's Birches Lady Holly T301
Reserve	Jim, Valerie & Emily Peters' Corriewood Ellennium Flojo U522
Judge	Alan Morrison

FERMANAGH	
Champion	Fintan Keown's Clontead Lady Highlight N154
Reserve	Alan Cheney's Lana Elber U414
Judge	J J Farrell

Ringside: Ireland



ARVA	
Champion	T. Mulligan's Clooncarne Princess
Reserve	T. Reynolds' Knockadrinan Ruda
Judge	John Farrell

BALLYVOURNEY	
Champion	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
Reserve	Michael Dullea's Deelish Reputation
Judge	Derek Lovell

BANDON	
Champion	A De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
Reserve	J O'Brien's Clooncolligan Minnie
Judge	Michael Horan

BARRYROE	
Champion	A De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 & Male Interbreed Champion
Reserve	A De Cogan's Mogeely Flora R373 & Interbreed Female Champion
Judge	John Ludgate

BELGOOLY	
Champion	G Ryan's Ryans Ramona
Judge	Clive Jennings

BONNICONLON	
Champion	Tom Reynolds' Knockadrinan Bellman
Reserve	Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Superman
Judge	John Lynch

CAPPAMORE	
Champion	P Murray's Shingaun Samuel
Reserve	K Vickery's Carbery Renne Nicole
Judge	Grainne Horan

CARBERY	
Champion	A De Cogan's Mogeely Flora R373
Reserve	A De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
Judge	Henry Dudley

CHARLEVILLE	
Champion	Thomas Beirne's Drumbeera Everest U241
Reserve	John O'Brien's Clooncolligan Minnie
Judge	Ben Ryall

CLONASLEE	
Champion	Edward Dudley's Castlough Mister Bert U196
Reserve	Pat Murray's Shingaun Samuel
Judge	Seamus Neary/ John Searson

CLOONE	
Champion	Thomas Beirne's Drumbeera Everest U241
Reserve	Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Princess
Judge	Derek Lovell

CORK	
Champion	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
Reserve	Albert De Cogan's Mogeely Flora R373
Judge	Jim Forrestal

Ringside: Ireland



DUALLA

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DUNDALK

Champion	E & J McKiernan's Knockmountagh Pansy
Reserve	E & J McKiernan's Knockmountagh Rupert
Judge	Nigel Matchett

DUNGARVAN

Champion	A De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535 and Interbreed Champion
Reserve	A De Cogan's Mogeely Flora R373
Judge	Tennyson Egar

DUNMANWAY

Champion	Albert De Cogan's Mogeely Flora R373
Reserve	Albert De Cogan's Cheeklaw Jake Eric R535
Judge	Edward Jeffery

ENNISCRONE

Champion	S Brennan's Kerins Perkemi
Reserve	G Horan's Coolcran Raven
Judge	Pat Sheedy

FINGALL

Champion	T Reynolds' Knockadrianan Rudie
Reserve	E & J McKiernan's Knockmountagh Rubert
Judge	Shane Healy

GRANARD

Champion	Thomas Beirne's Drumbeera Everest U241
Reserve	Thomas P Reynolds' Knockadrianan Ruda
Judge	John Farrell

LIMERICK

Champion	G Ryan's Ryans Ringo
Reserve	D McCarthy's Lemonfield Santorini
Judge	Jim Dockery

LONGFORD

Champion	T. Beirne's Drumbeera Everest U241
Reserve	Tom Mulligan's Clooncane Princess
Judge	Pat Cahill

MOHILL

Champion	T Mulligan's Clooncarne Princess
Reserve	C & C Duignan's Laheens Rebel 485
Judge	A De Cogan

MULLINGAR

Champion	T. Beirne's Drumbeera Everest U241
Reserve	Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Princess
Judge	P.Farrell & D Lovell

OLDCASTLE

Champion	T Beirne's Drumbeera Everest U241
Reserve	J McEnroe's Liss Minree M415
Judge	Robin Lamb

Ringside: Ireland



TRIM	
Champion	J McEnroe's Liss Minree M415
Reserve	J McEnroe's Mogeely Dreamer
Judge	Nigel Matchett

VIRGINIA	
Champion	John McEnroe's Liss Biluri M412
Reserve	P & F Cahill's Shankill Manix U163
Judge	Michael Flanagan

Tullamore:	
Overall Senior Champion	Gerard Kilgallon's Mayo Karin
Reserve Overall Senior	John McEnroe's Liss Kim S641
Overall Junior Champion	Tom Mulligan's Clooncarne Princess
Reserve Overall Junior	J & K Tait's Westellen Rocky U838
Judges	Brian Clarke/ Bob Switzer/ Sam Coleman

Provincial Trophies

Ulster

Antrim Show – S & S Matchett's Birches Lady Holly T301

Leinster

Trim Show – J McEnroe's Liss Minree M415

Munster

Cork Show – A De Cogan's Cheklaw Jake Eric R535

Connaught

Mohill Show – C & C Duignan's Laheens Rebel



Tullamore Champion Mayo Karin

Obituaries

Bill Bruce

Leading North-east of Scotland housebuilder Bill Bruce, who in later years made his name as a breeder of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, has died aged 86.

Mr Bruce was former chairman of Barratt Scotland and deputy chairman of the Barratt Group and founder of the family business, Scotia Homes, now run by his son, Martin. He started the Logie Aberdeen-Angus herd on his farm near Ellon in Aberdeenshire in the mid-1990s. Mr Bruce created a sensation at the Perth bull sales in February, 2000, with a telephone bid of 16,000gns – a record at the time for an Aberdeen-Angus female – for the female champion, Skail Delia Y288, from Colin Davidson, Skail, Sandwick, Orkney.

Delia made a huge impact on the herd, her sons including Logie Daredevil D255, champion at the Royal Show in 2006 for Colin Hutchings and breed and inter-breed champion at the Royal Bath and West.

More recent stock bulls have included Blelack Lord Hildago H972, supreme champion at Stirling in February, 2010, when purchased for 25,000gns and Idvies Kollar J431, purchased the following year for 11,000gns.

Lord Hildago sired Logie Politician L137, bull calf champion at the Black Beauty Bonanza and yearling bull champion the following year, before going on to win the reserve male championship at the Royal Highland Show and selling at Stirling in February, 2013, for 8,500gns to Skail.

Kollar's successes in the show ring included the supreme championship at the Highland in 2013. Two senior championships were won at Stirling with Logie Prize Bruce N328 (6,000gns) in 2013 and Logie Davidthebruce N338 (5,000gns) in 2015, both by Glenbuchat Bruce K149, senior champion at Stirling in 2012 when purchased for 12,000gns.

The herd was a regular winner at the Black Beauty Bonanza which Scotia Homes generously supported for several years as main sponsor.

A herd reduction sale in 2016 saw a top price of 8,000gns for the six-year

-old cow, Logie Eyebright K022, and her heifer calf, to David Stubbs of AJR Fasteners, who later bought the entire herd privately.

Mr Bruce is survived by his wife, Margaret, daughters Valerie and Gillian, son, Martin, and their families, and younger brother, Norman.

Andrew Denning

I first got to know Andrew, Judith and the family over 10 years ago, and have worked with them and their herd of Angus cattle since then. Andrew had always been so much more than a client. He had become a friend, a confidante and someone I have always thoroughly enjoyed working with. I feel lucky to have crossed paths with him.

Andrew was the youngest of three siblings, born nearly 10 years later than Christine, and 13 years later than Pauline. Christine remembers the night that Andrew was born very well when they heard him cry and were allowed to see him for the first time – It was the 29th November 1963. Andrew's sisters both looked after him, helping out by taking him for walks around the farm or pushing him to the village in his black & white pram. He was a very active toddler, very keen to get out on the farm to see what was going on – hence the scar on his top lip from where he slipped trying to escape from the downstairs window!

Andrew attended Bawdrip Infants then Chedzoy Junior, progressing to Sydenham School. Finally he went to Brymore School in Cannington before coming home to work for his Dad on Temple Farm. Together they milked cows, made hay, and supplied apples to Norman Fry where they would help him make cider – and then of course taste it! When Pauline married Bryan and moved away to Yew Tree Farm, he would often go and stay with them in the summer to help. A memorable trip to Bath and West Show with his Dad saw Andrew have a tad too much to drink, resulting in him being very much worse for wear during the night. However it was his Dad who got the blame for letting him get in that state in the first place!

Andrew was an active member of Bridgewater Young Farmers Club, taking part in every activity going, including appearing on the Carnival float dressed as a rabbit one year, and rumour has it there is pictorial evidence of him dressed as a nun another! John House, long time partner in crime and Andrew and Judith's neighbour at Temple Farm recalled – "Andrew was always the dependable one of Bridgewater YFC – if they needed a volunteer, he was always the first to raise his hand – whether it was stockjudging, entertainments, skittles or general social events, he was always there. Andrew especially loved the carnival float and the making the scenery for the entertainments. He would put hours into it. On one occasion after taking the carnival cart to Glastonbury Carnival, Andrew was travelling home with a group of friends when they stopped off for a drink. The driver was keen to head home but Andrew and friends were more interested in trying to jump onto a nearby post box – like you would – sadly they were all just a bit too short. Even on his stag do Andrew fell asleep on a garden wall in Bawdrip. All was well that ended well however – he managed to talk his way into a free lift home with the local bobby! Many really good times have been spent with Andrew and Judith, whether at YFC, holidays, family gatherings or just popping in for a chat. I know that along with myself and my family we are all the better for knowing him".

The Temple Herd of Aberdeen-Angus has become renowned across the UK. A combination of great breeding nous and hard work at home has resulted in a fantastic herd of animals which have achieved incredible success across the country at local, county, regional and National shows. Andrew has played a huge part in that rise to fame, but the phenomenal teamwork between the whole family is a huge credit to them all and an inspiration to all who encounter them. Whilst Judith is perhaps the chief coordinator of the show effort, there were a couple of shows a year that Andrew would tend to consider to be "his". The South West Calf Show in Cornwall was very much a show that Grace and Andrew would do together.

So when Grace and Sam took calves to Cornwall just days after their recent tragedy it was fitting tribute to their Dad that they came back with trophies and Championships galore. Being a show Grace and Andrew used to do together, Grace was determined to do it for her Dad.

Owen Tunney, vet and fellow cattle breeder, recalls memories of another of Andrew's favourite shows, Cheshire County - "Since June 2012 Andrew made the annual pilgrimage to the Royal Cheshire County Show for what I am told was his annual leave from duty and a show he really looked forward to. He would turn up late the night before showing with a small team of perfectly prepared cattle, as is the norm for the Denning show team, joined on a couple of occasions by one of the girls. But it was Andrew's show really, and to that end even on the occasion when he didn't have any cattle to bring to the show he wasn't prepared to miss the jolly. He made his way there just to help the other exhibitors out and was very much appreciated. As soon as he arrived Andrew could be found in the cattle lines in deep conversation with anybody who had time to spare and chat - a reflection of the type of man he was - so easy to get along with - as anyone who has shared a mug of coffee or a cider will attest. Or if you were lucky enough a glass of the homemade rhubarb vodka will confirm he was a really genuine down to earth hardworking guy."

"With Andrew conversation could revolve around anything from hog roasts to politics but would always come around to an update on his family. Andrew's sense of pride and joy in his family and their achievements was clear to all. Be it Samuel, Jess, Megan, his grandchildren or the latest award Grace had won, he was always happy to chat about it all. Andrew always left the show as he had arrived at it, in good spirits and with a smile on his face. He has become one of the locals and his presence will be greatly missed by those who have been lucky enough to make his acquaintance at Tabley Showground."

Of course it will be his close family that will miss him most. Jess, Sam and Meg all remember the days when their Dad used to let them sneak into the parlour to watch him milk the cows or let them dip a cup into the bulk tank and

drink some of the lovely creamy milk after milking. He would always have the radio on in the parlour and in the tractor. One of Jess's earliest memories was singing along to the Katrina and the Waves hit "Walking on Sunshine" whilst sitting next to him turning hay. Childhood is made of memories like that, and so it was with Andrew.

This past September, 3-year-old Grandaughter Olivia stayed at Temple Farm and still talks about picking blackberries with Granddad. Doubtless most of them were eaten way before they ever made it back to the kitchen. What did get home would have been made into his favourite apple and blackberry crumble with lashings of cream. Baby Arya, his youngest granddaughter, and Olivia will certainly miss their special cuddles.

Judith and Andrew first met at the YFC Rally at Kingston St Mary in 1985, and you could say it was attraction at first sight! Judith was 16 at the time, just about to turn 17, and was a member of Wells and Glastonbury Young Farmers, while Andrew was with the Bridgewater Club. They quickly became a couple, and were engaged on 20th December then married the following September, in 1988. Jess was born 14 months later, in November 1989, followed three years apart by first Sam, then Meg, and then the latecomer, young Grace. Andrew was truly Judith's other half - always the other half of everything - and the lynchpin of everything. He was truly the person who made things tick and the one who made everything possible. He was a proud Dad of all of his children, and a very proud Granddad of Olivia and Arya. There are 2 daughters he will never have the chance to walk down the aisle, and of course the grandchildren who will miss out on cuddles with Granddad, a farm that misses its tick, a house that's missing its master, and a partner and best friend with no one to talk to. Andrew's family embodies Andrew as the family man who touched many in different ways, from different spheres, but was dearly loved by all who feel incredibly lucky to have met him.

Dave Coombs

Joyce Dalton

Joyce Dalton passed away 16th September 2019, peacefully at home after a short illness.

Joyce had a great passion for her Crake Herd which she had put together with her husband Raymond. Before the cattle Joyce bred Welsh Mountain ponies, winning at many shows with her stallion Ifor. The Aberdeen-Angus cattle herd was formed in 1990 with the first pedigree cattle coming from the Aneiba, Cubbyhill, and Stoney Raikes Herds. She purchased many bulls from The Moss Herd but the most popular bull she had was Stoney Raikes Ping Pong. Latterly Joyce became interested in Angus from non-imported blood lines purchasing bulls from Dunlouse and Champagne Herds. Joyce was a very active member in the Penwac Club, hosted farm visits for the club, and always baked cakes and helped to put up and man the Penwac exhibition stand. Joyce was a great seamstress she made teddy bears and won many 1st prizes at Cartmel Show, she also sewed for the club making our Angus tartan tablecloths. She was a good contributor at our meetings and not afraid to give her opinion. She will be very much missed by myself and the club. Her last wishes were that her cattle would go together. This has been achieved and they are all at a newly formed herd in Cheshire.

We offer Raymond and family our sincere sympathy.

Mary Hamnett

Jim Donald

Lifelong Aberdeen-Angus enthusiast, Jim Donald, who with his father, James, carried on the family's renowned Gaidrew herd through the 1950s following the death of founder, William Donald, in 1950, and later became a successful exhibitor of fatstock, has died at the age of 85.

Jim was born on 19th March 1934, at his grandfather's farm of Braehead at Bellshill, near Glasgow, and spent his early years among the coal bings and steelworks of what was then the industrial heart of Scotland.

But he took a keen interest in cattle and always looked forward to visits with his

father to see his uncle's Aberdeen-Angus herd at Gaidrew, near Drymen. The small Gaidrew herd, founded by William Donald, a retired Glasgow banker, in 1928 with four females purchased for a combined total of £190, was the leading herd in the breed at the time, largely due to the influence of the great sire, Keystone of Dunira, purchased for the modest figure of 58gns at the Dunira dispersal in 1940 and, as the breed history notes, the bull which "opened the cave of Aladdin" for Gaidrew.

Jim took a keen interest in the herd and persuaded his father to let him go to Perth to see bulls from the herd being sold. His first visit to Perth was in February, 1949, when the herd had a very successful year winning the supreme championship with Benes of Gaidrew and also the group of three bulls. The champion sold to the judge, Lin T Sanderson, for his Wallah herd in Australia for 2,400gns.

Sadly, a year later, on the eve of the 1950 sale, William Donald passed away leaving the farm and herd to be sold. Jim and his father then bought the farm and the Aberdeen-Angus herd with, of course, the Gaidrew prefix.

In 1951, Gaidrew took four bulls and a heifer to Perth and won the supreme championship with Prodigy of Gaidrew, which sold for the then breed record price of 8,500gns. That year the herd also won the reserve junior championship with Prince Consort of Gaidrew, sold to Broadleys for 2,800gns, and won the awards for the best pair of bulls and groups of three and five. The icing on the cake was completed when the herd also won the reserve female championship.

Two 10,000gns sales – the herd's top prices – were achieved, in 1955 for the reserve senior champion, Progenitor of Gaidrew, and in 1957 for the reserve supreme and junior champion, Keystone of Gaidrew, both to Argentina. Also in 1955, Paramount of Gaidrew sold for 8,000gns to give Gaidrew a herd average of £7,385 for three.

In 1956, a six-week-old calf, Pure Pride 4th of Gaidrew, by Pearlstone of Gaidrew, was sold privately for \$10,000 (£3,500) to become one of the founding females in the unit of Scottish-bred cattle established by Lee and Lester Leachman within the famous Ankony herd in New York State.

Mated with the 1961 Perth supreme champion, Panarama of Eastfield, Pure Pride produced the bull, Ankonian President, grand champion at the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago in 1964 as a two-year-old.

A half share in the bull was sold privately for \$140,000 (£49,000) to Black Watch Farms and the other half later realised \$203,000 (£71,220) at the Ankony dispersal in 1966.

When Aberdeen-Angus cattle began to fall out of favour in the 1970's, Jim turned to commercial fatstock with some success, winning the Duke of Norfolk Trophy at the Royal Smithfield Show in London with a group of three Aberdeen-Angus steers and carrying off the supreme championship in 1974 with the Charolais x Aberdeen-Angus steer, Superstar, which sold for the then record price for Smithfield of £7,800.

Jim was always ready to offer his services as a steer jockey and the last animal he showed was to bring him one of his greatest triumphs when the two-year-old heifer, Lady Croft Beauty Lass Y664, which he showed for owner, Brendon Hayward, won the Aberdeen-Angus championship at the Royal Highland Show in 2003 and went on to be crowned "Champion of Champions" in the inter-breed competition.

Jim will be sadly missed as he would always give you his honest opinion of what he was thinking. He is survived by his wife, Etta, daughter, Angela, and sons, Angus and Alan, to whom we offer our condolences.

Andrew Humphries

A great enthusiast for the Aberdeen-Angus breed, with a passion for native breed lines, Andrew Humphries, has died.

Mr Humphries' old-established Oxencraig herd, founded by his father on the family farm at Pitcaple, was run commercially and concentrated on traditional lines. Ill-health, which dogged Andrew through much of his life, prevented the herd from exhibiting at shows and sales, but Andrew never waned in his enthusiasm for the breed.

Sadly, his passing comes at a time of renewed interest in native lines which

was starting to give the Oxencraig herd greater success and prominence.

Andrew was a keen supporter of the North East Aberdeen-Angus Club and served as treasurer for a time.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and two daughters.

Alan McCaig

Former Aberdeen-Angus breeder, Alan McCaig, whose Cambusbarron herd at Stirling was one of the leading herds in the showring in the 1980s and early 1990s, has died at the age of 70.

Under the management of legendary stockman, Dave Smith, the herd won a succession of breed championships and interbreed titles throughout the UK for a number of years, including the Royal Highland, Royal and Royal Smithfield shows.

The herd's most successful run was in the early 1990s with the stock bull, Early Sunset Coalition 31U, imported from Canada with Tom Adam, Lower Greenyards, Bannockburn, whose successes included the interbreed championship at the Highland in 1991 and breed championships in 1991 and 1992 at both the Highland and the Royal and the breed championships at both the Scottish Winter Fair and Royal Smithfield in 1992 with a son, Cambusbarron Predominant.

The dispersal sale at Carlisle in July, 1993, saw a new record price at the time for an Aberdeen-Angus female of 9,000gns for the five-year-old cow, Edwina 2nd of Cambusbarron, by Shieldmains Proud Infidel, to Mr and Mrs Richard Dibben who also paid 8,500gns for the three-year-old cow, Cambusbarron Precious Pollot, by TLA Northern Samurai, interbreed champion at Ayr and breed champion at the Royal and Great Yorkshire in 1992, for their Shade Pond herd in Dorset.

Coalition, then seven years of age, sold for 4,200gns to the late Ian Galloway who was the biggest buyer of the day, paying up to 6,500gns for females to rejuvenate his Cardona herd at Doune which has since emerged as one of the top herds in the breed. His 6,500gns purchase was Precious Pollot of Greenyards, dam of

Cambusbarron Proud Punch, sold for 10,000gns at Perth to Victor Wallace in Northern Ireland.

The third generation of a mining and quarrying family in the central belt of Scotland, Mr McCaig was a keen shot and enthusiastic angler. He is survived by his wife, Val, and their sons, Colin, Gordon and Douglas.

Jim McKechnie

One of Scotland's leading fatstock exhibitors, well-known to many Aberdeen-Angus breeders, Jim McKechnie, died at his home, France Farm, Gartocharn, last spring.

Originally a dairy farmer and prominent breeder of Ayrshire cattle at Mains of Kilmaronock, which he farmed with his two brothers and three sisters, Jim moved to France Farm in 1959 following his marriage to Una where they established and built up a highly successful business selling eggs, potatoes, vegetable and fruit.

His love of livestock soon prompted him to start showing commercial cattle and, after a few years showing successfully at local shows, he was persuaded by his long-time friend and best man, the late Jim Donald, to venture south to the Royal Smithfield Show where his skill in bringing out cattle to perfection ensured continued success.

In 1976, he had the unique distinction of winning three of the five section championships – a feat never achieved before or since – with one of the team, Fizz, taking the supreme championship although Jim himself favoured one of his other championship contenders, the steer Silver Lining.

The championship success was repeated in 1981 with Razzamataz.

Jim was also an enthusiast for Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, and a founding member of the local Poachers Club set up to ensure the preservation of the works of Burns in Gartocharn.

He was predeceased by Una and is survived by his twin daughters, Sheila and Shona, and two sons, Jim and Robbie. Warm tributes were paid to Jim at his funeral by Willie McLaren in a moving eulogy.

Eric Mutch

One of the most respected show secretaries in Scotland, Eric Mutch, who farmed at Burnside of Whitefield, Forglen, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, for more than 60 years, has died at the age of 86.

Mr Mutch was a life member of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society and his Whitefield Aberdeen-Angus herd was prominent through the 1960s and early 1970s, its successes including the reserve championship at the Aberdeen February bull sale in 1963 with Evictor of Whitefield.

His interests later turned to Blonde d'Aquitaine and Charolais cattle and his Whitefield Blonde herd was twice named UK herd of the year.

But he was best known as joint secretary with his late wife, Mary, of Scotland's largest two-day show at Turriff which they ran together for 18 years from 1978 to 1996. The show went from strength to strength during their stewardship and they left the show in a far healthier financial position when they retired, despite a huge investment in showground improvements, including a new members' pavilion and the purchase of an additional field for car parking.

Mr Mutch had served as show president in 1974 and was made an honorary president when he stood down. The couple were the worthy recipients of the Royal Northern Agricultural Society's Aberdeen and Northern Marts award for services to the local farming community in 1987.

His other interest was ploughing and he was a former chairman of the Scottish Ploughing Association and the first Scot to judge at the World Ploughing Championship. He also served as a director of the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland where his son, Eric, is currently chief cattle steward.

Mr Mutch was an elder of the Church of Scotland for more than 50 years and there was a large turnout for his funeral at St Ninian's and Forglen Church in Turriff. He is survived by Eric and daughter, Jennifer, and six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

George Redpath

35 years ago, George, Mrs Easton and Sarah came to Low Hall. I was living in London at the time, but came home for weekends and always found everything on farm tip-top, both stock and land in good heart, and I thought the situation could continue, just the same, for another year or two. I enjoyed what I was doing in London and I felt it too soon to give it all up.

It was my mother's ill health that brought me home earlier than planned and this suited neither George nor myself, but had to be faced.

George had many skills but being tidy wasn't one of them. And once I was living at home, I wanted to smarten things up. George's system for animal control involved hundreds of yards of orange binder twine, in tight undoable knots, holding everything together, from one end of the farm to the other.

Under high hung gates, George created immovable barriers of fence netting and logs... certainly it kept stock in, and training sheep dogs out of the fields, but it wasn't much fun to walk the farm and it looked awful!

Needless to say, George was singularly unimpressed by my ideas of improving the look of Low Hall - he said he would see to things when he had the time. The legacy of this today is that I still climb over five barred gates without much difficulty. The introduction of pedigree stock brought George and myself to a closer understanding of each other.

I shall never forget the momentous day they arrived, George could hardly contain his excitement. He stood riveted, and, for once, silent, completed hooked by two middle-aged, pedigree, in-calf Aberdeen-Angus cows walking sedately down the ramp of the lorry that brought them.

In due course both calved without trouble and little Eulovable was exceptional. The following year George prepared her to show at Wetherby, where she won her class and went on to become champion... and the rest is history. We ended up with a 52-cow herd by keeping every heifer calf born on the farm and buying a few more pedigree females... and the bulls sold well in Carlisle.

The two original cows came from Netherton, and we bought several ore from The Moss.

Dacre Eulovable CE. W5. Won the gold Cridland Cup at the Royal in 2002.

Dacre Princess A. X11. Won the Cridland Cup at the Royal in 2004.

As the herd grew in numbers the workload became too much for one person and Simon Poulter came to work full time. He and George got on well and became lasting friends. They made a formidable team when it came to showing. The Dacre herd became well known, winning trophies up and down the country, including the Royal, The Highland, Great Yorkshire and Pateley Bridge. It was the second outbreak of foot and mouth that finally closed us down.

George was given his first sheepdog when a lad of 15. And before coming to Low Hall he was already known as a trainer and breeder of sheepdogs, with many success at the Trials he so much enjoyed.

I think it likely he will be remembered and honoured more in the sheepdog world than for all the success he had breeding Aberdeen-Angus.

He was supposed to retire at 75 but George never retired and never left the farm. You could set your watch by his arrival at 6.30 and a few hours later he would pop in with the latest farm news.

George was the noisiest man I have ever known. Blood-curdling yells and shrieks emanated from George when training his dogs and we and close neighbours across the river wished he could shut up. But now, the unwelcome prevalence of silence is much harder to bear.

Often we discussed our luck to be still on our feet enjoying ourselves, when friends and neighbours were ill and in hospitals, and quite recently, George added he hoped he might die in harness. This wish was granted to him, but far too soon.

Mrs Pam Holliday

Gerard Mulligan

One of the Aberdeen-Angus breed's oldest enthusiasts in Ireland, Gerard (Gerry) Mulligan passed away on 9th March last, in his 98th year. Gerry founded the Currycramp herd in the late 1960's and enjoyed a long and illustrious association with the Aberdeen-Angus breed over the following decades. He was a great supporter of the breed, regularly showing his cattle at local shows and further afield and had exhibited at all of the major shows, sales and pedigree events throughout the country. Gerry was a well-known judge of all cattle breeds and officiated at hundreds of shows all over Ireland.

If some of the exhibitors were not happy with his judging Gerry was often heard to remark, "You will never please them all, but always please yourself!" In particular, he was a loyal supporter of his local show in Mohill. He never missed a show since it began in 1927, and perhaps fittingly, his last appearance at Mohill Show coincided with the staging of the All-Ireland Aberdeen-Angus Championships in August 2018. He was very popular and highly-regarded in pedigree cattle breeding circles and was considered a true gentleman by all. There is no doubt that his gentle, warm presence and famous, friendly handshake will be sadly missed at shows and all farming events throughout the country.

His great love of cattle and showmanship lives on through the Mulligan family and in particular through his grandchildren of whom he was extremely proud. Gerry is survived by his wife Bernadette, daughters Mary, Anne and Philomena, sons Gerard, Tom, Peter and Colm and his 23 grandchildren. RIP.

Articles of Association

1. The name of the Society is "The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society."

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 the stored semen to be destroyed 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 except 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 Éire) to the address, if any, within the United Kingdom or Éire 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 Éire) have not supplied to the Society an address within the United Kingdom or Éire 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.

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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) 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.
 - 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 prepuccial 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 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 profile 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 Ovum 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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All members should use this guide when entering cattle into any official Society sale, ensuring that all the necessary steps are taken to maximise your opportunities in the sale rings.

THE SOCIETY
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BREEDERS TO JOIN A
CHeCS ACCREDITED
HEALTH SCHEME.

Herd Health Declaration and Pen Cards

Members should complete a Herd Health Declaration Form and include this at the time of entry, or alternatively forward this directly to the Society. Herd Health Declaration Forms can be found at www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/resources/show-and-sales-resources. All cattle entered for official Society sales must have a completed Health Declaration Pen Card displayed above the animal, copies of which are available from the CHeCS Approved Health Scheme of which you are required to be a member.

Minimum health requirements: BVD/Johnes

If your entries are from a BVD-accredited herd 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.

Johnes risk levels 1-5

Level 1	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.
Level 2	Level 2 status herds have had one or two clear consecutive herd tests. Health plan required.
Level 3	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.
Level 4	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.
Level 5	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. <i>Note: level 5 animals are not eligible for official sales.</i>

The Society encourages members to join all CHeCS accreditation schemes to give buyers added confidence.

DNA

All males and led females should be sire verified and myostatin-tested in line with Society requirements. More information on these requirements can be found at: www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/sire-verified-aberdeen-angus

Breedplan EBVs are important to buyers so please ensure animals are scanned for the data to be displayed in the catalogue. Members should contact the Registrations department as early as possible with the tag numbers of animals being entered for sale. It

is vital that we arrange DNA/Myostatin testing in plenty time. Occasionally we may require a repeat sample if the original tissue sample does not work, therefore it is vital that you give us ample time to ensure we have results back prior to the sale.

If your bull has not been sire verified or Myostatin status confirmed prior to the official catalogue going to print, the bull will be removed from the catalogue and not be passed for sale.

Inspections

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 (size, shape, consistency) 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 scurs.**
- **No white markings in front of navel.**

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.



The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society: Official Society Sales Requirements

Contagious diseases

Check that all animals are free from Warts (particular attention should be paid to the sheath and scrotal area of bulls), Ringworm, Mange and Lice or other contagious diseases.

Treatments

If your entries are showing signs of any of the above conditions and have been treated, then a signed veterinary certificate to that effect must accompany your entry.

Performance recorded herds

For your entries to have their latest EBV information in the catalogue they will require to have a Birth Weight, a 200-Day Weight, a 400-Day Weight, a Check Weight and will need to have been scanned.

Weight for age

We have a lot of data now on bull sales and the type of bull that meet buyers' expectations. With the usual caveats on locomotion, conformation and breed character, bulls really need the genetic capability to grow and flesh out well if they are to catch the buyer's eye. Data would indicate that bulls which fail to achieve a daily live weight gain (DLWG) of 1.4kg/day from birth to date of sale are historically more difficult to sell.

All animals **MUST** have their LOT NUMBER LABEL applied at the time of the inspection.

Failure to attend for inspection in the time slot identified by the auctioneers and Society will automatically debar an animal from the show and sale.

Society Sale Auctioneers

Aberdeen and Northern Marts
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Dungannon Farmers Mart
028 8772 2727

Harrison and Hetherington
01228 406230

McCartneys 01905 769770

CCM Skipton 01756 792375

United Auctions 01786 473055

CHeCS Approved Health Scheme Providers

AFBI Cattle Health Scheme

www.afbini.gov.uk/articles/afbi-cattle-health-scheme

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www.biobest.co.uk/hi-health-herdcare-cattle-health-scheme.html

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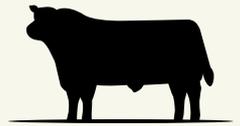
www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120112/premium_cattle_health_scheme

01835 822456

For all sale dates: www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/events

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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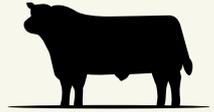
Some of the great photography from all the Society events throughout 2019.





Social Highlights

Let's get social! Here's a look at some of the highlights from the Society's social media activity this year



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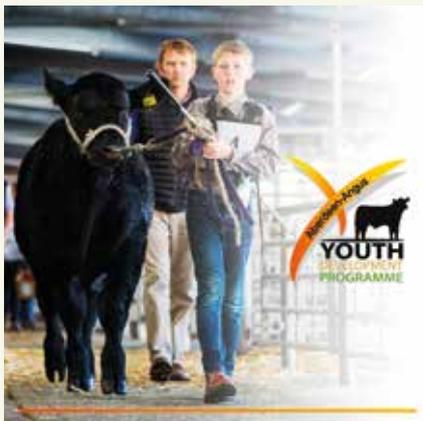



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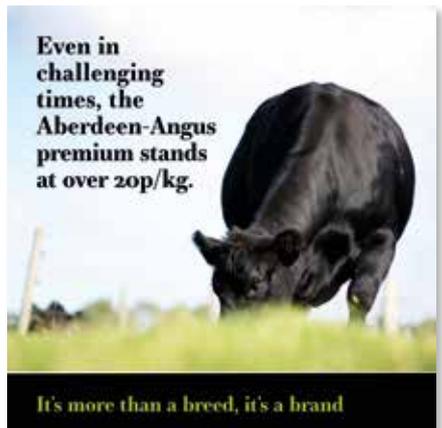
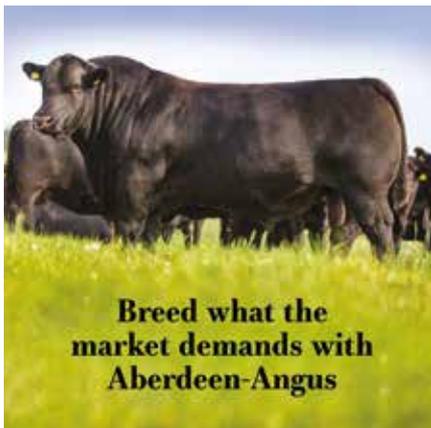
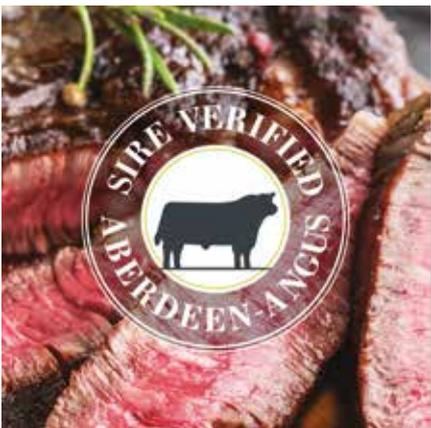
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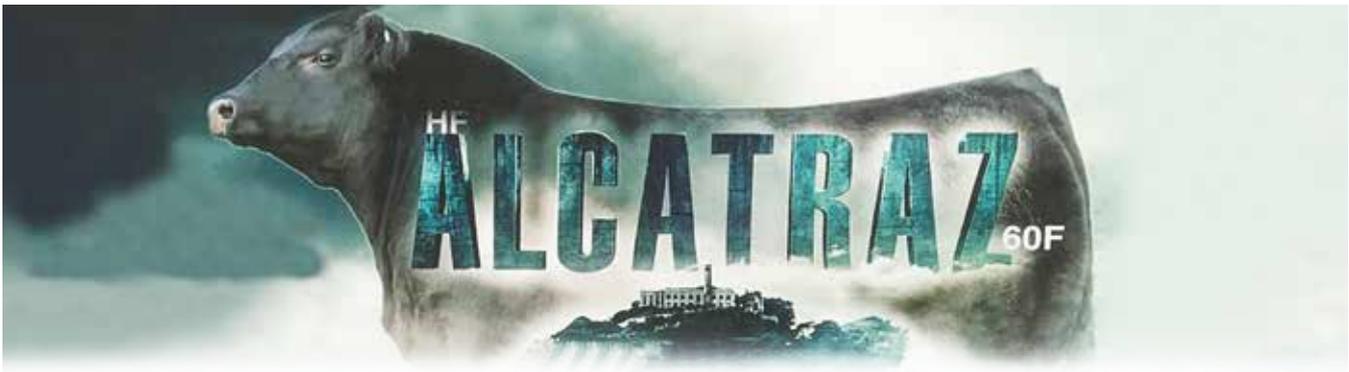


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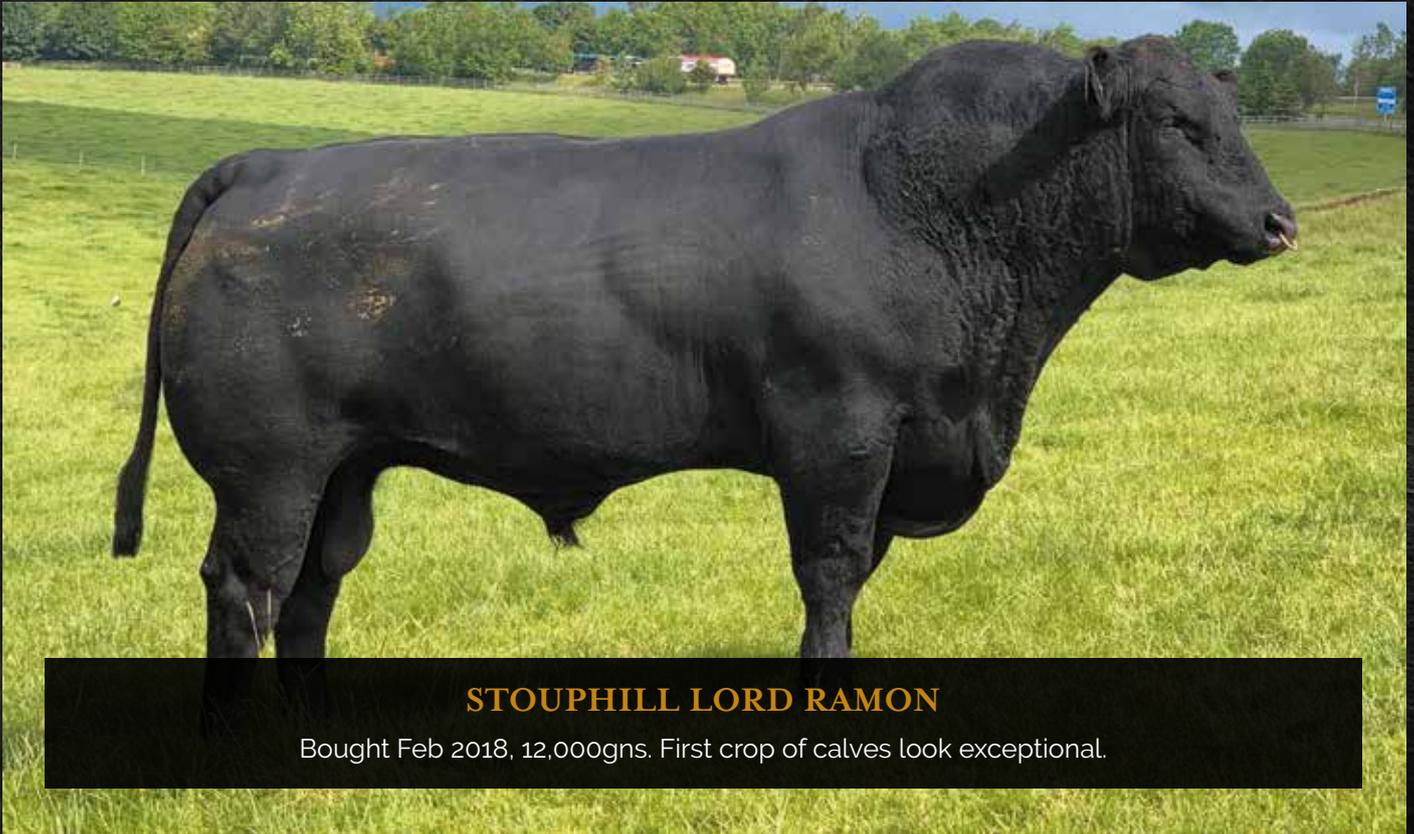
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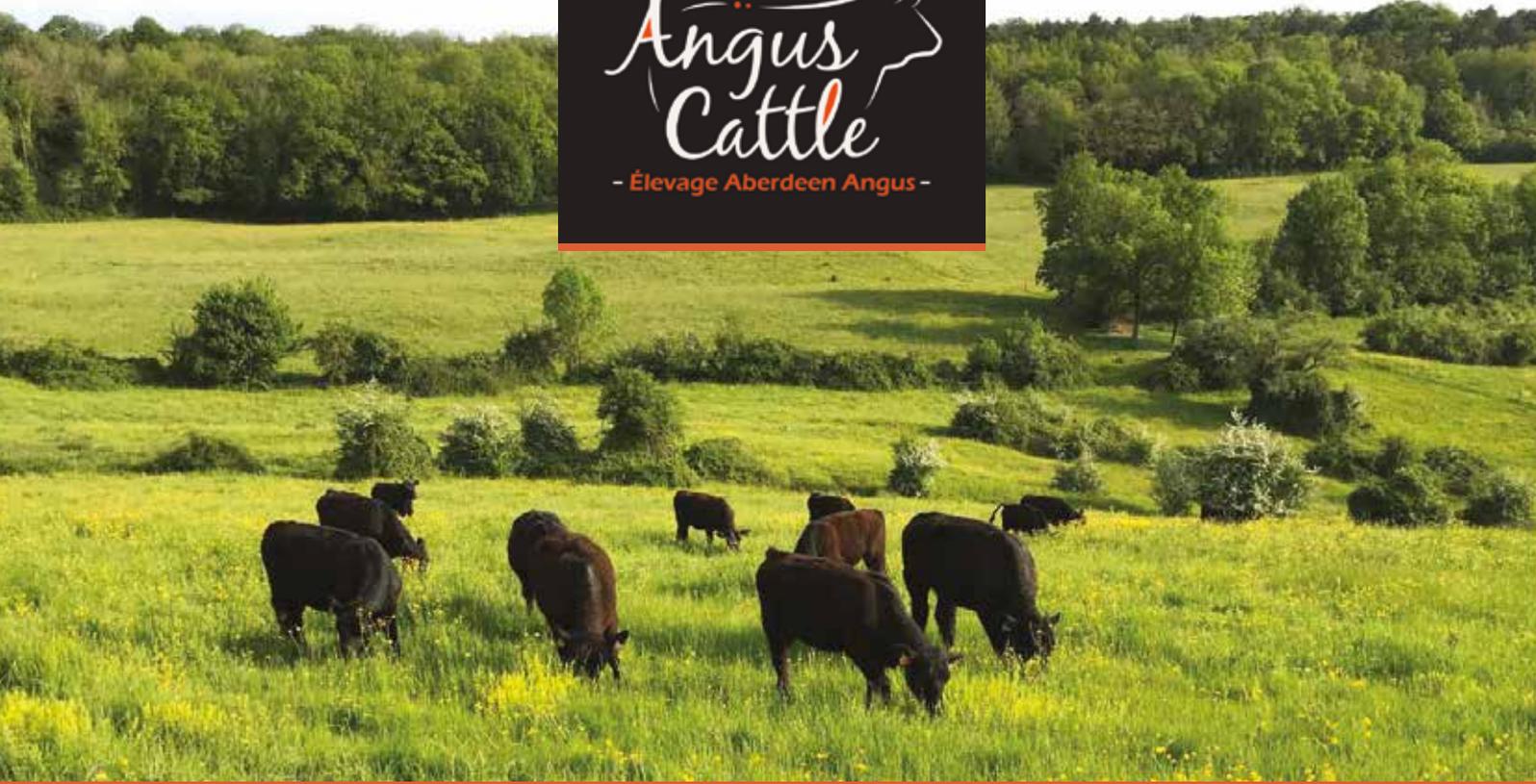


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- Bull Calf**, born on or between 1 August and 31 December 2019.
- Bull Calf**, born in 2020.
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- Female**, born on or before 31 December 2016 with natural calf at foot.
- Female**, born on or between 1 January and 31 December 2017 with natural calf at foot.
- Female**, born in 2018.
- Female**, born in 2018 with first natural calf at foot.
- Heifer**, born on or between 1 January and 31 March 2019.
- Heifer**, born on or between 1 April and 31 July 2019.
- Heifer Calf**, born on or between 1 August and 31 December 2019.
- Heifer Calf**, born in 2020.

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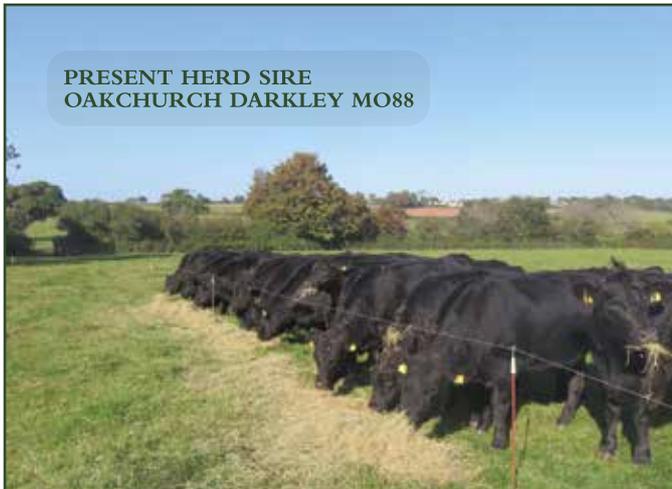
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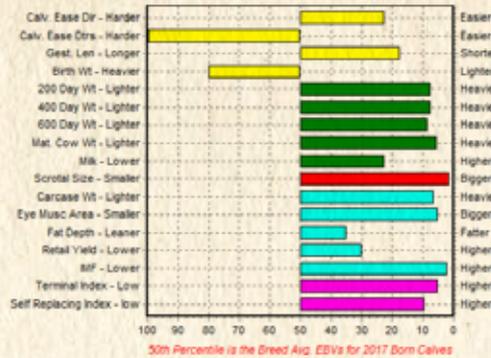
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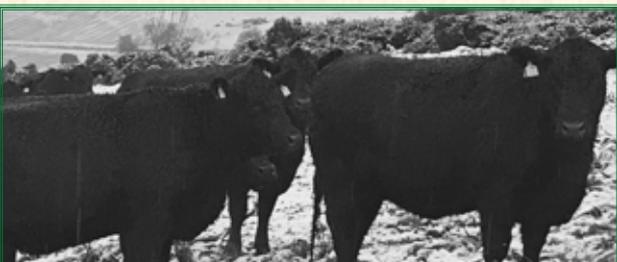
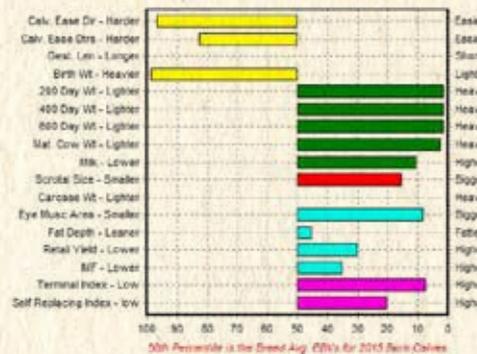
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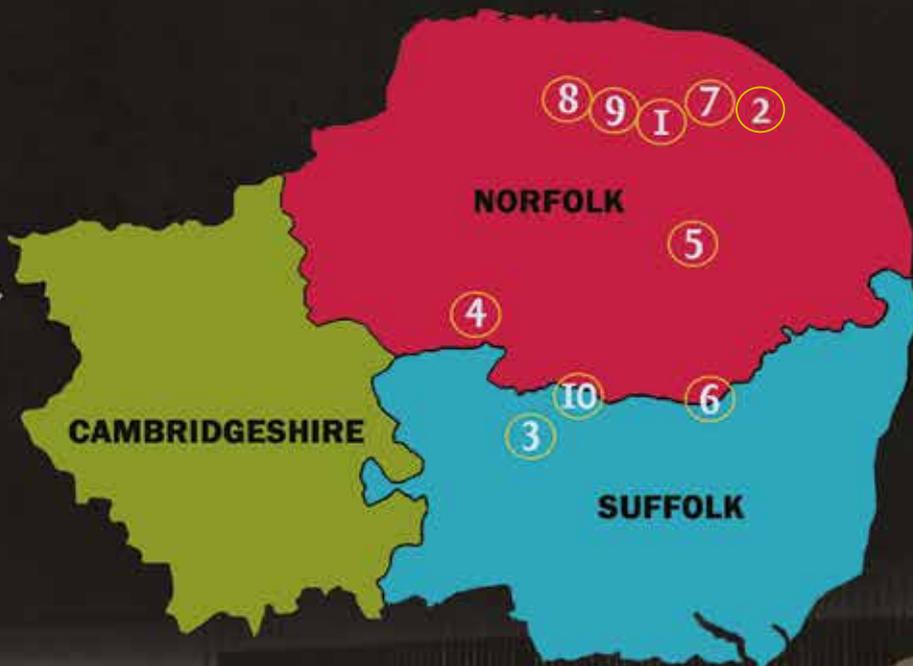
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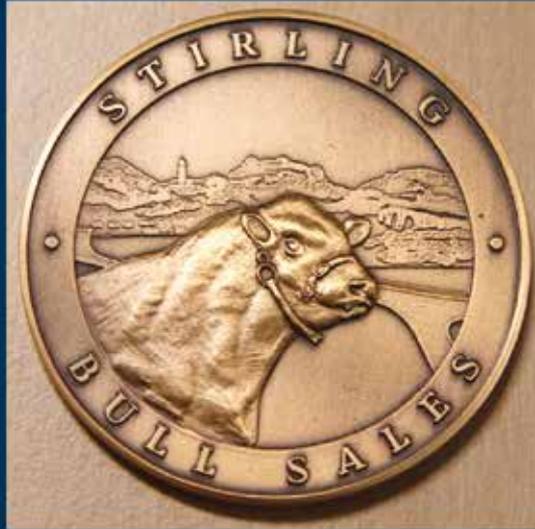
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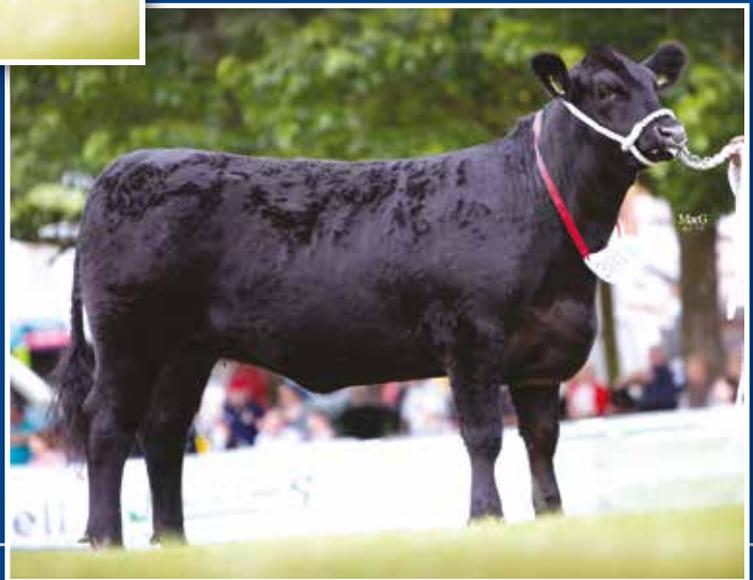
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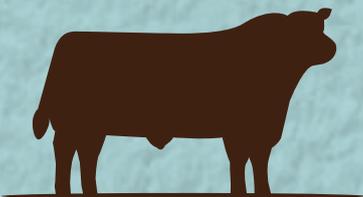
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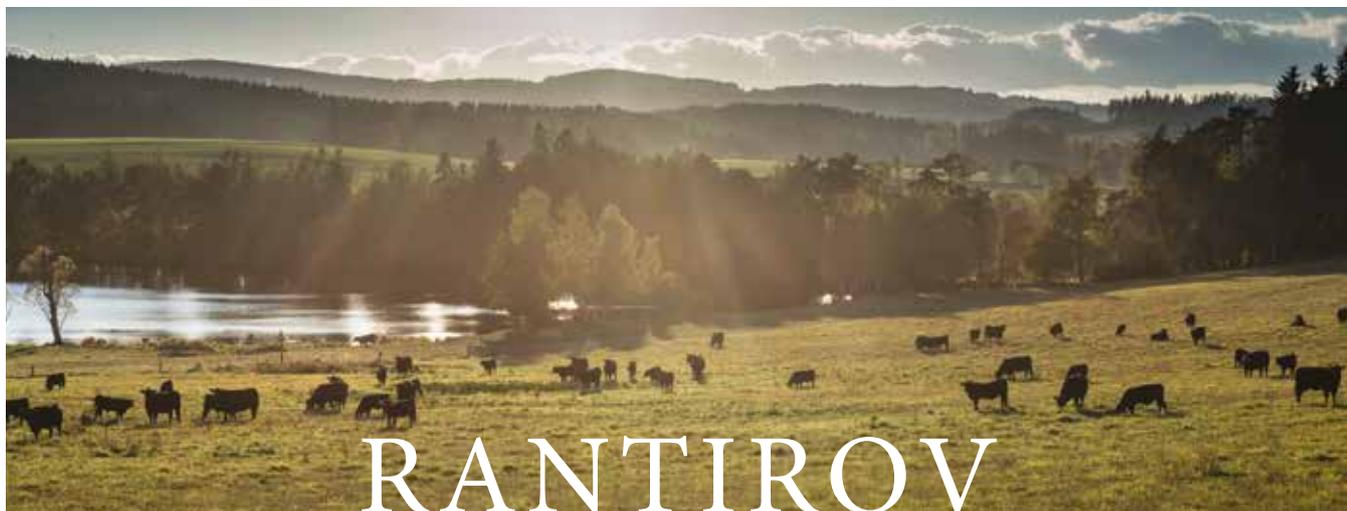
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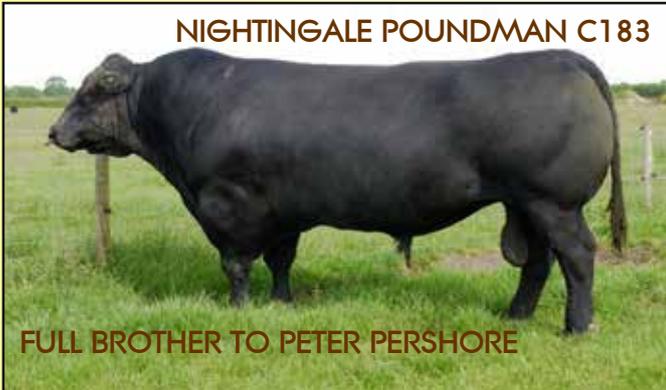
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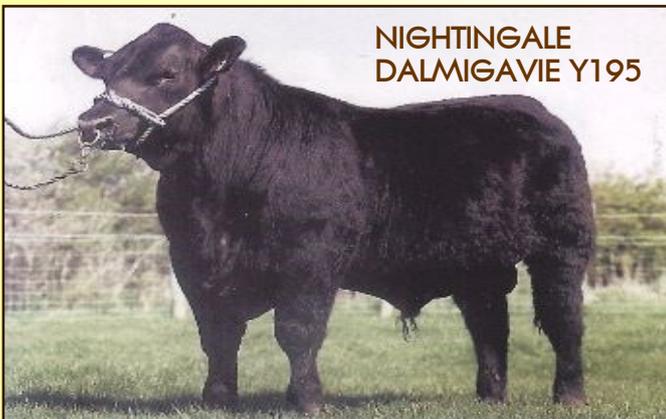
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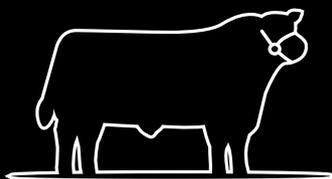
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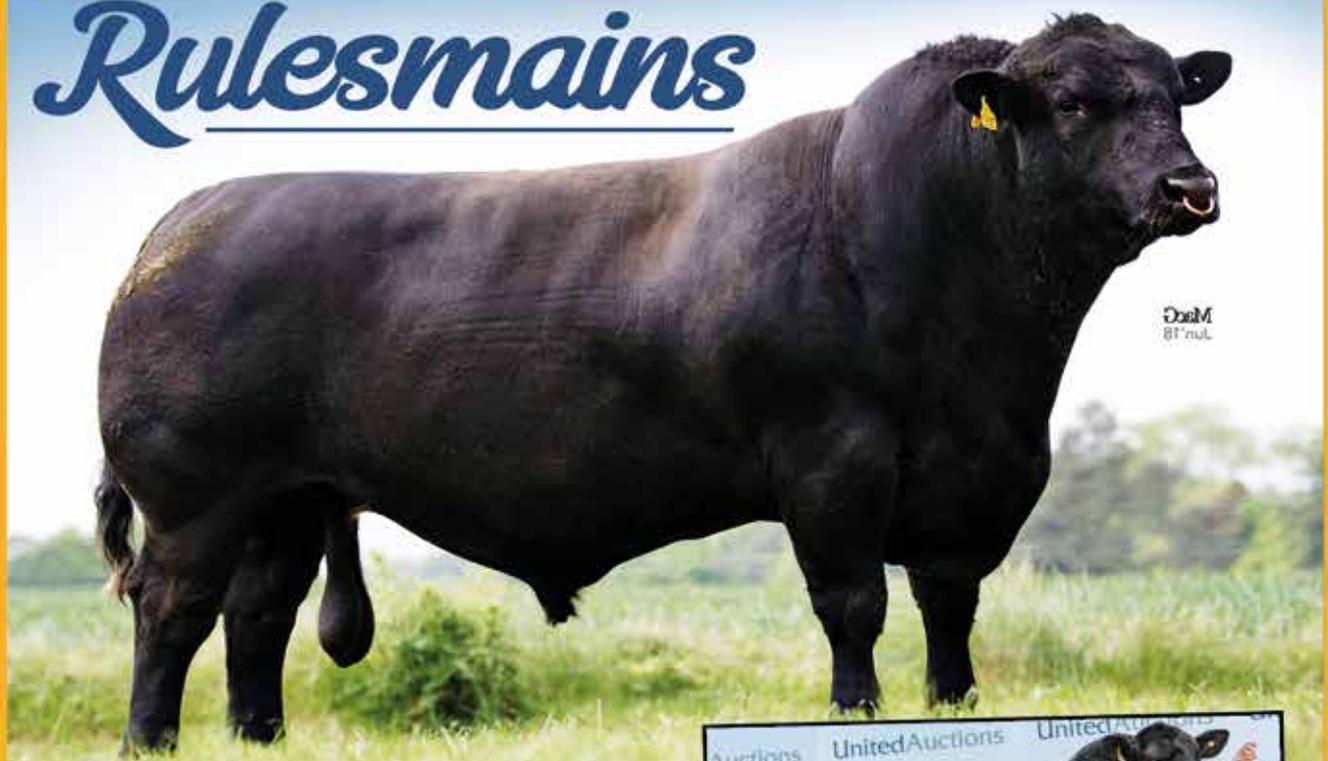
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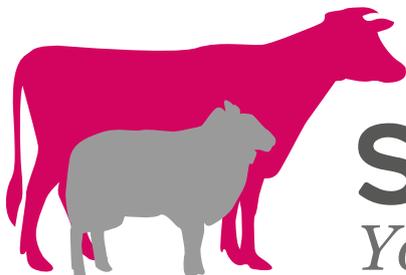
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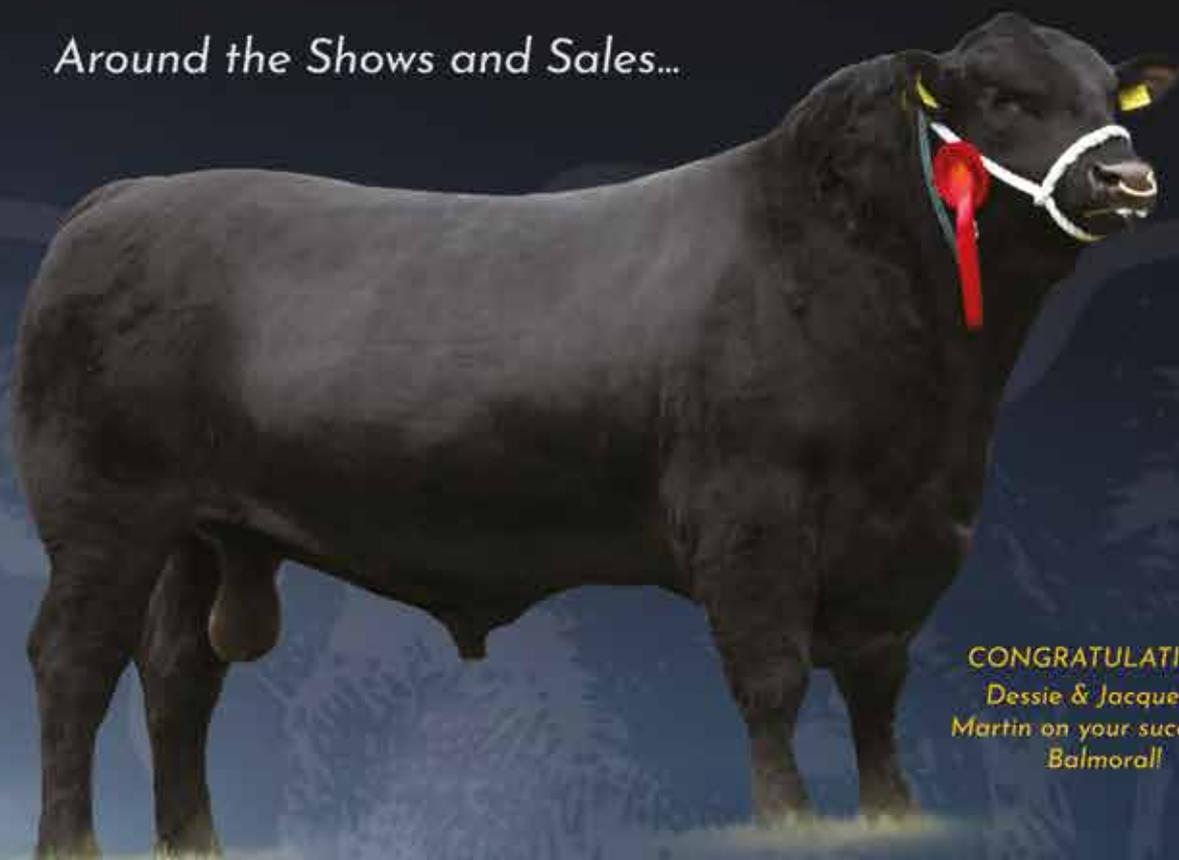


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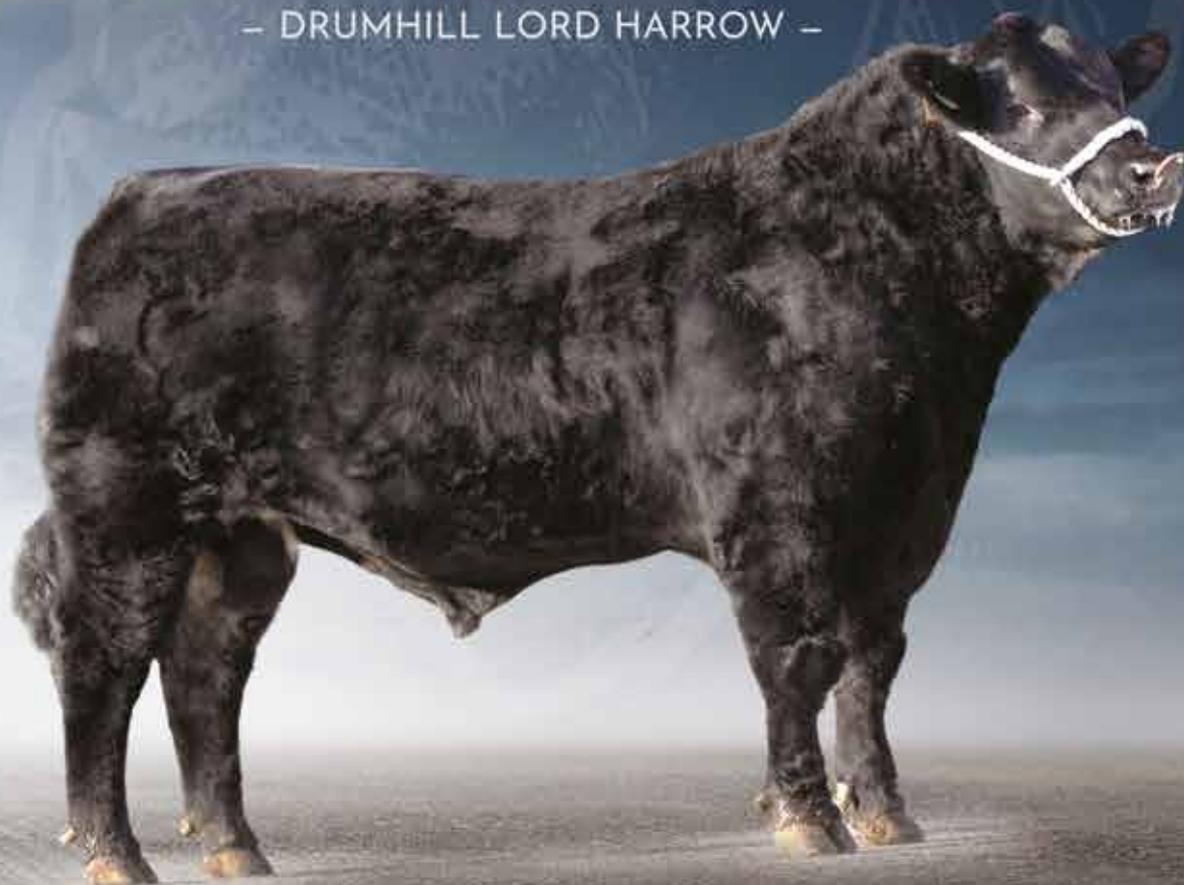
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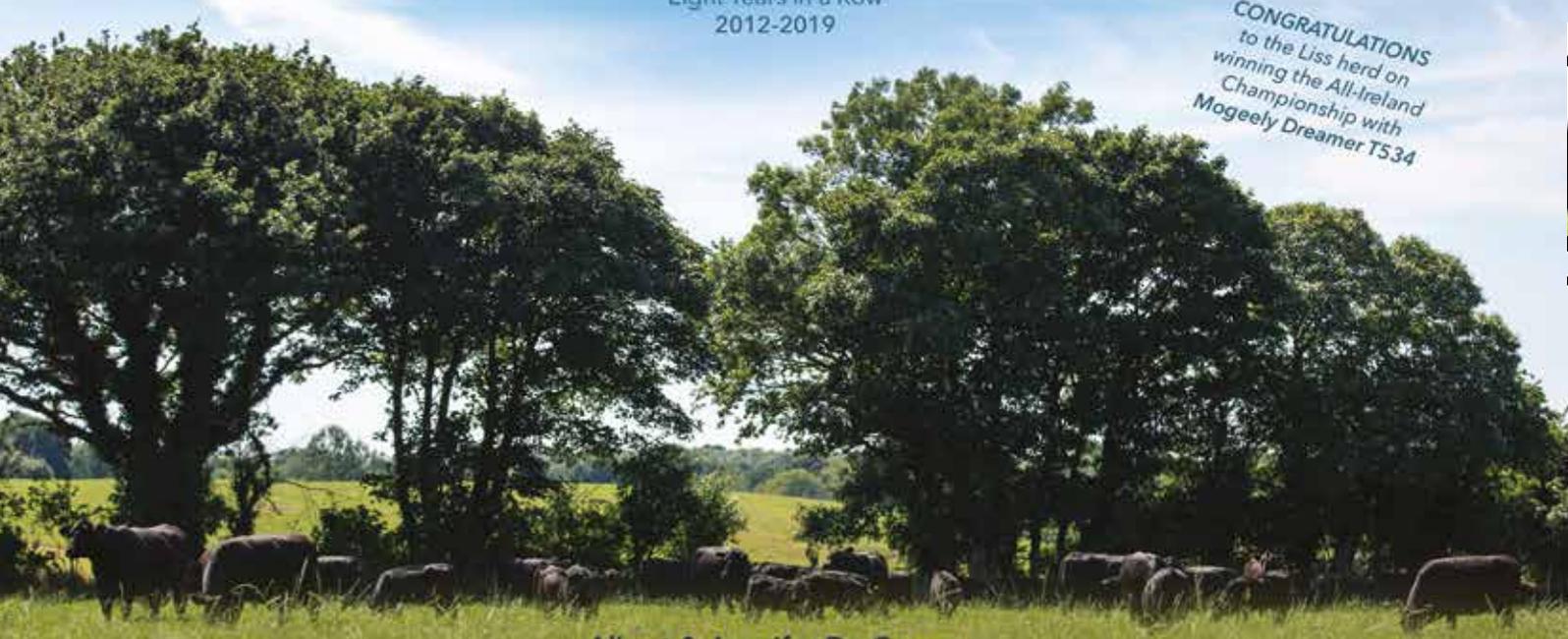
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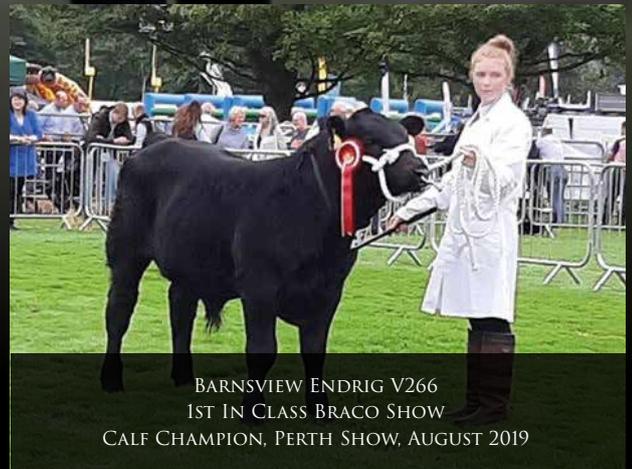
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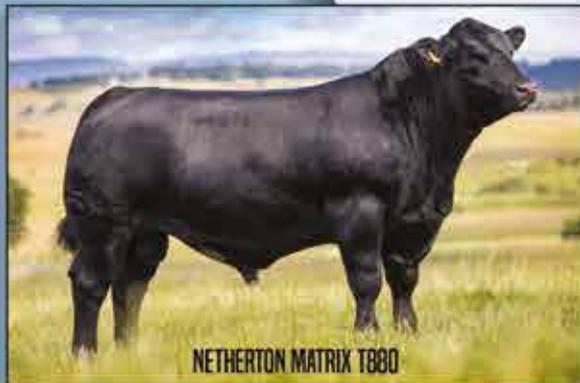
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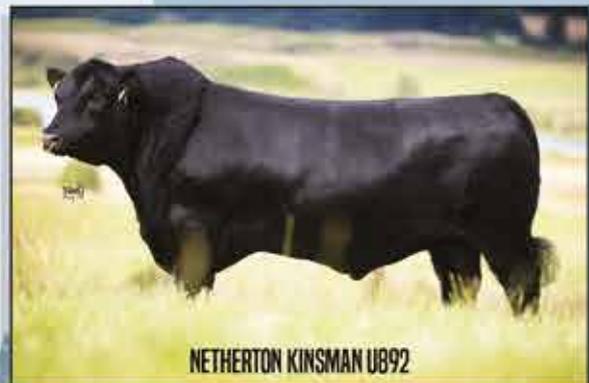
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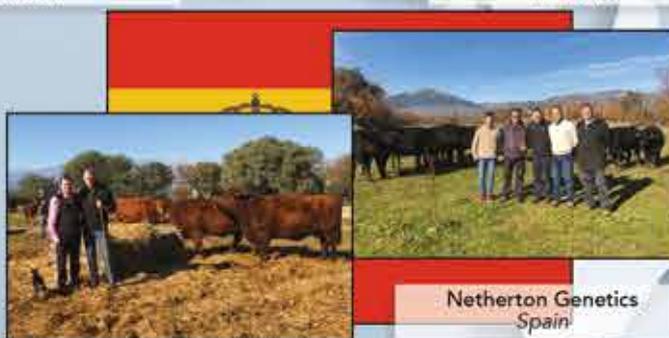
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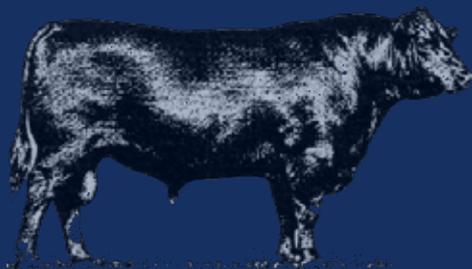


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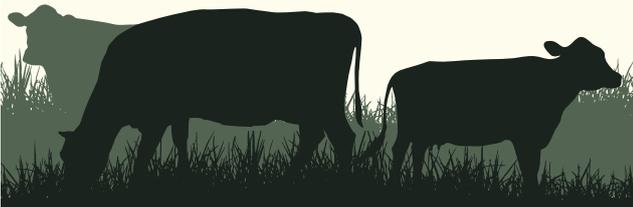
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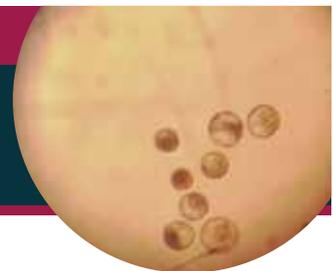
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Aberdeen-Angus	↑ 22636	6.90% ✓	1.56%
Beef Shorthorn	↑ 11247	22.62%	0.77%
Charolais	↓ -5754	-3.26%	-0.40%
Simmental	↓ -8383	-6.06%	0.58%
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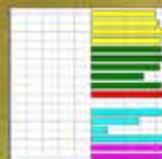
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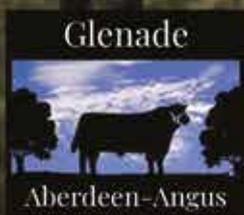
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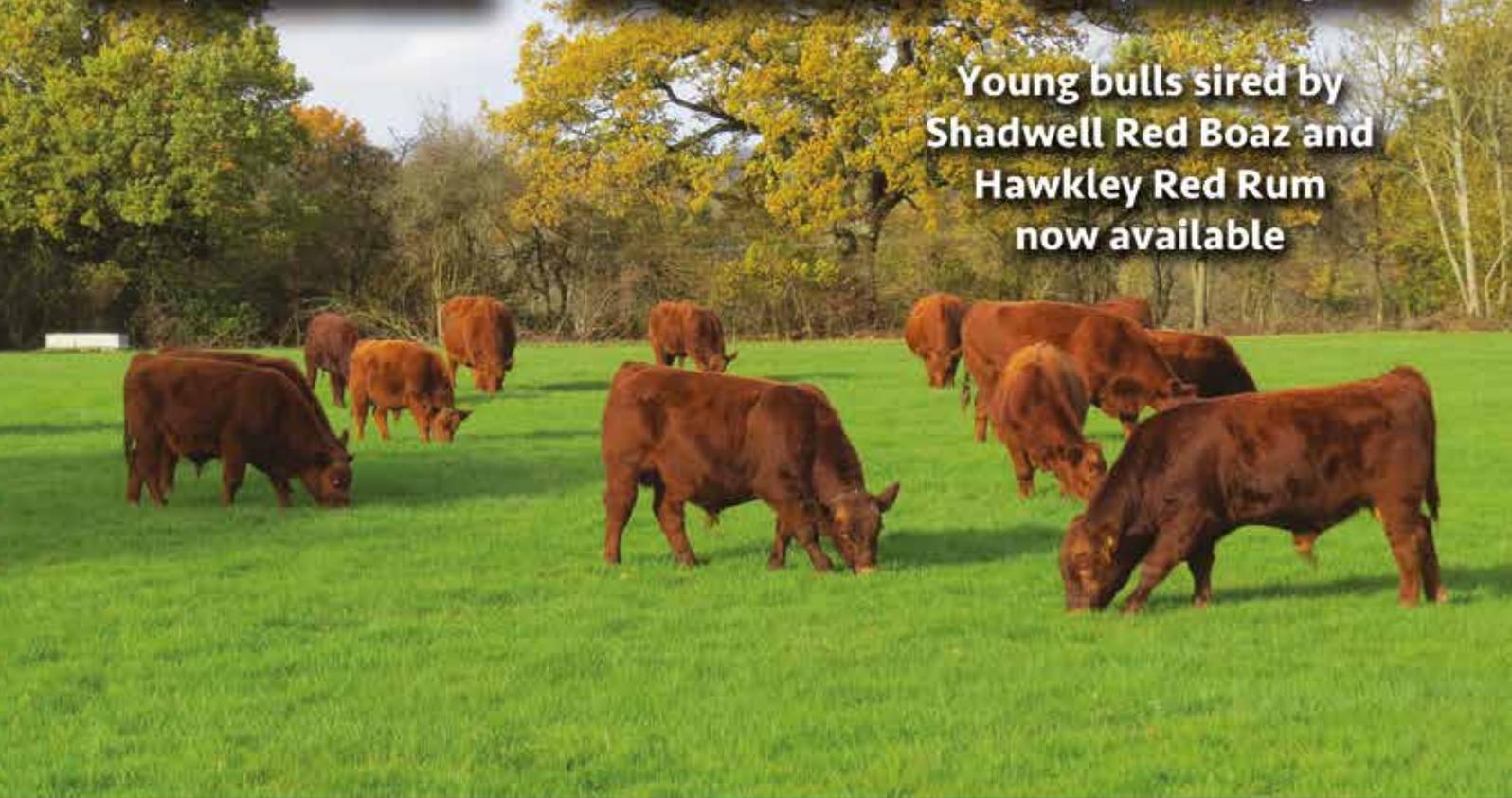


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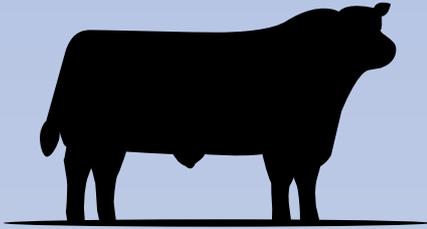
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EBV	-2.9	+2.6	-0.1	+4.9	+63	+129	+138	+131	+20	+0.5	+104	+7.5	-4.2	+3.2	-0.3
Acc	48%	43%	54%	79%	72%	73%	68%	58%	50%	76%	62%	55%	61%	55%	48%
Breed Avg. EBVs for 2016 Born Calves Click for Percentiles															
EBV	-1.7	+0.1	+0.7	+3.2	+38	+67	+83	+79	+11	+0.9	+52	+3.5	-1.2	+1.0	+0.0

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Market Target	Index Value	Breed Average
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Self Replacing Index	+73	+40

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By David Mackenzie

Wherever you turn it's hard to escape from the pressure that's inherent within the current British beef industry. With harsh market conditions and increasing pressure from environmentalists, the industry requires resilience as well as a clear way forward.

As a business we're working with key partners in the supply chain as well as academics to help shape our advice to farmers enabling them to optimise efficiency and create output that meets the specifications of the industry. Some of our current R&D work is investigating environmental benefits but also the impact that diet has on eating quality and marbling, and we're spearheading a number of projects looking at how our products match evolving consumer demands.

Take control of performance

In these difficult times it is more important than ever to make sure we focus on achieving the best production possible, as the only thing worse than receiving a lesser market value for your stock is coupling that with poor performance. We can't control the market price but we can control performance and we should do everything within our power to ensure that performance does not suffer in these stringent times.

One very practical place to start in improving herd performance and increasing output is to focus on the bottom third as this is where the biggest improvement in output gain will come from with the quickest wins made by lifting the weight of heifers (without increasing fat cover), and underperforming males at slaughter.

The advice we give on farm is focussed on enabling farmers to optimise their production according to the requirements of the abattoir or processor and we provide tailor made advice based on utilising available raw materials and best genetics to maximise output.

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Having a feed budget means all costs are accounted for and there aren't any hidden surprises later in the year. Planning diets also ensures they remain consistent which has a positive effect on performance and animal health.

Feed utilisation

Following the example of the monogastric industry, we're working with our customers to shift focus from a sole reliance on daily live weight gain and weight at slaughter to studying feed conversion and utilisation. Although in a lot of cases this is hard to achieve, as an industry we must strive to understand how the feed is converting to appreciate the true value of our produce.

No matter where you live, or what your system, whether home mixing or purchasing feed, the most important thing is to buy the feed that offers the best economic benefit which will convert at the highest rate. This means you need to buy less tonnage, reducing bought in feed costs as well as haulage fees. This philosophy of buying less to achieve more delivers a benefit on farm as well as an environmental benefit- and this is a theme that will gain momentum within the industry over the coming months.

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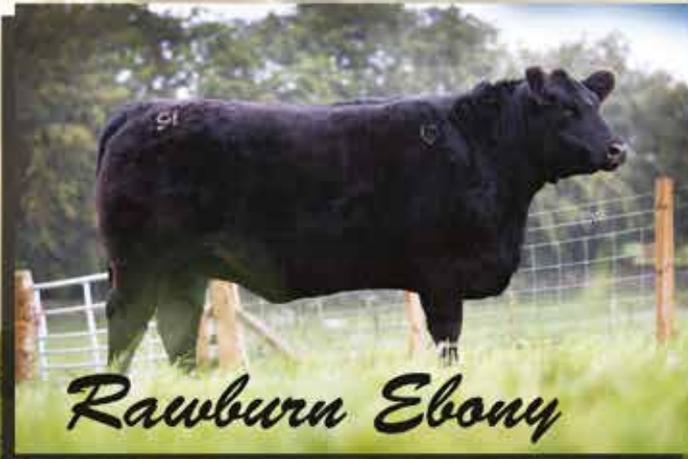
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