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Dear Readers,

2019 was a memorable year for all the right reasons. A year that ended with our final sale, the Christmas Cracker being one of the best on record.

Unfortunately, 2020, will be forever etched in our memory for the direct opposite in many ways.

While we were blessed with a wonderful spell of weather in the springtime, the introduction of a pandemic, the likes of which we have never witnessed before, and with any luck will never see again, abruptly dampened the outlook on what had the possibility of being a wonderful summer.

Thankfully, the sale of Charolais remained strong last spring with the demand increasing as the year progressed. The fact that we got the green light from the Department of Agriculture for our final spring sale at a time of so much uncertainty is a credit to the background work of our secretary and also testament to Nevans' ability to find common ground when it is exactly what's needed.

The absence of all of our local shows, which for so many of us are much more than a livestock show, they are the place where old friends meet and where new friendships are formed left a void which in truth cannot be filled. At least not this year.

For some time, we as council, had hoped to be in a position by October to host a stand-alone National Show all be it on a reduced scale, both to afford our membership the opportunity to showcase the quality Charolais we have in Ireland and give a spring-board to our Autumn and Spring sales.

Alas, that was not to be either as steadily increasing confirmed Covid-19 cases and HSE guidelines left council with little choice but to cancel the proposed show. This decision, as is the case with so many, was not taken lightly but it was taken with the best interests of our

membership at heart. The other contributory factor to this decision was that council wished to do everything possible to ensure the running of our upcoming autumn sales.

Although we have lost out on the advertising benefits of having a National Show, I think you will agree that the additional advertising being done in both printed and online forums can only have a positive effect.

Never before have we, as a country and indeed globally being tested to the extent we are right now and yet the commercial marts still reflect the increasing demand for Charolais that is out there. When the statistics are ran, Charolais command the lion's share of the top spots week after week.

So much has changed for us all over the last six months and that trend seems set to continue for some time to come but one thing that we can be sure of is that quality will always be in demand.

As breeders, you have all contributed to putting Ireland front and centre on the world stage when it comes to producing exceptional quality Charolais so all I can say is, keep doing what you do best and hopefully the introduction of some new bloodlines secured by council over the last year will help you along the way.

We had hoped to go in search of some more new bulls this year but travel restrictions have unfortunately hampered that to date.

It can sometimes be difficult to be positive during this time of uncertainty but we really must keep moving forward, looking forward, to a time when we will all enjoy the craic and banter that we took for granted in days gone by.

Lastly and most importantly, I want to wish you all a healthy end to this year and a prosperous start to 2021. As a child, I always heard the expression "your health is your wealth" and in truth, I don't believe any of us really grasped the gravity of that simple expression quite like we do today, I know I didn't.

Sláinte mhaith daoibh go léir.

Regards,

Noel McGoldrick

Noel McGoldrick,
President,
Irish Charolais Cattle Society.

Tullamore Show/Sale 2nd November 2019

Top Price: €5,700/ Average Price: €3,020



***Overall Champion Roughan Oscar** who sold for €5,700, pictured with exhibitor Pat Mc Clean, Judge Basil Bothwell, the Merlet Family from France and Junior Judge Eimear Whelan*

At the first of the Society's Autumn Shows and Sales Charolais bulls topped at €5,700 in Tullamore. The trade could only be described as tough, with poor beef prices and a sticky autumn trade for Weanling's clearly starting to take its toll on suckler farmers. Overall, 50% of the bulls forward sold to average €3,020. That said, quality bulls were still in demand and commanded a premium price. The Overall Champion of the day went the way of **Roughan Oscar**, exhibited by Pat Mc Clean from County Donegal. This powerful 20 month old son of Roughan Justbeau and Roughan Helene caught the eye of Judge, Basil Bothwell, and went on to sell for the highest price of the day at €5,700. Oscar also carries an impres-

sive spread of indexes, with a five star terminal index of €132, a four star replacement index of €71 and a calving figure of 7%. Wrapping up the Champion was pedigree breeder, Liam Johnson from County Fermanagh.

Not far behind at €5,600 was the much admired, **Clonaltra Officer**, exhibited by Terry Bradley from Moate, Co. Westmeath. A first prize winner from the Pre-sale show, this classy bull is a son of Fleetwood and a Cavellands Adam bred dam. This 17 month old bull sold with a whopping terminal index of €154 and below average calving figure of just 6.3%. Securing the Westmeath bred bull was Derek Tighe and family from Navan in County Meath.



Clonaltra Officer who sold for €5,600 with exhibitor Terry Bradley and the Tighe family

The Reserve Overall Champion was awarded to **Tonroe Onreal** exhibited by the Callaghan's from Swinford in County Mayo. This 19 month bull is a son of Liscally Eti and a Bova Sylvain bred dam. Onreal was knocked down to a suckler farmer in County Offaly at €2,000.



Reserve Champion Tonroe Onreal
Sold for €2,000

Trading at €4,200 was another first prize winner from the pre-sale show, **Relaghbeg Oscar ET**, exhibited by John Cahill from Bailieboro in County Cavan. This 13 month old

bull is a son of CF 52 and a Meillard Rj bred dam. A stylish bull who also carried a boastful terminal index of €152 and a calving figure of just over 7%. Snapping this stylish young bull up was John Mc Loughlin from Swinford in County Mayo.

Louise and Colm Quinn from Edenderry in County Offaly traded their 16 month old, **Ballym Oxley** for €4,000. A son of Lisnagre Elite and a CF 52 bred dam, Oxley carried one of the highest terminal indexes in the catalogue of €180. Securing this one was Marshall Wright from Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh.

Pat McClean was back in the limelight once again when he exchanged hands with **Roughan Ollie** for €3,650, a 20 month old son of Roughan Jason and a Roughan Divin bred dam. This bull packed an impressive set of indexes which included a five star terminal and replacement index, accompanied by a below average calving figure of just 6.1%.

The Ryan's from Borrisoleigh in County Tipperary then received a call of €3,450 for their 15 month old, **Kilvilcorris Otto**. This one is a son of the herd's stock bull, Bunratty Mike Tyson and a Sesame bred dam.

Elite Heifer Show/Sale 9th November 2019

Top Price: €11,000 / Average Price: €3,150



Overall Junior Champion Goldstar Osana, sold for €11,000, exhibited by Martin Ryan, with Judge Tracey Gunn, Junior judge Veronica Moody and President of the ICCS, Noel Mc Goldrick

The Tipperary based Goldstar herd owned by Martin Ryan and family enjoyed a memorable day in Tullamore at the Society's Elite Heifer Sale. The Ryan's realised €17,600 for their three offerings, which included €11,000 for the Overall Junior Champion, **Goldstar Osanna**. The much admired Osanna went to sale with a decorative show record, which included the Overall Senior Female Calf Championship from the National Charolais Show in Tullamore the previous August. At just 14 months old, this Heifer displayed tremendous class and power along with a terminal index value of €155 and a calving figure of just 6.7%. A daughter of the well bred show heifer Goldstar Jamaïque, and sired by Goldstar Hugo, this Heifer also came with a prolific pedigree. After a lively round of bidding from all corners of the ring, Osanna was eventually knocked down to Harry Heron from Northern Ireland.

The Sale itself resulted in an overall clearance of 68%, with an average of €3,150. Taking into account all the uncertainties at present and the current beef trade, the sale was certainly a positive for the Charolais breed. Next best to Osanna was the Reserve Junior Champion, **Colomane Opal** exhibited by John Ward from Bantry in County Cork. Once again, this classy 13 month old Heifer displayed style and shape, as well a pedigree and indexes to match. A daughter of Goldstar Echo and the Meillard Rj bred cow, Deelevue Eve, this Heifer carries a five star replacement index of €93, a terminal index of €142 and a calving figure of just 5.9%. Snapping this one up was Noel and Joan Rathgallen from County Tipperary.



Reserve Junior Champion, Colomane Opal
Sold for €3,150

Judge for the day, Tracey Gunn, Manager of the highly successful Balthayock herd in the UK was accompanied by Junior Judge, Veronica Moody. They awarded the Overall Senior Championship to **Dalehill Nadine** exhibited by Basil and Victoria Kells from Killeshandra in County Cavan. Their selection was backed up in the Sales ring, when Nadine went under Tom Cox's hammer at €5,200. A daughter of the great CF 52, this powerful heifer goes back to Liscally Eti and Vangogh on the dam's side. In calf to Cavelands Fenian, the rising two year old was wrapped up by Jimmy Kelly from County Limerick.



Overall Senior Champion, Dalehill Nadine
Sold for €5,200

Hitting the €4,500 mark was **Grangwood Nora**, exhibited by Jerry and Kay O' Keffe from Knocklong, County Limerick. A third prize winner from the pre-sale show, this two year old daughter of Crossmolina Jupiter and a Enfield Picasso bred dam sold in calf to Whitecliffe James.

Not far behind her at €4,000 was the Reserve Senior Champion, **Limkiln Nollaig** exhibited by Richard Hackett from County Clare. A daughter of Dromiskin Viceroy and a Plexus bred dam, this rising two year old catalogued with an impressive terminal index of €162. Phillip Webster from Castlerea in County Roscommon was the purchaser of this one.



Reserve Senior Champion, Limkiln Nollaig
Sold for €4,000

At €3,800 was **Gallaway Orna**, a 14 month old daughter of the french sire, Jaquard. Exhibited by Michael Kiernan from Carrigallen in County Leitrim, Orna is a daughter of a Blelack Digger bred dam. Having secured a second prize rosette in the pre-sale show, she sold to Northern Ireland man Liam Ruddy.

The Goldstar herd rounded of a wonderful day, when they traded **Goldstar Orla** at €3,600, one of the last lots through the ring. A daughter of Nelson and a Goldstar Echo bred dam, she catalogued with a five star replacement index of €86. Craig Cullen from Curraghroe in County Roscommon secured this 12 month old Heifer.

Exhibitor's of last year's Senior Champion at the Elite Heifer Sale, the O'Donnell's from Elphin in County Roscommon parted company with their stylish second prize winner, **Summerville Orla** at €3,200. A daughter of Cavelands Fenian and a Clonoulty Andraemon bred dam, this one went North to County Antrim.

Eamonn O' Connor from Ballinful in County Sligo traded his in-calf Heifer, **Breaghwyhill Nancy ET**, for €3,100. This daughter of Indurain and an Excellent bred dam sold in-calf to Cavelands Fenian.

Christmas Cracker Show/Sale Elphin 7th December 2019

Top Price: €11,500 / Average Price: €4,275



The 2019 Christmas Cracker Show and Sale in Elphin Mart will remain in the memories of many breeders for some time, and all for the right reasons. The Sale provided a fantastic trade for Charolais bulls right throughout the day. Overall, 87% of the 83 bulls present on the day sold to an average of €4,275. Despite all the negativity surrounding farming and beef production recently, it was uplifting for all those present to witness the vibrant bidding and such a tremendous atmosphere around the ringside. It was clear for all to see that suckling farming is still alive and well.

One man that will remember this Sale for some time is debutante breeder, Conor O' Neill from Athboy in County Meath. His first outing to a Society Sale seen him sell his 14 month old bull, **Bud Orpheus**, for the top price of €11,500. This powerful son of CF 52 also picked up a red rosette in the pre-sale show, which was hotly contested in all nine classes. His dam, Western Icon is a daughter of Pirate who was purchased as a breeding heifer from Joe Clancy in County Galway. The Sale topper also packed an impressive terminal index of €162 and a calving figure of just 6.5%. After some lively bidding, Dovea Genetics eventually secured Orpheus for their AI stud.



Bud Orpheus

Sold for the top price of €11,500

It was certainly a day to cherish for Rory Cullen from Killoe in County Longford, who picked up both the Intermediate and Reserve Intermediate Championship with his stylish pair of bulls, **Glera Oran** and **Glera Oneshot**. The pair would also go on to acquire the second and third highest prices of the day, at €10,200 and €9,500.



Glera Oran – Intermediate Champion

Sold for €10,200

Not far behind Oran was his stablemate and the Reserve Intermediate Champion, **Glera Oneshot** at €9,500. A son of the legendary CF 52 and another Oldstone Egbert bred dam, this 15 month old bull carries a boastful terminal index of €164 and a calving figure of 8.4%. Wrapping him up was Northern Ireland suckler farmer, William Adams from County Tyrone.



Glera Oneshot and Glera Oran

Selling at €10,200 was the Intermediate Champion, **Glera Oran**, who is a son of Cave-lands Fenian and an Oldstone Egbert bred dam. Born in August 2018, Oran displayed eye appeal alongside a five star terminal index of €149 and a calving figure of 8%. Snapping this one up was the National Cattle Breeding Centre.



Glera Oneshot – Reserve Intermediate Champion

Sold for €9,500

Next best in the Sales ring at €9,200 was **Goldstar Oscar** from the Ryan family in County Tipperary. This tremendously well made bull is once again a son of none other than CF 52. His dam is the well known show cow and Valseur daughter, Goldstar Falkland. At just

14 months old, Oscar catalogued with an eye catching five star terminal index of €178 and well below average calving figure of 5.1%. This one also went North with William Kelly from County Down. The Ryan family also traded the 15 month old **Goldstar Organdi ET** at €5,500. Organdi is a son of Goldstar Hugo ET and is a full brother to the €11,000 Goldstar Osanna.

Trading at €9,000 was **Cloonglasna11 Oscar** exhibited by the Egan brothers from Ballina in County Mayo. Having picked up the Overall Senior Male Calf Championship at this year's National Charolais Show, this entry was always hotly anticipated. Judge Terry Coghill from the Orkney Islands, who was accompanied by Junior Judge, Cathal Gormley, made no hesitation in awarding the Mayo bred bull the Junior Champion in the pre-sale show. A son of Balmyle Vagabond and a Cloverfield Excellent bred dam, this 14 month old bull catalogued with a five star terminal index of €145. He sold to a County Cavan suckler farmer.



**Cloonglasna11 Oscar –
Junior Champion**
Sold for €9,000

The Roughan herd of Pat Mc Clean in County Donegal enjoyed a wonderful day's selling, trading five bulls for a total sum of €28,000. Leading the Roughan charge and selling for €7,800 was **Roughan Ondon 2**, a well muscled son of the outstanding Roughan Gibraltar and a Roughan Galant bred dam. This September 2018 born bull carries a five star terminal index of €154 and a well below average calving figure of 6.2%.



Roughan Ondon 2
Sold for €7,800

Also hailing from the Roughan herd was the Overall Senior Champion, **Roughan Outh**. This June 2018 born bull is a son of Roughan Justbeau and a Roughan Echo bred dam. He catalogued with a four star terminal index of €124 and a four star replacement index of €79, alongside a calving figure of 8.1%. Padraic Hegarty from County Longford secured Outh with a bid of €5,600.

Hot on his heel's was his herd mate, **Roughan Owner** at €5,500. This 14 month old bull is a son of the herd's new stock bull Roughan London and a Roughan Echo bred dam. He was knocked down to Matt Workman from County Antrim.



Roughan Outh – Senior Champion
Sold for €5,600

Richard Hackett from Clonlara in County Clare received a call of €7,600 for his 14 month old **Limkiln Oats 2 ET**, who stood top of the line in his class in the pre-sale show. This Pirate

son out of a CF 52 bred dam attracted a lot of interest all year, as a regular winner on the Summer show circuit. Carrying a whopping five star terminal index of €176, Tom Cox had no problem looking for bids on this one, eventually knocking him down to Gilbert Anderson from County Donegal.



Limkiln Oats 2 ET

Sold for €7,600

Jon and Lewis Regan from Castlegal in County Leitrim also had an eventful day in the Sales ring, selling their five entries for a total sum of €22,000. Leading their offering's at €7,500 was **Fivestar Opal 3 ET**, who was also awarded the Reserve Junior Champion earlier in the day. This 14 month old bull is a son of Goldstar Echo and the prolific Padirac bred dam, Maerdy Entry. Snapping this one up was Michael Cosgrove from Roscrea in County Tipperary. The Castlegal men then traded his full brother, **Fivestar Opal 2 ET** at €5,200. Martin Barr from Crocketford in Scotland made no mistake in having the final call on this one.



**Fivestar Opal 3 ET –
Reserve Junior Champion**

Sold for €7,500

The Mc Govern brothers from Fivemilebourne enjoyed another wonderful day out, parting ways with their two entries for €12,000. The duo first received a call of €6,000 for **Crossane4 Oscar**, who claimed the Reserve Senior Championship that morning. This classy son of Whitecliffe James is the first calf of Clenagh Lola 2 ET, who herself was purchased at the Premier Show and Sale in Elphin in March 2018. He sold to Gordan Davis from Dromore in Northern Ireland.



**Crossane4 Oscar –
Reserve Senior Champion**

Sold for €6,000

His companion, **Crossane4 One Of A Kind** sold for the same price tag of €6,000 to David Chestnutt from Bushmills in County Antrim. This powerful bull was a regular prize winner on the show circuit this summer and is a son of the French sire, Heracles, and the Liscally Eti bred daughter, Tonroe Hippiie.



Crossane4 One Of A kind

Sold for €6,000

The one and only CF 52 produced the goods once again, when Brendan Mc Feely from Ballybofey in County Donegal exchanged hands with another son, **Daisyhill Orlando**, for €5,800. At just 13 months old, this young bull displayed real potential along with a five star terminal index of €144. After picking up a second prize rosette in the pre-sale show, Auctioneer Tom Cox dropped the hammer to Jennifer Clarke from County Derry.

The Donegal men were back in action once again, when John and Kevin Mc Dermott from Innishowen sold **Ballynabreen Oliver 2** for €5,600. A son of Blelack Digger and a Lyonsdemesne Tzar bred dam, this 15 month old bull displayed one of the most decorative set of indexes in the catalogue, along with a calving figure of 7.1%. Oliver also went North with Matt Workman from County Antrim.

At just 13 months old, **Creeva Ollie** exhibited by Gerald Lavin from County Sligo went under the hammer at €5,200, selling across the Irish Sea to Wales. This quality young bull who is a son of Lisnagre Elite and a Cf 52 bred dam, also packed a five star terminal index of €152 and a calving figure of 9.4%.

Two bulls then shared a price tag of €5,000. The first to go through the ring was **Fieldview Orlando ET** exhibited by David Erskine from Crosses in County Monaghan. This stylish 15 month old bull is one of the first sons of Goldies Icon to go for sale in Southern Ireland.



Fieldview Orlando ET
Sold for €5,000

Also selling at €5,000 was the first prize winner from the last class of the day, **Grangwood Opel ET** exhibited by Gerry O' Keeffe from Knocklong in County Limerick. At just 13 months old, this Texan Gie son caught the eye of Noel Considine from Lisdonvarna.



Grangwood Opel ET
Sold for €5,000

Other leading prices included:

€4,700 for **Noble Otto 2** sired by Untel and exhibited by Harry Noble from County Longford

€4,500 for **Kilvilcorris Omar** sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by Matt Ryan from County Tipperary

€4,400 for **Corney Ox** sired by Jaquard and exhibited by David Magee from County Cavan

€4,100 for **Roughan Olant** sired by Roughan Jason and exhibited by Pat Mc Clean from County Donegal

€4,100 for **Dereskit Oden 957** sired by Dereskit Jacob 3 and exhibited by Basil Bothwell from County Cavan

€4,000 for **Tonyglasson Oisin ET** sired by Pirate and exhibited by Martin Hughes from County Cavan

€4,000 for **Cornadrung Orville** sired by Pottlereagh Mark and exhibited by Karl and Tom Farrell from County Longford

€4,000 for **Rosanna Olympus** sired by Sesame and exhibited by Pat Stephens from County Carlow

Tullamore Show/Sale

22nd February 2020

Top Price: €4,800 / Average Price: €3,254

The flourishing trade for Charolais Bulls started were it left off in 2019, with another lively sale in Tullamore Mart in February 2020. There was a smaller than normal entry, with many bulls destined for the Sale finding new homes on farms in recent weeks. The strong trade for Charolais weanling's and stores in the commercial market clearly driving demand. Overall, 90% of the bulls forward sold to average €3,254. This was also the first official ICCS Sale in which all bull's were Genotyped and Myostatin tested.

Topping the trade on the day was **Rathfeston Oz ET** at €4,800. The property of Wayne Mulligan from Geashill in County Offaly, this stylish 17 month old bull is a son of Jupiter and Rathfeston Lizzy ET, a daughter of french sire, Erckmann. Oz catalogued with a five star terminal index of €143, a calving figure of 6.3% on beef cows and carried one copy of the F94L gene. After brisk bidding from many potential buyers, he was eventually knocked down to Mike Kissane from Cahirciveen in County Kerry.



Rathfeston Oz ET

Sold for the top price of €4,800

Not far behind at €4,700 was Matt and PJ Ryan with **Kilvilcorris Olav**. This 16 month old bull is a son of Pirate and the Major bred daughter, Kilvilcorris Ladonna. Olav displayed an impressive set of indexes which included a five star terminal index of €148, a four star

replacement index of €67 and a below average calving figure of 4.8% on beef cows. This second prize winner from the pre-sale show also carries one copy of the F94L gene. He found his new home with a suckler farmer from County Westmeath.



Kilvilcorris Olav

Sold for €4,700

At €4,600 was the Overall Champion from the pre-sale show, **Cloughbrack Ohio** exhibited by Mattie Kelly from Newbridge in County Galway. This 16 month old bull caught the eye of Judge, Alan Burleigh, from the moment he entered the ring. Alan was also accompanied by Rachel Maxwell from Co. Westmeath, who was a junior judge for the day. Ohio was a son of Enfield Plexus and a CF 52 bred daughter, this bull carries two copies of the Q204X gene. He was snapped up in the sales ring by Thomas Hughes from Newry in County Down.



Cloughbrack Ohio – Overall Champion

Sold for €4,600

Two bulls then exchanged hands at €4,300. The first to go under the hammer was the first prize winner, **Lisnagre Oz ET** exhibited by Jim Geoghegan from Streamstown in County Westmeath. This 17 month old son of Pirate and the Major daughter, Ballydownan Curie, carries a whopping five star terminal index of €167 and a below average calving figure of €5.8% on beef cows. He sold to County Kerry suckler farmer, Tim O Sullivan.



Lisnagre Oz ET
Sold for €4,300

Also selling at €4,300 was **Derryolam Otto**, a son of CF 52 and a Pacha bred daughter. Exhibited by Niall Mc Nally from County Monaghan, the 16 month old Otto catalogued with a five star terminal index of €144, a below average calving figure of 4.3% on beef cows and displayed one copy of the F94L gene. He was wrapped up in the sales ring by Declan Murray from Roscrea.

Seamus Nolan from County Kilkenny then realised €4,200 for his October 2018 born, **Firoda Odo ET**. Sired by the popular french sire, Bourgogne, this young bull came to sale with an impressive set of indexes, including a five star replacement index of €116, a four star terminal index of €126 and a well below average calving figure of 3.9% on beef cows. Richard Steadman from County Wicklow had the final call on this one.

The Reserve Champion from the pre-sale show was awarded to **Weskel Orlando ET**, exhibited by Wesley Kellett from Bailieborough in County Cavan. This classy bull is a son of the high performance UK sire, Blelack Digger, and a Liscally Eti bred daughter. Displaying one of the most decorative set of indexes in the catalogue, Orlando failed to meet his reserve in the sales ring, but exchanged hands outside the ring at €4,000.



Weskel Orlando ET – Reserve Champion
Sold for €4,000

David Magee from Ballyconnell in County Cavan then received a call of €3,900 for the second prize winner, **Corney Ozzy**. A September 2018 born son of Goldstar Echo and a Padirac bred dam, Ozzy sold with a five star terminal index of €142 and went North with Dessie Rafferty from Omagh in County Tyrone.

Also hitting the €3,900 mark was **Drumcul-len Obama**, a 15 month old son of Drumcul-len JJ. Exhibited by John Fleury from Killyon in County Offaly, Obama displayed a five star terminal index of €162, a five star replacement index of €123 and a calving figure of just 5.3% on beef cows. He also carries one copy of the F94L gene and once again went North with S & A Conway from Omagh.

Other leading prices included:

€3,700 for **Tullyharnet Ozie** sired by Tombapik and exhibited by Noel Laverty from County Monaghan

€3,600 for **Ballym Pat** sired by Goldstar Luigi ET and exhibited by Louise Quinn from County Offaly

€3,500 for **Kilvilcorris Oslo** sired by Thrunton Bonjovi and exhibited by Matt and PJ Ryan from County Tipperary

€3,450 for **Cloonshanna Ohmygod** sired by Hideal and exhibited by Thomas Mc Gowan from County Roscommon

€3,000 for **Portanure Othello** sired by Carrickbrack96 Hutch and exhibited by Gerard Farrell from County Longford

€3,000 for **Ballym Peter** sired by Ballym Falcon and exhibited by Louise Quinn from County Offaly

Premier Show/Sale – Elphin 14th March 2020

Top Price: €15,000 / Average Price: €3,785



Noble Prince – Junior Champion

Sold for the top price of €15,000

On a day when only those that were exhibiting and buying were asked to attend due to the ongoing Covid-19 concerns, a young Longford bred bull, **Noble Prince**, was undoubtedly the jewel in the Crown, selling for the day's highest price of €15,000. Exhibited by Harry and Heather Noble from just outside Edgeworthstown, Prince received considerable interest from both pedigree and commercial breeders from Ireland and the UK. Earlier that day, Judge Will Shortt of the Woodpark herd in Northern Ireland and Junior Judge Aidan Kinahan awarded the Thrunton Fairfax son the Overall Junior Championship in the show ring. Born in January 2019, Prince also came with a five star Replacement index of €94 and a calving figure of just 5.2% on beef cows. After an exciting round of bidding, Bartley Finnegan from Elite Pedigree Genetics secured Prince for his AI stud. Taking all factor's

into account, quality bulls received a strong demand right throughout the day, with a clearance rate of 66%, selling to a healthy average price of €3,785.

The day's second highest price of €7,200 was achieved by **Limklin Pajoe ET**, exhibited by Richard Hackett from Clonlara, Co. Clare. This 13 month old Pirate son out of a CF 52 bred dam catalogued with an eye catching five star terminal index of €166 and a calving figure of 6.9% on beef cows. Pajoe stood second in his class in the pre-sale show and was wrapped up by Gerard Hackett from Clogher in County Tyrone. This bull carries one copy of the F94L and Q204X genes.

Next best to him at €5,700 was Mattie Kelly's first prize winner, **Cloughbrack Pathfinder**. This classy Goldstar Echo son was just 13 months old on the day of Sale and displayed

a five star terminal index of €139. The Galway bred bull carries one copy of the Q204X gene and was secured in the Sales ring by Bernard Rudden from County Roscommon.



Cloughbrack Pathfinder

Sold for €5,700

Gallaway Ollie was next best at €5,000, exhibited by Michael Kiernan from Carrigallen in County Leitrim. A Fiston son out of a Bova Sylvain bred dam, this 17 month old bull displayed a decorative set of indexes which included a five star terminal index of €154, a five star replacement index of €98 and a calving figure of just 6.8% on beef cows. Having secured a third prize rosette in the pre-sale show, he was snapped up in the sales ring by Brian Jordan from Deerpark in County Longford.



Gallaway Ollie

Sold for €5,000

David Erskine from the Crosses in County Monaghan had a worthwhile trip, selling his two offerings at €4,800 and €4,000, respectively. First up at €4,000 was **Fieldview Option**, an October 2018 born son of Whitecliffe James and a Prime Roberto bred dam. A second prize winner from the pre-sale show, Option catalogued with a five star terminal index of €134, a calving figure of just 4.8% and displayed one copy of the F94L gene. He sold to Anthony Mc Veigh from Carrickmacross in County Monaghan. His stable-mate, **Fieldview Pedro** then went under the hammer at €4,800, selling to Donal Callery from Cookstown in County Meath. This stylish son of Goldstar Echo stood top of his class in the pre-sale show and carries one copy of the F94L gene. The 13 month old Pedro carried a four star terminal and replacement index.



Fieldview Pedro

Sold for €4,800

The Overall Senior Male Champion was awarded to **Kilvilcorris Odran**, a son of Prime Roberto and a Pirate bred dam. The property of Matt and PJ Ryan from County Tipperary, this powerful well made bull romped his way to €4,700 in the sales ring, selling to James Cosgrave in Enfield, County Meath. He too carried one copy of the F94L gene.

Two bulls then shared the price tag of €4,500, the first of which was the Reserve Junior Champion, **Aghafad Prince**. Exhibited by Edward Walsh from County Monaghan, the young 12 month old Prince is a son of Goldstar Echo and a Dromiskin Pedro bred dam. Having the final call on this one was John Gervis from Ballygawley in County Tyrone.



Kilvilcorris Odran – Senior Champion

Sold for €4,700

Also hitting the €4,500 mark was **Tullaghan Prince Charming**, exhibited by Michael Daniel Daly from Tullaghan in County Leitrim. A third prize winner from the pre-sale show, Prince Charming is a son of Knockmoyle Loki and a Grimaldi bred dam. He sold with a five star terminal index of €163 and carries two copies of the F94L gene. This one also went North with Andrew Mc Cammond.



**Aghafad Prince
Reserve Junior Champion**

Sold for €4,500

Jeremy Mc Gonigle from County Donegal received a call of €4,400 for his 14 month old, **Whinfort Orlando**. A son of Goldstar Ludwig

and a CF 52 bred dam, Orlando sold with a whopping five star terminal index of €198. Securing this one was Bryan Barber from Grange in County Sligo.



Whinfort Orlando

Sold for €4,400

Bostonia Oldmcdonald exhibited by Brendan Feeney from County Sligo was tapped out as the Reserve Senior Champion. This Goldies Icon son is out of a Liscally Eti bred daughter, who was purchased at the Elite Heifer Sale in November 2017. Tom Cox dropped the hammer on this one at €3,200, selling to Pdraig Loughney from Kinocn, County Sligo.



Bostonia Oldmcdonald

Sold for €3,200

Other leading prices in the Bulls included:

€4,200 for **Roughan Otter 3** sired by Roughan London, exhibited by Pat Mc Clean from County Donegal

€4,100 for **Ballynabreen Oswald** sired by Knockmoyle Loki, exhibited by John Mc Dermott from County Donegal

€4,000 for **Aughnasheelin Otter ET** sired by CF 52, exhibited by Michael Mc Girt from County Leitrim

€4,000 for **Caldragh Pete** sired by Prime Roberto, exhibited by Gerard Beirne from County Roscommon

€4,000 for **Crossmolina Peadar** sired by Balmyle Vagabond, exhibited by Alan Wood from County Mayo

€3,700 for **Faus Oak** sired by Pottlereagh Mark, exhibited by Sal Boyd from County Roscommon

€3,700 for **Tonroe Prettyfly4awhiteguy** sired by Cavellands Fenian, exhibited by Vincent Callaghan from County Mayo

€3,700 for **Roughan Ola** sired by Roughan London, exhibited by Pat Mc Clean from County Donegal

€3,600 for **Kilvilcorris Ortona** sired by Thrunton Bonjovi, exhibited by Matt and PJ Ryan from County Tipperary

Females:

The small entry of Females met a good trade, selling to an average of €3,583. Topping the Female trade at €6,100 was the Champion, **Clenagh Orion** exhibited by the Quin family from Newmarket On Fergus, County Clare. This stylish two year old daughter of Clenagh Lyle sold in calf to Chic. She catalogued with a thumping five star terminal index of €178, and carries one copy of the F94L and Q204X genes. Securing the Champion was Cillian Nugent from Northern Ireland.



Clenagh Orion – Female Champion

The Reserve Female Championship was awarded to **Cloughbrack Peaches**, the property of Mattie Kelly from Newbridge in County Galway. At just 14 months old, this young heifer is a daughter of Knockmoyle Loki and a Sportsman's Columbo bred dam. Peaches carries one copy of both the F94L and Q204X genes. This one went under Tom Cox's hammer at €3,700, selling to Enda Murphy from County Monaghan.



**Cloughbrack Peaches
Reserve Female Champion**

Michael Daniel Daly from Tullaghan in County Leitrim received a bid of €3,500 for **Tullaghan Pixie**, a daughter of Knockmoyle Loki and an Enfield Plexus bred dam. Having the final call on Pixie was Noel Lafferty from County Monaghan. Sean Reid from Ballyhale in County Kilkenny parted company with Kiltorcan08 Nelly at €3,400. This powerful in calf daughter of Goldstar Echo sold to Annita Duffy from Gurteen in County Galway.

Tullamore Sale 23rd May 2020

Top Price: €5,800/ Average Price: €3,000



Cattanview Powerhouse

Sold for the top price of €5,800

The May 2020 sale in Tullamore Mart took place in most unusual and surreal circumstances, with no pre-sale show, buyers were only allowed view bulls from 10 am - 12 noon and only a limited number of registered buyers were allowed entry to the Sales ring at any one time. Thanks to the co-operation of the exhibitors, customers and most of all Tullamore Mart, the sale ran extremely smoothly. For the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic hit, buyers had the option to bid from the ringside and online at the same time. This resulted in a lively trade for Charolais bulls right throughout the day. Overall, 71% of the bulls forward sold

to an average of €3,000. It must be noted that many of the bulls catalogued had been purchased privately on farms prior to the Sale. The fact that there were more buyers registered than bulls present, clearly showed the demand for Charolais bulls.

Topping the trade at €5,800 and stealing the show was the youngest bull of the day, **Cattanview Powerhouse** exhibited by Tim Higgins from County Leitrim. At just 12 months old, this young Fiston son out of a Noaille bred dam catalogued with an impressive set of indexes. He carries a five star replacement index of €157, a five star terminal index of €177 and a



Colomane Popeye

Sold for €5,300

calving figure of just 5.8%. After attracting bids from numerous online customers and the ringside, Powerhouse was eventually knocked down to Michael Brady, a suckler farmer from County Galway.

Next best in the sales ring was **Colomane Popeye**, the property of John Ward from County Cork. This powerful 16 month old bull is a son of the home bred, Colomane Mr Right, with Cottage Devon on the dam's side. Carrying a five star terminal index of €159, Popeye caught the eye of local man Henry Moody who secured him with a bid of €5,300.

Jerry and Kay O' Keeffe from Knocklong in County Limerick then received a call of €4,000 for their 15 month old **Grangwood Pasha ET**. A son of Goldstar Echo and an Enfield Picasso bred dam, this bull carries a five star terminal index of €156 and a calving figure of just 4.7%. Wrapping this one up was Pat Lawlor from County Kildare.

Not far behind Pacha at €3,800 was **Terryville Polo** exhibited by Patsy Lynch from Merville, Lifford, Co. Donegal. This classy son

of Cavelands Fenian and a Crossmolina Euro bred dam displayed a five star terminal index of €152 and a calving figure of just 5.7%. Barry Connaire from County Galway had the final call on this one.

Other leading prices included:

€3,700 for **Cloughbrack officer** sired by Cavelands Levi and exhibited by Mattie Kelly, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, County Galway

€3,700 for **Terryville Organdi** sired by Cyrano and exhibited by Patsy Lynch from Merville, County Donegal

€3,600 for **Crossmolina PJ** sired by Cloverfield Excellent and exhibited by Alan Wood from Crossmolina, County Mayo

€3,400 for **Inchiquin Obama** sired by Glen Leon and exhibited by Patrick Daveron from Ower, County Galway

€3,100 for **Aquanchoua Pat** sired by Utrillo Mic and exhibited by Peter Mc Laughlin from Redhills, County Cavan



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Rosanna Daisybell



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Rosanna Jupiter wins Supreme Champion at the Great British Charolais Summer Show

Congratulations to the Barker Family in Hertfordshire in the UK, on winning Supreme Champion at the Great British Charolais Summer Show with the Irish bred bull, Rosanna Jupiter. Born in January 2014, he was privately purchased as a young bull from Pat Stephens of the Rosanna Pedigree Charolais herd, from Rathoe, Co. Carlow.

Jupiter has proven to be a consistent breeder of both quality bulls and females. Son's have been sold throughout England and into Scotland and Wales, to both pedigree and commercial herds, with two bulls selling to a top of 12,000 last year into pedigree herds in Scotland. He is a son of Rosanna Daisybell and his sire is Rosanna Fameux. Daisybell is one of the best breeding females in the Rosanna herd.



Rosanna Jupiter



Progeny from Rosanna Jupiter

A SNAP SHOT IN TIME

taking a look back at some of the past
National Show Champions since the
Societies first National Show in 1992

1992



Overall Pedigree Champion - Escott Dollar

Sire: MMB Apollon /
MGS: Tattenhall Impeccable
Owned by: Jim & Ivan Ryall, Co. Cork



Heifer Champion – Clandonagh Felicity

Sire: Bluebell Caverro / MGS: Grove Victor
Owned by: Liam Walsh, Co. Laois

1993



**Overall Pedigree Champion –
Castlemartin Grace**

Sire: Balmyle Caesar /
MGS: Drumgauty Viceroy
Owned by: AJF O'Reilly,
Co. Kildare

1994



Overall Pedigree Champion – Farmleigh Hypnose
Sire: Derby / MGS: Potiron
Owned by: Lord Iveagh, Co. Dublin



Male Champion – Farmleigh Goliath
Sire: Empereur / MGS: Banville
Owned by: Lord Iveagh, Co. Dublin

1995



Overall Pedigree Champion – Farmleigh Goliath
Sire: Empereur / MGS: Banville
Owned by: Lord Iveagh, Co. Dublin



Heifer Champion – Knockane Hilda
Sire: Tennis / MGS: Tattenhall Impeccable
Owned by: Jim & Ivan Ryall, Co. Cork

1996



Overall Pedigree Champion – Royal Helium
Sire: Espoir / MGS: Langy
Owned by: Kevin Foley, Co. Cork



Heifer Champion – Kilboy Frivole
Sire: Britisch B / MGS: Uranus
Owned by: Tony Ryan, Co. Tipperary

1997



Overall Pedigree Champion – Kilboy Liseron

Sire: Gentlemen / MGS: Veau D'Or

Owned by: Tony Ryan, Co. Tipperary



Heifer Champion – Farmleigh Hypnose

Sire: Derby / MGS: Potiron

Owned by: Lord Iveagh, Co. Dublin

1998



**Overall Pedigree Champion –
Clandonagh Fabuleuse**

Sire: Champion / MGS: Los Angeles

Owned by: Liam Walsh, Co. Laois



Heifer Champion – Anneskeagh Lisa

Sire: Erudit / MGS: Skidoo Flambeau

Owned by: Brian Donnelly, Co. Dublin

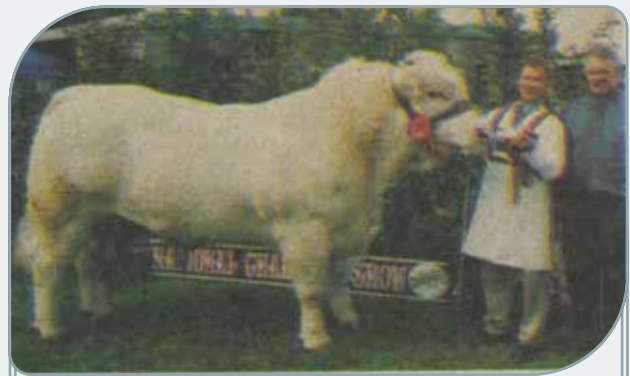
2000



Overall Pedigree Champion – Anneskeagh Lisa

Sire: Erudit / MGS: Skidoo Flambeau

Owned by: Brian Donnelly, Co. Dublin



Male Champion – Kilboy Napoleon

Sire: Ecrin / MGS: Deauville

Owned by: David Erskine, Co. Monaghan

2002



**Overall Pedigree Champion –
Anneskeagh Naomi**

*Sire: Anneskeagh Jeopardy / MGS: Enjoleur
Owned by: Brian Donnelly, Co. Dublin*



Male Champion – Clandonagh Oro
Sire: Jupiter / MGS: Champion

Owned by: Liam Walsh, Co. Laois

2004



Heifer Champion – Kilbline Sugarbab (ET)

*Sire: Mogador / MGS: Fakir
Owned by: Joan Sugrue, Co. Kilkenny*

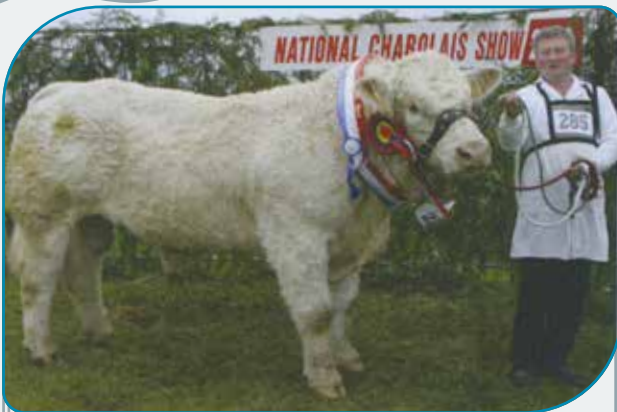
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Overall Pedigree Champion – Prime Usher

*Sire: Hermes / MGS: Indurain
Owned by: Christy Comerford, Co. Kilkenny*

2007



Male Champion – Riversdale Anchor (ET)

*Sire: Oscar / MGS: Jupiter
Owned by: Andy McGovern, Co. Leitrim*



Heifer Champion – Royal Pivoine

*Sire: Lancelot / MGS: Berlioz
Owned by: Kevin Foley, Co. Cork*

2008



Male Champion – Royal Van Gogh (ET)
Sire: Ocean / MGS: Eucalyptus
Owned by: Kevin Foley, Co. Cork

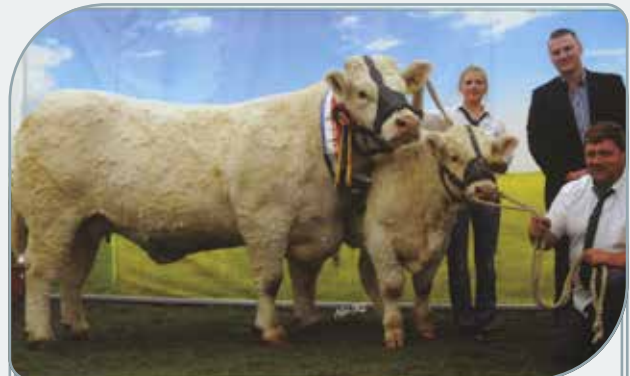


Heifer Champion – Drummullian Bridie
Sire: Doonally New / MGS: Enfield Newlook
Owned by: Michael Hanlon, Co. Longford

2009



Male Champion – Royal Baladin
Sire: Loch Ness / MGS: My Dear
Owned by: Kevin Foley, Co. Cork



Heifer Champion – Royal Victorienne
Sire: Royal Mozard / MGS: Hermes
Owned by: Kevin Foley, Co. Cork

2010



Male Champion – Royal Baladin
Sire: Loch Ness / MGS: My Dear
Owned by: Kevin Foley, Co. Cork



Heifer Champion – Royal Victorienne
Sire: Royal Mozard / MGS: Hermes
Owned by: Kevin Foley, Co. Cork

2011



Male Champion – Royal Descartes

*Sire: Univers Ra / MGS: Major
Owned by: Kevin Foley, Co. Cork*



Female Champion – Royal Victorienne

*Sire: Royal Mozard / MGS: Hermes
Owned by: Kevin Foley, Co. Cork*

2012



Male Champion – Dalehill Gerry

*Sire: Prime Roberto / MGS: Doonally New
Owned by: Basil & Victoria Kells, Co. Cavan*



Female Champion – Prime Fatcha

*Sire: Bowerhouse Topper / MGS: Domino
Owned by: Benny Keating, Co. Tipperary*

2013



Male Champion – Culla Highflyer (ET)

*Sire: Oscar / MGS: Domino
Owned by: John & Paul Kingham,
Co. Monaghan*



Female Champion – Ballylast Gorgeous (ET)

*Sire: Pedro / MGS: Major
Owned by: John McElchar,
Co. Donegal*

2014



Male Champion – Bostonia Invincible 2 (ET)

Sire: Oldstone Egbert / MGS: Padirac

Owned by: Brendan Feeney, Co. Sligo



Female Champion – Goldstar Godiva (ET)

Sire: Major / MGS: Theodat

Owned by: Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary

2015



Senior Female Champion – Trenamullen Iona 2

Sire: Bova Sylvain

MGS: Oscar

Owned by: Patrick McDermott, Co. Donegal

2016



Female Champion – Grangwood Jolly Holly (ET)

Sire: Goldstar Echo

MGS: Enfield Picasso

Owned by: Jerry O'Keefe, Co. Limerick

2017



**Overall Pedigree Champion
– Sageesse Martha (ET)**

*Sire: Adonis / MGS: Volcan
Owned by: Brendan & Niall
Canning, Co. Sligo*

2018



**Overall & Senior Female
Champion – Drumshane
Mademoiselle**

*Sire: Inverlochy Gurkha
MGS: Suzeringie
Owned by: Brendan & Greg
Feeney, Co. Sligo*

2019



**Overall Champion –
Crossane4 Niamh**

*Sire: Goldstar Echo
MGS: Thrunton Bonjovi
Owned by: Eoin McGovern,
Kilmore, Fivemilebourne,
Co. Sligo*

Skidoo goes out with a bang

In September 2019, one of the oldest and largest pedigree Charolais herds in the country, Skidoo, provided a sale that will be remembered for some time and showed that Charolais are still firmly in demand. It was evident from the outset that buyers travelled from far and wide to secure Skidoo bloodlines. The highlight of the day came when lot 25, **Skidoo 96 High-light 2 ET** traded at €9,800. This six year old cow sold incalf, calving in February to Jumper. Sired herself by Major, she goes back on a Doonally New bred dam which goes back to a French import. Overall, 34 in calf cows calving in autumn sold to average over €3,700.



Top of the cows with spring calves at foot was the forth lot into the ring, **Skidoo 96 Isolda ET**, who sold for €6,500. This rising six year old is a daughter of the UK sire, **Inverlochty Ferdie**. Overall 82% of the cow and calf lots sold to average just shy of €4,000. Spring calves sold separate to the cows reached a top of €3,100 for **Skidoo 96 Patra**.



The in-calf heifer section seen a total of 26 forward with 22 finding new homes. These topped at €4,700, with an average price of €2,890. Topping this section was lot 86, **Skidoo96 Nollaig**. Born April 2017, this Goldstar Echo daughter carries five stars on the replacement index and sold in calf to Nippur.

Buyers remained around the ringside right until the very end. Last through the ring were the maiden heifers, where 27 lots sold to average €2,360. Topping these was a bid of €4,000 for lot 119, **Skidoo96 Pamela**. This January 2019-born daughter of Jumper goes back to a Fury Action-bred cow.

Other leading prices included -

Lot 16 **Skidoo Jessica** sired by Fury Action who sold for €5,400

Lot 23 **Deeview Jessica** sired by Elgin Davinci who sold for €5,600

Lot 62 **Skidoo96 L 1974** sired by Inverlochty Ferdie who sold for €5,000

Lot 85 **Skidoo96 N 2198** sired by Artois who sold for €4,600

Lot 92 **Skidoo96 N 2235** sired by Sesame who sold for €4,600



Corrie Alan CZL



- Purchased for 19,000 Guineas Perth Oct 2006
- Oldstone Egbert son off a great cowline from Archie MacGregors Allanfauld herd
- 11,444 Guineas average for his top 9 bulls through Perth and Stirling
- Top price of 16,000 Guineas for Woodpark Flashman
- One of his sons the 11,000 Guinea Woodpark Elgin has bred the Overall Charolais Champion in Balmoral 2019, Elgin Nancy
- A son of Woodpark Elgin, Elgin Oliver made the third top price of 15,000 Guineas in Stirling this February 2020
- 7.7% Calving difficulty ICBF Jan 2020

Clenagh Lyle CH4634



- Superb carcass shape, weight gain and natural fleshing
- Burradon Olaf a Lyle son sold for 10,000 Guineas at Stirling Bull Sales, Scotland February 2020
- Lyle sons through Stirling now average 8,100 Guineas
- Terminal €170 - 5 Star - Top 1% of Charolais breed
- 8% Calving Difficulty on Suckler cows - ICBF Jan 2020
- First crop of commercial calves look exceptional
- Son of the great Domino, a breed great over the last 30 years. Domino straws are trading at €500/straw
- Top priced bull €13,000 and junior Champion @ Christmas Cracker '16

Sportsmans Neptune CH5196



- Overall Champion Carlisle 2018
- Son of the 70,000 Guineas Barnsford Ferny
- Dam Sportsmans Heartbeat is a daughter of the 45,000 Guineas Maerdy Express
- Sportsmans Maisie his 3/4 sister off same cowline was the Supreme Interbreed Champion at the Great Yorkshire show '18
- Outcross bloodlines for breeders
- Myostatin: F94L-1 Profit Gene
- Great structure, power and Charolais characteristics
- Trait leader for Milk and weight gain in the UK
- 5 Star milk +5Kg on ICBF

Balthayock Musketeer - NEW / Code pending



- Balthayock Impression x Balthayock Valentine x Balthayock Temeirare
- Trait leader in Milk, 200, 400 and 600 day weights in UK
- Easy calving. His Sire Impression is used on the heifers at Balthayock
- Musketeer is breeding cattle with great topline and hind end development, great Charolais Characteristics of head and hair plus he's a very easy fleshing bull
- His Dam Emily bred the 3rd highest priced bull Stirling Oct '19 Balthayock Octavian 12,000 Guineas



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CHAROLAIS SALE TOPPER PROVING HIS WORTH



In March 2018, Michael Reilly from County Leitrim forked out €11,500 for Mullawn Noble, at the Irish Charolais Cattle Society's Premier Sale in Elphin. A son of CF 52 and a pirate bred dam, Noble attracted bids from all corners of the ring that day, before eventually being knocked down to Michael for his suckler herd based just outside Ballinamore. The highest price on the day, many may have felt the young bull was an expensive purchase, but he has certainly proved his worth since.

Michael runs a 60 cow suckler herd, made up of a range of cow types including Charolais crosses, Limousine crosses, Simmental crosses and Angus crosses. As we all know, Charolais has the ability to cross with a wide range of cow types, and Noble is a prime example of that on this farm. The sheer quality of the calves is nothing short of exceptional. The herd is both Autumn and Spring calving. Michael is quick to point out that the majority of the cows have calved unassisted to Noble to date. He explains *"for someone who works away from home a lot, this is very important."*





In recent weeks, the Reilly's sold their weanlings in Carrigallen Mart, where they averaged €1,095 for their Bulls at an average weight of 420kgs. The Heifers averaged €1,050 at an average weight of 380kgs. All these were Spring 2020 born weanlings. Earlier this Autumn they also sold bullocks from 515kgs – 570kgs at an average price of €1320. So far, no weanlings of the new Charolais bull have sold for less than €1,020. Their weight for age is another important asset. In August of this year, the Reilly's weaned 6 – 9 month old calves at an average weight of 324kgs, with only a small amount of meal feeding prior to weaning. According to Michael himself, *"Noble is ticking all the boxes. His calves are easily born, lively, develop into good U grade cattle and are easily fleshed."*

It is always positive to hear reports of high-priced Cattle doing the business for Farmers. Especially when they were sold at an official Irish Charolais Cattle Society Sale. At the end of the day, that is what it is all about. A bull is only as good as he breeds, and Noble is certainly breeding.



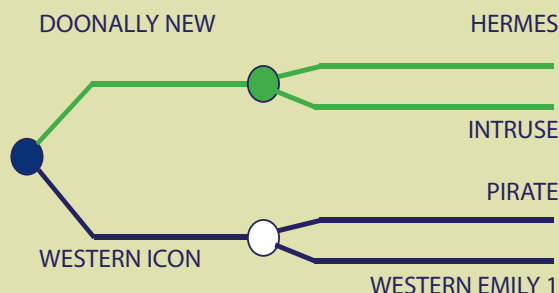
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Eurostar Index ICBF July 2020				
Within Breed	Index	Euro Value	Reliability	Across Breeds
*	Replacement	€27	51%	*
*****	Terminal	€164	55%	*****

Expected Progeny Performance				
Within Breed	Key Profit Trait	Index Value	Reliability	Across Breeds
*****	Docility	0.11	48%	*****
*****	Carcass Weight	43.3Kg	54%	*****
***	Carcass Conformation	1.93	47%	*****



MYOSTATIN: 1 X F94L 1X Q2O4X

- ♦ Orpheus Is Possibly The Most Heavily Muscled CF52 Son To Enter Irish A.I.
- ♦ First Prizewinner at The Irish Charolais Christmas Cracker 2019
- ♦ Highest Price Pedigree Male Sold In Ireland At Auction In 2019 at €11,500
- ♦ Carries One Copy Of The Q2O4X Muscle Gene and One Copy Of The F94L

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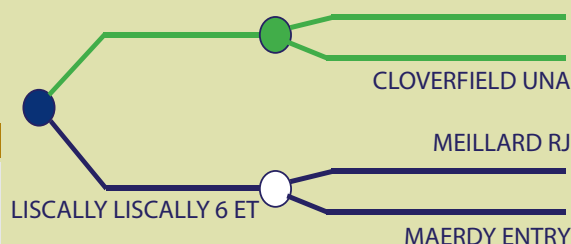


Eurostar Index ICBF July 2020				
Within Breed	Index	Euro Value	Reliability	Across Breeds
*	Replacement	€25	48%	*
*****	Terminal	€160	50%	*****

Expected Progeny Performance				
Within Breed	Key Profit Trait	Index Value	Reliability	Across Breeds
****	Docility	0.07	47%	****
*****	Carcass Weight	42.8Kg	47%	*****
*****	Carcass Conformation	2.41	47%	*****

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DOMINO



MYOSTATIN: 1 X F94L 1X Q2O4X

- ◆ **The Complete Package**
 - » **Style**
 - » **Muscle**
 - » **Length**
 - » **Pedigree**
- ◆ **An Exceptional Son of Cloverfield Excellent**
- ◆ **Grandson of the Famous Maerdy Entry**



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Society's New Semen

Name: **Infidele**

AI Code: CH6211 Price: €35/straw

Myostatin Result: F94L = 0 /Q204X = 0



Infidele is an easy calving french bull, with an out cross pedigree for most Irish breeders.

His sire is Fruit Dor, who is a son of Rural, a proven easy calving bull with good maternal traits in France, and his dam is Fidele.

He was brought in as an option for pedigree

breeders to use on their pedigree maiden heifers.

His calving figure in France is 113, which is well below the breed average there. In Ireland Infidele currently has a 5 Star Replacement Index of €91 and a below average calving figure of 4.4% on cows.



Daughters of Infidele in France

Name: **Ocelo**

AI Code: CH6301 Price: €40/straw

Myostatin Result: F94L = 1 / Q204X = 1



Ocelo (pictured at two years old)

Ocelo is a really exciting prospect for pedigree Charolais breeders in Ireland. He is a son of the great Major, from whom straws are no longer available. His dam Brésilienne was without any doubt one of the best cows in France in recent years. A daughter of the proven maternal bull, Pinay, Brésilienne has produced some outstanding progeny in France. Many of her sons are stock bulls in leading pedigree herds, including Ibra Mic, Liverpool and Hongrois.

He is an all-round attractive bull with style, power, correctness, breed character and length.

He is jointly owned by Gaec Devillard and Earl Benas Jean Pierre in France.

His first calves hit the ground last autumn and are showing tremendous potential.



Major (Father of Ocelo)



Brésilienne (Mother of Ocelo)

Name: **Military**

AI Code: CH6349 Price: €40/straw

Myostatin Result: F94L = 1 / Q204X = 0



A son of Hilary and Jason, Military is a total out cross for most Irish Charolais breeders, making him a really attractive option. Bred by Gaec Vidal, Military is currently the leading stock bull in Pichard Hughes herd in France, after a successful show season last year.

He is a thick, well made, meaty bull, who is

aimed at breeding bulls suitable for the commercial farmer. His progeny display early maturing characteristics with great confirmation.

He is breeding calves like himself, with terrific shape and quality. He should be best suited to bigger, longer, plainer type cows.



Progeny of Military in France

Name: **Horace JD**

AI Code: S3338 Price: €42/straw

Myostatin Result: F94L = 1 / Q204X = 0



Horace JD is a son of the great french cow, Cadillac, and his father is Froufrou, who is sired by Baladin.

He is being introduced as an option to breed replacement females in the pedigree herd.

His daughters are big, long, feminine cows, with great pelvis size and milk.

Based on progeny seen of Horace, he is best suited to smaller, fleshier cows, to put size and power in their progeny.

Currently Horace has a four-star terminal index of €122 and a calving figure of 4.6%.



Progeny of Horace JD

Name: **Magicien**

AI Code: S3616 Price: €36/straw

Myostatin Result: F94L = 1 / Q204X = 0

Magicien is a bull with a famous pedigree. His sire is Himalaya, father of Laurie, Jules and many other noted Charolais in France. Magicien's dam Victoria, needs no introduction, with a prolific show career to her name, which few can rival. She was a daughter of Major and Merveille, a combination which has left its mark across the world.

Magicien carries one copy of the F94L gene and has over 80 calves born to Heifers in France, without any problems calving. He has been genotyped here with a massive 5-star terminal index of €175. His calving figure on cows is just below the breed average at 5.1%.



Magicien



Pictured above are Victoria and Merveille, dam and grand dam of Magicien



Pictured above are progeny of Magicien in France

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Himalaya	CH5797	€62.00
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Infidele	CH6211	€35.00
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Military	CH6349	€40.00
My Love	CH4880	€28.00
Naoille	NAL	€40.00
Ocelo	CH6301	€40.00
Onxy	OXY	€68.00
Padirac	PDC	€45.00
Pompon	PMO	€68.00
Sesame (OOS)	SXS	€28.00
Stimothee	S3184	€35.00
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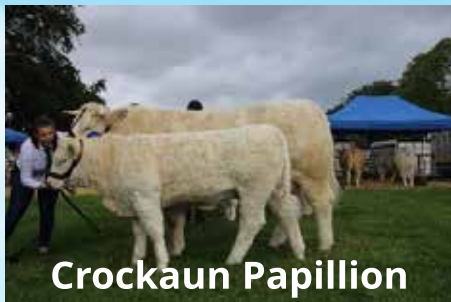
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PEDIGREE

Grand-Sire:	Berry Mic	Grand-Sire:	Cristal
Sire:	Gousset	Dam:	Fatcha
Grand-Dam:	Daille	Grand-Dam:	Baronne

In 2019 the Society imported a young bull from France called Ocelot. He was bred by the Merlet family, highly regarded as one of the leading herds in France.

Ocelot was selected as a young calf for his proven pedigree. His dam Fatcha, is one of the best cows at Merlet's, having bred the successful show bull, Jingle (pictured below), who stood at SCEA Raymond's and is available through AI at over €100/straw.

Ocelot's father is the easy calving, Gousset, who was used as a stock bull in Merlet's herd.

His pedigree would suggest that he should breed easy calving Charolais cattle with good maternal qualities, with Berry Mic, Valseur, Cristal and Romeo in his back pedigree.

He currently ranks at a 3 star rating for terminal traits with a figure of €129. His calving figure with matings on beef cows is scored at 7%.

Straws of Ocelot are now available from Dovea Genetics at €10/straw.



JINGLE

CHAROLAIS CROSS SALERS PAYING THEIR WAY FOR COUNTY SLIGO SUCKLER FARMER



Bernard Hunt runs a Pedigree Saller herd in County Sligo. He keeps approximately 90 cows in total. In addition to his pedigree herd he keeps commercial Saller cows and runs a Pedigree Charolais bull, which he uses on both his commercial & Pedigree herd.



Bernard runs a Charolais bull because he believes they are an excellent cross with the Saller cow. Saller females have a large pelvic area and are capable of calving heavy muscled Charolais bulls. Bernard explains "It is a rarity for a Saller cow to need assistance at calving". In France, the home of the Charolais and Saller breeds, they have a preference for crossing Pedigree Sallers with a pedigree Charolais bull, but Bernard finds no difference in calf quality from the purebred or 1st cross Saller cow and the Charolais bull.



He finds the Charolais cross Saler calf flesh easily, with little meal feeding required. The calves born in August and September get meal in the shed from January until selling in March/April. The Spring born calves are not meal fed. He sells his weanlings from 300-350 kg at approximately 7/8 months. The Saler/Charolais cross consistently produces a golden coloured calf which are in demand and sell well throughout the year. Last year Bernard's highest price was €1,170 for a 360kg Charolais calf which he sold in Dowra Mart. This year he achieved up to €3.16/kg in springtime for his early Autumn born calves.



The Heifers are also sold through the marts as weanlings, with many purchased for breeding. Bernard has several repeat customers for his weanling heifers. These 1st cross heifers retain the excellent calving ability of their Saler dams and when crossed back to a Charolais bull produce an excellent golden calf again.



He likes a large framed, well muscled Charolais bull, as the Saler cow still produces a small calf at birth which then thrive well as they develop. The larger, muscly Charolais bull tends to give that extra bit of development and shape as them calves go on. At the end of the day, demand determines Bernard's farming practice, and he can sell these golden Charolais calves in any mart, any day of the week with minimum vet & meal bills!

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CASTLEWOOD OISIN

SETS SAIL FROM THE WEST OF IRELAND TO THE WEST OF FRANCE



Charolais breeder David Kenny, from the Castlewood Pedigree herd in Co. Mayo recently sold his bull Castlewood Oisín (et) to pedigree breeders, Richard & Earl L'Espace from the Vendee region in France.

Oisín was sired by the well-known french sire Major and out of the french dam Delphine.

He is the result of an embryo purchased from Simon Genetic in France.

Oisín is one of many Irish Charolais exported to France in recent times.

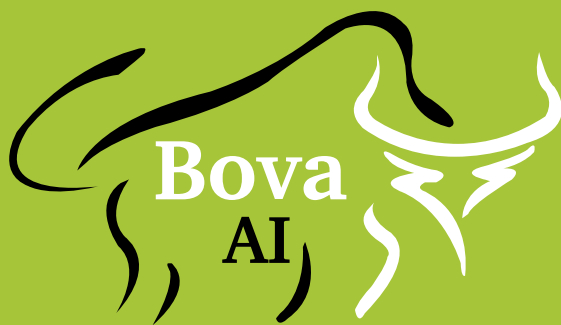
GOLDSTAR OTHELLO SEMEN

EXPORTS TO FRANCE



K Genetics is exporting semen of Irish bred bull Goldstar Othello to France. He was bred by Martin Ryan and family in Co. Tipperary. He is sired by Goldstar Echo and out of a Theodat bred dam called Goldstar Haidi.

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Club of the year 2019

The Irish Charolais Cattle Society Club of the year Award for 2019 was awarded to the Galway Charolais Club at this year's Annual General Meeting.

Before presenting the Club with their award, Society President Noel McGoldrick said the Galway Charolais Club, along with Society Vice President, Christy Comerford, have put a massive amount of work into creating awareness around Carbon Neutral Beef.

They recently submitted a proposal to the Department of Agriculture and Ag-climate 2021 to 2030. The proposals contain an 85 slide power point presentation, as well as a detailed 12 page document. The proposals submitted follows a six-month research period and was completed in time to be lodged for the Ag-climate 2021 to 2030.

The President concluded by thanking the members of the Galway Club for their hard work and innovation over the past year.



Peter Daveron, William Flynn and Joe Clancy receiving the ICCS Club of the Year Award for 2019 from Society President, Noel McGoldrick.

INTERVIEWS

In this series of interviews, we hope to give members an insight into the thinking of some of the Society's Council Members from across the country.

We asked the same questions to each;

Christy Comerford, Society Vice-President,
KNOCKMAHON HERD, Co. Kilkenny

Aiden MacHale, Council Member,
GARRACLOON HERD, Co. Mayo

John McGlynn, Council Member,
EDDERCLOON HERD, Co. Leitrim

Richard Hackett, Council Member,
LIMKILN HERD, Co. Clare

Questions & Answers

1. What attracted you to first become involved in Charolais Breeding?

Christy: My father sadly passed away when I was young and left myself and my brother and sisters to look after our family farm with our mother. I first became attracted to breeding Charolais at a young age. A local man, late Christy Nolan of Gowran, who rented land from my mother, had mixed breeds of cattle. As a young child it was clearly evident to me that the Charolais breed was much more ahead of other breeds. They were thriving better and had more favourable weight gain in comparison to all other breeds.

Aiden: I first became interested in pedigree Charolais breeding when my father (RIP), and brother bought two Charolais animals. As I grew up on a small dairy herd, seeing the size and power of these animal, I was hooked straight away.

John: We had Pedigree Herefords at home when I was young and while they were very good to us it was obvious that in the early eighty's Charolais were commanding top prices in the commercial ring and also in the pedigree ring, so gradually we put all our commercial cows in-calf to Charolais and by then I was interested in buying a pedigree Charolais heifer.

Richard: I started out with a small number of commercial cows, Charolais cows calves were always a head of rest, so I decided to buy a pedigree cow.

2. When and where did you purchase your first Charolais?

Christy: I purchased my first female commercial Charolais as a young boy at the age of six in Kilkenny Mart. The blood lines of this cow are still present in my suckling herd to this day. My first pedigree Charolais bull and heifer were purchased from Noel Kehoe, Clifden, Clara, Co. Kilkenny. The mothers were a set of twins, Skidoo Bliss and Skidoo Blandine, daughters of Skidoo Pacha. My next purchase of a female Charolais was from Benny Keating, College Hill, Templemore, Co. Tipperary. I also purchased a cow from the old Bluebell Herd, Bluebell Uvalda, who brought great luck to my herd. These three females are the foundation of my Knockmahon Charolais herd. My second purchased stock bull was a bull called Adamstown Hubert, son of Tennis from a Brampton Applejack dam which was purchased from Philip Cunningham at Naas Mart in April 1992, the reliability of which I had researched in depth prior to the sale. He was progeny of a

group of imported females that Mr. Cunningham had imported previously. This bull turned out to be a lucky bull and produced numerous prize-winning pedigrees including All Ireland Calf Champions. He was a proven breeder of top-quality weanlings that took first prize at Kilkenny Mart for 20 consecutive years. The bull had serious longevity and lived on my farm until he was 21 years old. His progeny, both here and abroad, are a testament of his longevity.

Aiden: I purchased my first Charolais female off a local man, Robert Patterson (RIP), from Crossmolina in Mayo. She was bred by Doonally Feld and in-calf to Doonally Dudenever (CF42). I used to drive up to Naas in Co Kildare for the Sales. It was hard them days to get information on the breed, so going to sales for me was the only way.

John: We bought our first heifer from Norman Richardson in Newtowngore, Co. Leitrim in 1988, her name was Lisdoonan Dixie, she turned into a huge cow, her first calf was a bull off IC29 in Doonally House, Sligo, I called him Eddercloon Fred. I brought him to Naas in spring 1990 and he made 3,500 guineas which was a considerable amount of money at the time. I still have her bloodlines on the farm.

Richard: I purchased my first heifer in 1989 at Naas mart, and the following year I bought a cow in-calf at a dispersal sale also in Naas mart. She was by Farmleigh Romeo. She was a very lucky cow for us and was the foundation of the Limkiln herd.

3. What do you think of the standard of Charolais in Ireland today compared to when you purchased your first Charolais?

Christy: Despite all the research which has gone into cattle breeding in Ireland, the old lines still remain to be most favourable with my customers, 75% of which are returning customers each year. My experience is that even with all the most up to date figures we get from ICBF, the old lines seem to be most

in demand. It is hard to beat the reliability of the old lines! In my view, the figures from ICBF should be a guide only, considering their fluctuation. People are being forced to use bulls with high star ratings to qualify for the BDGP Scheme. A lot of the bigger suckler herds, particularly ones who have not joined the scheme, are still more than happy to use bulls with reliability and better genetics so as to ensure the quality of their herd. The farmers who are operating outside of the stars are getting more in return for their cattle. They are happier with the progeny of the older bulls. People travelled from all corners of the world to the Charolais World Congress 2019. They all commented on the quality of the cattle we had here in Ireland, that they would hold their own all over the world. The standard of Charolais in Ireland today has improved but there is still plenty of more room for improvement.

Aiden: Today's Charolais are bigger bodied and have a lot less calving difficulty. There's a lot more sires out there now to pick from. I think Charolais today are getting better every year. Last year's Christmas Cracker sale was the best display of Charolais I have ever seen and the price's reflected this. The average price that day was €4,275.

John: I think the standard of the females in general has dropped since when I started breeding, some fantastic maternal bulls have been written off by various interests. From talking to breeders they feel almost trapped into believing that they cannot breed their animals the way they would like to. For commercial or pedigree breeding getting the female bloodlines right is of the utmost importance for present and future production.

Richard: Today's standard has improved immensely in the top 70% especially in muscling, the bottom 30% needs improvement on the female side.

4. What role do you see for AI bulls?

Christy: I agree with the Societies plan to provide some easy calving bulls to especially

serve the dairy herds. The feedback to date from dairy farmers using easy calving bulls has been very positive.

In my herd the AI bulls allow me welcome new bloodlines. I have increased and improved my herd over the years through the use of Dovea AI which I use on my farm. In recent years council members have gone to France to look at the progeny of different bulls and returned to Ireland with semen of different bulls to add to our AI selection lines. I welcome this process and would promote for more of this going forward.

Aiden: There will always be a use for AI bulls. I don't always agree with the figures sometimes but there is some great semen available to people who use AI.

John: The Charolais Society are trying to obtain top AI bulls for the breeders here. I feel it is important to keep this work going as really top sires are not easy to obtain from France, the latest two Ocelo and Military should be good additions for our breeders. The AI stations have played a huge role in Charolais breeding also and have provided some exceptional sires for breeders and long may that continue.

Richard: AI is the most important tool available to breeders. It gives you access to the best bulls from all over the world. It is vital for small breeders who for economic reasons cannot afford a stock bull.

5. Given that the stock bull is so important in a herd, what do you look for in a stock bull?

Christy: Personally, a stock bull for me should have a super head, wide at the muzzle, perfect legs and feet, good length with a good wide top line and super back end. I would also look for a stock bull with non-prominent shoulders as this would result in easier calving. I always like a stock bull with a short head because a short head is a short keep and a long head is a long keep in my opinion.

Aiden: The first thing I think of is a stock bull should look like a male and display male char-

acteristics. He must have four sound legs, a real good head, level top, enough of length, with a good end. Tight in the middle and well spring rib. Size of testicles are very important, as is good locomotion.

John: The stock bull has to be relatively easy calving, fertile, be sound structurally, with good muscle and length, good head, with high growth rates and a proven and sound pedigree.

Richard: When buying a stock bull the first thing is to take a close look at your cows. The cows would need to be of similar type and when you look at the weaker and stronger traits, you should have a picture of what you're looking for.

6. Do you have any special feeding regimes: (a) prior to calving; (b) when preparing animals for show/and or sale?

Christy: Prior to calving, I am a firm believer of not having cows in too good of condition when coming to calving season. I prefer to have them fit rather than fat. Prior to calving I usually feed a combination of my second cut silage and hay. I also use rolled oats for first time calving heifers. An adequate amount of minerals for the proper length of time is also used. Having them on the pre-calving minerals for too long of time can cause difficulties. When preparing for shows and for sale I like to keep my cattle growing until 3 months prior to the show or sale. Then I would gradually and appropriately introduce meal feeding over the 3 month period. Too heavy of feeding will damage the longevity of your animal. I have been quite successful in the shows I have entered, winning All Ireland Champion on a number of occasions in both male and female.

Aiden: I do the same year in year out. Prior to calving, cows are restricted to what they get to eat. Straw and hay would be the ration with a good pre-calving mineral. Calves are introduced to a cooked calf ration when their inside at winter. Once out on grass they're with their dams. Bull calves are on creep once

they come to seven months and the last two months before a sale, they are on ad-lib meal.

John: I like to see the females "fit" before calving especially the heifers, I hate to see pregnant females dripping in flesh before calving. I like feeding hay, oats and minerals when indoors, or if calving in late summer or autumn the females tightened into a paddock and they also get some hay, minerals, and oats. To prepare the animals for sale they usually get good ad-lib meal from the creep feeder with good quality roughage.

Richard: Six weeks before calving cows are fed hay, rolled oats and minerals. Animals prepared for shows and sale are fed a good quality ration to enhance appearance.

7. What advice would you give to any new Charolais breeders?

Christy: My first bit of advice is that money never did or never will breed a champion. It is very important to do lots of research and educate yourself on bloodlines throughout the history of Charolais. A good female bloodline is essential to a good start. Match your bull and your female fittingly.

Aiden: The advice I would give a new breeder is to ask for as much information as possible. From council, from the office, from Nevan. All breeders should be able to pick up the phone. Or if they are attending show/sales, they should ask questions to any council members if they are looking for advice. Also, go to as many show/sales as possible to see what sires are breeding good, but unless the female is right then its not going to work in my opinion. I would also say to buy from a proven family line when purchasing females.

John: The best advice I could give to a new breeder is to attend the top sales and shows around the country and observe and take notes, talk to the breeders at these events as most of them will have no problem giving advice. If possible, take a trip to France to the top events there and visit farms, the same goes for the UK, e.g, Highland show, Stirling sales

etc. Its also very important for a new breeder to join their local Charolais club, armed with all that information make your choices but always start with the best that you possibly can.

Richard: To a new breeder, I would say buy the best quality females available as this will be the genetic base for your future herd.

8. What can a smaller breeder do to promote his/her herd?

Christy: To get your herd known I would advise small breeders to show their cattle at local shows. This will give them a guide and indicate if their cattle are at the standard of entering national shows. It will also identify where there are improvements to be made. It is an opportunity to learn about your cattle. Personally, I would have shown a lot of commercial weanlings and this in return has contributed to my good reputation of selling pedigree stock.

Aiden: It doesn't make any difference to me if you are a small breeder or a big breeder. I myself have eight breeding cows. There is no better way to promote your stock than by bring them out to local shows and the society's National Show. There the breeder can see how good his stock is and if not up to standard, how they can improve. People will be able to see the stock and look out for the animal at the sales.

John: The smaller breeder, to promote their herd needs to join their local Charolais club, attend local shows, attend the National Charolais show and try to sell at any of the top sales around the country, and if lucky enough to be successful at any of these events, one can now use the power of social media for the promotion of their herd also.

Richard: The small breeder should participate in shows to help advertise their animals and allows comparison with other animals of similar age.

9. What future do you see for Charolais in Ireland?

Christy: Unfortunately, the future at the moment is a bit uncertain for beef and suckler farmers. Over the past number of years it was not enticing for young farmers to enter this type of farming.

I would see a future for top quality grass fed suckler cattle. It is essential that the Irish people are educated and understand the beef quality they are purchasing and consuming. Suckling cows produce less carbon in my opinion due to quicker thriving. Animals are slaughtered at a younger age with less use of vaccines and antibiotics. This going forward is where the suckler cow progeny should be held with higher regard among consumers for their own health and the environment.

I have worked closely with Joe Clancy, our previous vice president, and a sub-committee of Kevin Maguire and Noel McGoldrick, in an effort to get green tags for our suckler animals. Our aim is to get suckler farmers rated by government as carbon neutral and be rewarded for such. I will continue to advocate this to the Department of Agriculture and government.

If there is going to be a future in the beef industry in Ireland, Charolais is a must! This has been proven over the last 50 years. The reason Charolais were imported in the first place in England back in the early 60s was because they carried less fat. At that time the English people were having trouble with saturated fats. This was due to crossing native breeds. Cattle were bred down in size in order to hang more carcasses on the ships going to South America during the war. The Charolais were brought in and called the 'continental invaders' at that time. They were crossed on the native breeds and produced animals that could be fattened 48 days faster with better carcasses and confirmation. Farmers in return were paid a premium price for their niche product. It is a sin if we turn our back on the years of work and improvements for the suckler farmer here in Ireland.

Aiden: For me there's only one breed to be in

to make a profit and that's Charolais. Go to any mart in Ireland, the Charolais is way out on its own, top money at any age. Charolais is the only breed to make any other breed better.

John: I see a massive future for Charolais and the current prices for commercial Charolais stock is giving me great encouragement. It's obvious that a lot of commercial breeders are now turning to Charolais to maximise their income. As regards the pedigree side, I'm sure the commercial people will return time and again to buy the stock bulls for their herds and also I think you will see younger people looking to buy top class females, but we cannot sit on our laurels as we must continue to improve and push on as competition will invariably come from other quarters. We must continue to improve and develop our female herd as it's from there that our future will be decided.

Richard: Charolais will be dominant for years to come, provided we the breeders meet market demands. Quality animals will be in demand by farmers who want a more profitable production system through increased genetic gain in herds.

10. What is/was the best piece of advice you received re. Charolais?

Christy: Quality is better than quantity, less is more! Cull any animal that is not producing for your own herd. Keep your best and cross them to the best to produce the best.

Aiden: A man once told me the day that you buy is the day you sell. I taught it was great advice. He also told me its all about family lines. I took onboard what he said, and it has stood to me ever since. You need a good eye, keen interest, a lot of luck and an open mind.

John: The best piece of advice I was given was to start with the legs and feet, get that right and build up from there.

Richard: Regarding Charolais some of the best advice I got was, buy some of them, and not to assume money or expensive animals buy success.

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Test Your Charolais Knowledge Crossword

(Clue: They are all Charolais AI Sires)

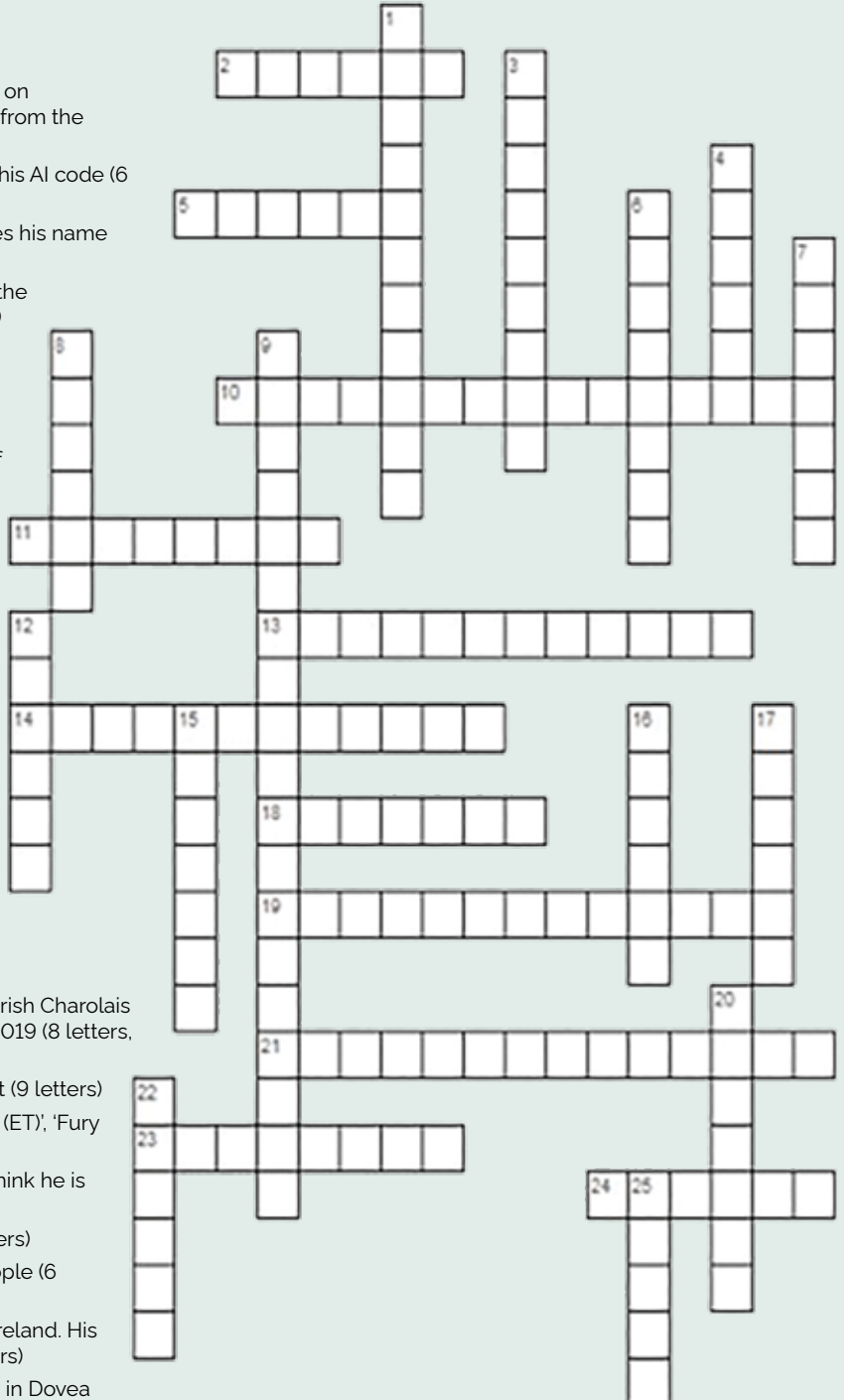
Answers on pg 109

Across

- 2 This bull is the highest used Charolais AI sire on commercial herds in Ireland and is available from the NCBC (6 letters)
- 5 The name of the Charolais sire with 'PNZ' as his AI code (6 letters)
- 10 A UK sire from the 'Thrunton herd' who shares his name with a famous band (8 letters, 7 letters)
- 11 A new French Sire who could be called into the armed forces if they hear his name (8 letters)
- 13 An Irish bred bull who sold for €24,000 at the Christmas Cracker sale in 2009 to NCBC (7 letters, 5 letters)
- 14 This UK sire shares his second name with a famous Italian renaissance painter. Semen of this bull is available from the Irish Charolais Cattle Society (5 letters, 7 letters)
- 18 A 'Pinay' son currently available through Dovea Genetics (7 letters)
- 19 The winner of the Male Championship title at the National Charolais Show in Tullamore in 2019 and currently standing in Bova AI stud (7 letters, 6 letters)
- 21 The full name of the Charolais AI sire with the AI code CF43 (8 letters, 6 letters)
- 23 This bull is a full brother to Enfield Picasso, Ecrin RJ and Gicomte. His semen would have been available from Dovea Genetics (8 letters)
- 24 Name of a famous Austrian music composer (6 letters)

Down

- 1 The sire of the highest price bull sold at the Irish Charolais Society Christmas Cracker Sale in Elphin in 2019 (8 letters, 3 letters)
- 3 A comment you might get on a school report (9 letters)
- 4 The sire of 'Lisnagre Elite (ET)', 'Clenagh Lyle (ET)', 'Fury Action' and 'Enfield Plexus' (6 letters)
- 6 The name of this French sire will make you think he is from a state in the USA (5 letters, 3 letters)
- 7 An AI sire who is named after a planet (7 letters)
- 8 This bulls name is a sport played by two people (6 letters)
- 9 One of the first Charolais bulls brought into Ireland. His name could represent luck (8 letters, 11 letters)
- 12 The name of the new Charolais sire standing in Dovea Genetics which was purchased by the Irish Charolais Cattle Society (6 letters)
- 15 This bull's name can be heard in a famous Christmas song, however it is spelt slightly different (7 letters)
- 16 Name of a Greek God, this bull's semen used to be available from the Irish Charolais Cattle Society (6 letters)
- 17 An item of clothing that will certainly be needed coming into the winter months, also the name of a maternal Charolais AI sire (6 letters)
- 20 A French bull who claimed the Overall Charolais Championship, at the Royal Highland Show in 2018 and who's semen was available from the Irish Charolais Cattle Society (7 letters)
- 22 You would expect to see this bull sailing the seas looking for treasure if judging him by his name (6 letters)
- 25 A French sire who shares a name with a Hollywood movie star award (5 letters)





Reeling in The Years

Top priced bulls at the Charolais Christmas Cracker Show and Sale over the last 10 years



2009
COTTAGE DEVON

Sold for €24,000

Bred by Tom and Ann Marie Butler, Co. Tipperary

Sire: Texan Gie
MGS: Oscar



2010 – LISNAGRE ECHO (ET)

Sold for €7,200

Bred by Jim Geoghegan, Co. Westmeath

Sire: Jupiter MGS: Hermes



2011 – GLENREE FEELIX

Sold for €8,800

Bred by John O'Grady, Co. Galway

Sire: Doonally New MGS: Prime Roberto



2012 – GALLAWAY GINGER (ET)

Sold for €10,000

Bred by Michael Kiernan, Co. Leitrim

Sire: Major MGS: Meillard RJ



2013 – ROUGHAN HAROLD

Sold for €10,200

Bred by Patrick Mc Clean, Co. Donegal

Sire: Roughan Feodal MGS: Roughan Verygood



2014 – BOSTONIA INDIGO (ET)

Sold for €10,200

Bred by Brendan Feeney, Co. Sligo

Sire: Balmyle Vagabond MGS: Padirac



2015 – LISNAGRE JASPER

Sold for €13,500

Bred by Jim Geoghegan, Co. Westmeath

Sire: Pirate MGS: Major



2016 – CLENAGH LYLE (ET)

Sold for €13,000

Bred by Michael Quinn, Co. Clare

Sire: Domino MGS: Pirate



2017 – ROUGHAN MOST

Sold for €10,000

Bred by Patrick McClean, Co. Donegal

*Sire: Roughan Dix De Coe
MGS: Roughan Verygood*



2018 – ROUGHAN NOAH 2

Sold for €10,000 and ROUGHAN NIXON 2 Sold for €10,000. Bred by Patrick McClean, Co. Donegal

Sire: Roughan Gibraltar MGS: Roughan Echo 2

Sire : Roughan Gibraltar MGS: Roughan Viceroy



2019 – BUD ORPHEUS

Sold for €11,500. Bred by Olivia Purcell, Co. Meath

Sire: Doonally New MGS: Pirate

New Council Member

RICHARD HACKETT

Limkiln Charolais Herd

Coolistigue, Clonlara, Co. Clare



I am married to Kate and farm part-time. I work with the ESB in Ardnacrusha as a civil work supervisor on the Shannon embankments.

The Limkiln Charolais Herd was established in 1989 with the purchase of an in-calf heifer named Dourough Ethna from Naas mart and I then went on to add to the herd the following year with a cow that I purchased at a dispersal sale in Naas.

Over the following years I had great success selling two bulls to AI, Limkiln Bosco who sold to Progressive Genetics and Limkiln Hulk who went to Dovea Genetics.

Over the years, along with my wife Kate, we have been fortunate enough to enjoy success at Summer shows and Society run sales.

At present the herd contains up to 20 breeding females, along with a small number of commercial cows. I have always had great love of Charolais cattle. For any young breeder starting out today, my best advice to you is to always try to buy the best female you can, no matter what the pedigree. Quality will always come to the top.

Over the years I have met many great Charolais people, north and south, past and present and would always have a great interest in what they have to say about the breed. There is no day you can't learn something about the breed.

I regard it a great pleasure to serve on council with people I have known for years and work hard for the good of breeders. I would like to take this opportunity to thank past and present council members, our secretary Nevan and before Nevan, Nuala, and the girls in the office for all the hard work they have done over the years that keeps this great Charolais show on the road.

DONEGAL CLUB REPORT

By Club Secretary, David Henry

On the 28th September 2019, the club sponsored the Weanling Show/Sale held at Milford Mart, which saw a good turnout of good quality stock and a good trade on the day. It was judged by David and Neville Myles.

Representatives from our Club attended the Charolais Club meeting organised by the Society in Athlone on the 26th September 2019. It was the first of these meeting held, which was to give a chance to Clubs to share ideas and proposals.

We had our well-attended AGM held in the Villa Rose Hotel on the 10th February 2020.

Society President, Noel McGoldrick, gave a presentation on the night and highlighted the promotion of the breed is key to success. Next speaker was Society Secretary, Nevan McKiernan, gave a presentation on bulls available from the society and explained the myostatin traits to the breeders.

Our Club Chairperson, Valerie McGonigle, gave her presentation and thanked everyone for coming out on such a stormy night. She also thanked the young breeders for attending the meetings.

Club Treasurer Michael Grant Jnr stood down from the position due to other commitments. The club would like to thank Michael for his term and the work he has put into the club. Holly Kelso was proposed as the new Treasurer.

We sponsored Raphoe Bull Show/Sale on the 10th March which saw great trade and great bulls on offer. The Donegal Calf Championship where to be held at Carndonagh Show but unfortunately did not go ahead due to all shows being cancelled due to Covid 19, which also suspended all trips and meetings.

The club would like to thank the Society for doing their best for breeders and buyers in this difficult time and we look forward to returning to normality again with sales returning in the autumn and to what 2021 brings.

Anyone interested in joining our club or if you have any enquiries please contact:

Chairperson - Valerie McGonigle 087 6937282 /
Secretary - David Henry 087 6461704.

GALWAY CLUB REPORT

By Club Secretary, Peter Daveron

The Galway Charolais Club for the past twelve months had a very busy schedule with some great success. The highlight of the year for the Galway Club was undoubtedly receiving the award of Club of the Year at the Societies National AGM, for our work on a new scheme called Carbon Neutral Beef.



On behalf of the Galway Club, I would like to thank the Charolais Society for acknowledging the work and commitment that the Galway Club members put into the designing of a new scheme called Carbon Neutral Beef. Special thanks must firstly go to Joe Clancy who was the one who came up with the idea. Joe then requested ideas and help from fellow members and on that note a mention of gratitude must also go to Willie Flynn our Club Chairman and Dave Tarpey our Club Treasurer and also council member Christy Comerford, who gave their time and ideas in helping with the designing of the scheme.

We had numerous meetings to try and prepare a draft plan which the Galway Club presented firstly to the council members of the Charolais society and with their approval and support we decided to meet with the most appropriate stakeholders. This led us to visiting the Department of Agriculture in Dublin and we presented the draft plan of our scheme. They were very impressed with it and we got very positive feedback from them. The Carbon

Neutral Beef scheme is now in consideration to be potentially part of the next round of CAP.

To give a brief description of the scheme and the background that lead to it being designed; it was around the whole issue and challenge that is being presented to agriculture by a very topical term today that is climate change. The very name itself of Carbon Neutral Beef was very appropriate because the scheme is basically a roadmap of a list of measures that farmers can implement on their farms so that they can offset their carbon footprint from their agricultural activities.

In achieving this, farmers need to be financially rewarded and hopefully if there is a substantial uptake of the scheme it will help to safeguard the existence of suckler farmers, which in turn will maintain the market for our pedigree bulls.

The Carbon Neutral Beef scheme has been a great achievement for the Galway Charolais Club and to quote the famous words of former U.S. President John F. Kennedy " Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country ", has been certainly one of those proud moments for the Galway Charolais Club.

In relation to the show circuit, there was success for some of the Galway breeders. Mattie Kelly had the champion in Tullamore in February and sold for €4,600. He was sired by Plexus out of a CF52 dam



Mattie also received the Reserve Champion Heifer at the Premier sale in March which sold for €3,700. She was sired by Knockmoyle Loki and out of a Sportsman Colombo dam



Mattie also sold a bull on the day for €5,700. He was a son of Goldstar Echo out of an Enfield Plexus dam.



We also had strong representation at the Christmas Cracker Show and Sale in December 2019. Adrian Morrin finished second in his class with Knocklassa Oreo. He was sired by Jacquard and out of a Thrunton Voldemart dam.



Patrick Daveron had a bull by Crossmolina Euro out of a Pirate dam.



Mattie Kelly also had a bull who finished second in his class. He was sired by Carrick-brac96k Hutch and out of a Goldstar Echo dam.

In relation to committee affairs, we had four committee meetings and in addition to that we had five sub-committee meetings for the purpose of working on the Carbon Neutral Beef scheme. Our club AGM was held on Thursday the 20th February in the Maldron Hotel Oranmore.

We had three guest speakers on the night; First up was Nevan McKiernan our Society's Secretary. Nevan gave us a presentation on the society bulls and also the list of new bulls that have been brought in from France. Our second speaker on the night was Pat Donnellan of I.C.B.F. Pat gave us a very detailed presentation on all of the information that they have gathered on Charolais cattle and their findings from this information. Our third and final speaker on the night was Philip McManus who is a local veterinary surgeon in Galway. Philip gave us a very interesting, educational and detailed presentation on the use of homeopathy type medicine. Philip certainly caught the attention of the audience on the night and when the time presented itself as an opportunity for people to ask questions on the topic there was a considerable response from the audience.

To conclude, I would like to personally thank all of the club officials, committee and members of the club for their generous support and excellent lines of communication throughout the year. So for that we applaud you and look forward to your continued support for the coming year.

I wish you all a happy, safe and successful year ahead. Is mise le meas.

MIDLAND & WESTERN CLUB REPORT

By Club Secretary, Liam Mitchell

As I pen this year's entry on behalf of the Midland and Western Charolais Club, I am once again reminded that 2020 has been a year like no other. This time last year 'pandemic' was not a word anyone used with regularity and social distancing didn't exist, and certainly not around a sales ring. The brushes and combs are now stored away, the white shirt is gathering dust at the back of the wardrobe and the halters are hanging in the shed. So many of the events that breeders of our club look forward to in anticipation have fallen by the wayside this year, not least our annual calf show and trip to Balmoral. Hopefully 2021 will see a safe return to days out like these.

However, in reflecting on my last correspondence, it gives me great pleasure to report on the 2019 iteration of our annual calf show, which occurred after the publication of last year's society yearbook. The club was delighted to be in a position to sponsor four separate classes on the day with excellent prize money on offer.

Such was the standard of breeding on display; there were two Best Pedigree Charolais Bull classes, in addition to Best Pedigree Charolais Heifer born on or between 1/8/2018 and 31/12/2018, and Best Pedigree Bull or Heifer calf born after 1/04/2019. Champion on the day went to the McGovern Family, Fivemilebourne, Co. Sligo, with Reserve Champion honours going to Jon Regan, Tawley, Castle-

gal, Co. Leitrim. The results of the sponsored classes are below.

Congratulations to all and a special word of thanks to all our members for the huge volume of entries, ensuring the continued growth of our annual calf finals.

As usual, the club was strongly represented at the annual Charolais Society Christmas Cracker Show and Sale in Elphin, Co. Roscommon. Congratulations to club member Rory Cullen who picked up both Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion on the day, both calves dams being home bred full sisters.

Trying to adjust to the 'new normal' that we now find ourselves in, we also find ourselves coming to terms with the loss of one of our founding members, Joe Gilfillan, who has passed to his eternal reward.

Joe purchased his first Charolais heifer from Bart Monaghan in Co. Meath in the seventies, thus sparking a lifelong love affair with the Charolais breed. Joe, alongside his late father Tom, Jackie Caslin, and Seán Owens were amongst the founding fathers of our club. As the legend goes, Joe was instrumental in the inclusion of a Charolais cattle class in the Strokestown Show in the late seventies, and from this annual event, the Midland and Western Charolais Club was born. Joe was relentless in his efforts to promote the Charolais breed west of the Shannon and played a key role in the in-

Class 78A - Best Pedigree Charolais Bull

1 st	2 nd
McGovern Family, Fivemilebourne, Co. Sligo	Rory Cullen, Esker South, Killoe, Co. Longford

Class 78B - Best Pedigree Charolais Bull

1 st	2 nd
Jon Regan, Tawley, Castlegal, Co. Leitrim	Jon Regan, Tawley, Castlegal, Co. Leitrim

Class 79 - Best Pedigree Charolais Heifer born on or between 1st August 2018 and 31st December 2018

1 st	2 nd
Jon Regan, Tawley, Castlegal, Co. Leitrim	Cathal Gormley, Carrowkeel, Elphin, Co. Roscommon

Class 80 - Best Pedigree Bull or Heifer Calf born after the 1st April 2019

1 st	2 nd
Alan Wood, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo	Shane Gormley, Carrowkeel, Elphin, Co. Roscommon



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Fivestar Opal 2, owned by Jon Regan.

introduction of Charolais cattle to the show and sale rings at the Show grounds in Carrick on Shannon.

Joe was incredibly forward thinking, and one of his proudest moments came in the mid-nineties, when the land was purchased which is now home to the Showgrounds in Carrick on Shannon, ensuring a home for all major shows and sales in the area, and providing breeders of all colours with a platform to show off the best their herds have to offer.

Joe was renowned both at home and abroad as an astute judge of cattle, and travelled the length and breadth of the country every summer to adjudicate at various shows, and across the water at the Royal Highland Show in Scotland and the Royal Welsh Show.

Joe made frequent visits to France, the home of Charolais cattle, in search of the best available genetics, in order to strengthen and promote the national Charolais herd. He was a firm believer in "good quality cattle" and left no stone unturned in his never-ending quest for breeding excellence.

This excellence in breeding was represented by the countless ribbons won at shows and the top prices received at sales. The hammer on the highest price of the day often fell when one of Joe's animals was in the ring. Joe bred prominent bulls such as Kilmore Pirate and Kilmore Billy, the latter of which was later held at Doonally House, since acquired by Progressive Genetics.

Despite his national profile, whether as a breeder, a former Irish Charolais Society President or as a renowned judge, Joe's abiding passion was the Midland and Western Charo-

lais Club. What began from humble beginnings as a single class at the Strokestown Show, has grown to become the biggest Charolais club in Ireland. This growth, in addition to the growth of the Charolais breed into the most prominent breed in the area is in no small part thanks to Joe and his herculean efforts over many years.

As Joe was one to say himself about the trials and tribulations of breeding, "you have to live it". Joe surely did, and we are all the better for it. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Seán Owens, who served as secretary of the Club for 30 years, along with others, who helped contribute to this tribute.

Despite the disruption to show and sales events this year, the show must go on. To that end, we are hoping to have a heifer sale in the back end of the year. More information will be announced in due course, so keep your eyes peeled.

I would like to wish all breeders and society members the very best of good luck and good health for the remainder of the year and beyond.

Beirigí bua agus go n-éirí go geal libh go léir.

NORTH EASTERN CLUB REPORT

By Committee member, Michael Carey

The North Eastern Charolais Club wishes to report some of the club events which were held, in what was a very challenging year for not only Irish farmers, but people globally.

The club had planned to host a number of events this year but unfortunately some of these did not get to go ahead due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We held a club information meeting held in December 2019. On the night we had guest speakers including Ciaran Lenihan from 'Chanelle'. Ciaran provided a very interesting presentation on animal health and husbandry and answered any queries which our members may have had in relation to animal health issues. The secretary of the Irish Charolais Cattle Society, Nevan McKiernan, also presented a slideshow of news and information from the society and new semen which is becoming available to members.

The Club AGM was held in February 2020. Again, we had a great turnout from our members on the night and very informative presentations on new Charolais sires from local AI technicians. These included John McDanials (Progressive Genetics) and Colm Chambers (Dovea Genetics). On the night the planned upcoming club events for the year were announced and new members were elected onto the club's committee. There was also a raffle for semen which was generously sponsored by Progressive Genetics, Dovea Genetics and the Irish Charolais Cattle Society.

There were a number of planned events which unfortunately had to be cancelled

including our annual club calf competitions which was due to be held at the Virginia Agricultural show in August. A planned summer trip to visit pedigree herds in Wales also had to be cancelled. However, the club decided that this year would be ideal for the running of our first herds competition. This was an event which had been planned to be ran pre-Covid-19 but with the cancellation of all local summer shows, it meant that greater importance was placed on the club running this competition

North Eastern Charolais Club Herds Competition

The competition and judging was ran in accordance with HSE guidelines at all times. The club is very grateful to all of our members who entered the competition. It is not always an easy choice to have your whole herd judged, however reports from the judge concluded that the standard was certainly high in both the small and large herds. The competition was kindly judged by Andy McGovern from the Sunnaghmore Charolais herd in Cloone, Co. Leitrim. The club would very much like to thank Andy McGovern for giving his time and expertise to judge our competition. The classes were divided into both 'Large herds' consisting of 16 or more pedigree Charolais calves, and 'Small herds' consisting of 15 pedigree Charolais calves or less. There were classes for individual animals based on their age categories and an overall herd winner was selected based on the points which each herd had accumulated in the individual classes.

The prize winners were as follows:

LARGE HERDS RESULTS – INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

	1st	2nd	3rd
Best cow with calf at foot	David Erskine	Basil Bothwell	Sebana Moynagh
Best bull under 2 years old	Basil Bothwell	David Erskine	
Best heifer under 3 years old	Sebana Moynagh	Basil Bothwell	David Erskine
Best bull calf born on or after 1 st September 2019	David Erskine	Basil Bothwell	Wesley Kellet
Best heifer calf born on or after the 1 st of September 2019	Wesley Kellet	Sebana Moynagh	Basil Bothwell
Best bull Calf born on or after the 1 st of January 2020	David Erskine	Basil Bothwell	David Erskine
Best heifer calf born on or after the 1 st of January 2020	David Erskine	Sebana Moynagh	Basil Bothwell
Best group of calves under 1 year old	Sebana Moynagh	Wesley Kellet	David Erskine

OVERALL LARGE HERDS - PRIZE WINNERS

Placing	Herd Prefix	Herd Owner
1st Place	FIELDVIEW	David Erskine, Crosses, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan
2nd Place	DERESKIT	Basil Bothwell, Dereskit, Killeshandra, Co. Cavan
3rd Place	BREFFNI98	Sebana Moynagh, Tonagh, Mountnugent, Co. Cavan

SMALL HERDS RESULTS - INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

	1st	2nd	3rd
Best cow with calf at foot	Rory Cullen	Basil & Victoria Kells	Hugh Gilsenan
Best bull under 2 years old	Martin Hughes	Adam Woods	Elizabeth Hughes
Best heifer under 3 years old	Adam Woods	David Magee	Basil & Victoria Kells
Best bull calf born on or after 1 st September 2019	Fergal McDermott	Basil & Victoria Kells	Martin Hughes
Best heifer calf born on or after the 1 st of September 2019	Hugh Gilsenan	Elizabeth Hughes	Fergal McDermott
Best bull Calf born on or after the 1 st of January 2020	Basil & Victoria Kells	Hugh Gilsenan	Rory Cullen
Best heifer calf born on or after the 1 st of January 2020	Rory Cullen	Basil & Victoria Kells	Fintan Young
Best group of calves under 1 year old	Martin Hughes	Basil & Victoria Kells	Elizabeth Hughes

OVERALL SMALL HERDS - PRIZE WINNERS

Placing	Herd Prefix	Herd Owner
1st Place	DALEHILL	Basil Kells, Killeshandra, Co. Cavan
2nd Place	TONYGLASSON	Martin Hughes, Cootehill, Co. Cavan
3rd Place	GLERA	Rory Cullen, Killoe, Co. Longford

CLUB MEMBERS SUCCESS AT SOCIETY SHOWS AND SALES

Many of our members had a very successful Autumn and Spring selling their pedigree animals.

These included:



Basil & Victoria Kells, from Killeshandra in Co. Cavan, claimed the Senior Female Championship with their CF52 daughter 'Dalehill Nadine' at the Elite Heifer Show & Sale held in November 2019. She went on to sell her for an impressive €5,200.



Rory Cullen from Killoe, Co. Longford had a very successful day at the Christmas Cracker Show and Sale held in December 2019. He claimed both the Champion and Reserve Intermediate Male Championship with 'Glera Oran', sired by LZP, and 'Glera Oneshot', sired by CF52, respectively.



Wesley Kellet from Bailieborough in Co. Cavan claimed the Reserve Male Championship at the Tullamore Bull Show & Sale in February 2020 with 'Weskel Orlando ET'. Orlando was a son of Blelack Digger and sold for €4,000 on the day.



Harry Noble from Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford achieved the Junior Male Championship at the Premier Show and Sale held in March 2020 with his bull 'Noble Prince'. He went on to sell for a top price of €15,000.

On behalf of the club, we would like to express its deepest sympathies to all our members who have lost family and friends throughout the year.

If you wish to become a member of the club please get in contact with either our club sec-

retary or club chairman, with new members always being warmly welcomed. Finally, we wish all our members best wishes as we conclude what was a very difficult year and we look forward to seeing you all in the coming year of 2021.

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CROSSANE4 NIAMH RECEIVES ALL STAR AWARD



In February of this year, Eoin and Mark McGovern from Fivemilebourne in County Sligo received the Pedigree Cattle Breeders All Star Award for Crossane4 Niamh. This was the first year of the awards, organised by the Pedigree Breeders Council of Ireland. Pictured above is the Mc Govern brothers receiving their award from Mairead Lavery, guest speaker, and Noel Mc Goldrick, Society President. Crossane4 Niamh was selected by the Charolais Council for her phenomenal show record in 2019, culminating in her being crowned the Overall Champion at the National Charolais Show in August 2019. Niamh is a daughter of the prolific AI sire Goldstar Echo and Portnasson Hermione.



Crossane4 Niamh after winning The National Charolais Show in Tullamore

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Irish Charolais Young Members Association Report 2020

In what was an unusual year for everyone involved in farming, it resulted in a much quieter year for the members of our Young Charolais Members Association. With our members safety in mind, it was not possible to host workshops, farm visits or even hold our overall final at our National show in Tullamore, unfortunately.

We did however get to give participants of our YMA competition last year an opportunity to shadow judge at our shows and sales held in Tullamore and Elphin both in the Autumn of 2019 and the early Spring of 2020. These participants were selected randomly and allowed our members to experience what it is like to be at the centre of the show ring and have the final say on who wins the red rosette. It is hoped that these participants will one day be judging themselves in the show ring as senior judges.

Our first junior judge participant was young Eimear Whelan from Borris-on-Ossery in Co. Laois. Eimear helps her father Kevin and brother Mark run their 'Premier' Charolais herd and was a very active member at our YMA events held in 2019. She judged alongside, the well-known and experienced breeder, Basil Bothwell at the Society's bull Show and Sale held in Tullamore in November 2019.

Our second junior judge participant was Veronica Moody. Veronica hails from Carbury, Co. Kildare and farms alongside her father Charles. Together, they run the 'Majesticstar' Charolais herd. Veronica was selected to be junior judging at our Elite Heifer Show and Sale held in Tullamore in November 2019. She accompanied well known breeder Tracy Gunn, from the Balthayock herd in Scotland.



Eimear Whelan junior judging in the November bull Show & Sale



Veronica Moody junior judging at the Elite Heifer Show & Sale in Tullamore Mart

Cathal Gormley hailing from Co. Roscommon, was selected to junior judge at one of the most anticipated sales of the year for Charolais breeders, the Christmas Cracker Show and Sale, held in Elphin Mart in December 2019. Cathal farms the 'Carrowkeel08' Charolais herd based in Elphin with his father Thomas and brother Shane. He judged on the day alongside senior judge Terry Coghill from the Orkney Islands.



Cathal Gormley junior judging at the Christmas Cracker Show & Sale in Elphin Mart

Our first bull Show and Sale held in Tullamore in February 2020 was where Rachel Maxwell from Co. Westmeath was selected to junior judge. Rachel was also a very active member of our YMA competition held last year. She currently doesn't have pedigree Charolais at home but she does assist her father Mark in the running of their commercial herd where Charolais breeding is very much present. Rachel accompanied senior judge Alan Burleigh in the show ring.



Rachel Maxwell junior judging at the February Show and Sale in Tullamore Mart

Our final junior judge of the season was young Aidan Kinahan from Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. Aidan had a very successful year in our YMA competition coming in first place in a very competitive overall final held in Tullamore show last August 2019. He exercised his judging skills at our Premier Charolais Show and Sale held in Elphin in March 2020. He accompanied our senior judge Will Short from the 'Woodpark' Charolais herd in Northern Ireland.



Aidan Kinahan junior judging at the Premier Show and Sale in Elphin

We would like to thank our junior judges for the effort they put in and our senior judges for sharing their wisdom with our members and allowing them to judge alongside them in the ring. We would also like to thank all of our members who put their names forward for junior judging and if you were not selected this time, hopefully we will be able to get you some judging experience in the near future.

Hopefully this time next year we will have a lot more YMA events and news to share with you, but in the mean time we wish our members well and hope that they stay safe in these challenging times. If you wish to sign up to become a member of our YMA please get in contact with the office on 01 4198050 or email info@charolais.ie / Irishcharolaisyma@gmail.com.

Photo Competition



1st Prize winner

Taken by Kayleigh Gardner, Coole, Co. Westmeath



2nd Prize winner

Taken by Aidan Kinahan, Cush House, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick



3rd Prize winner

Taken by Mairead Devane, Tishmaine, Carraroe, Co. Galway

Photo Competition



Taken by Aidan Kinahan, Cush House, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick



Taken by Anne Reynolds, Ballynacargy, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath



Taken by Bernadette Dunne, Martinstown, Curragh, Co. Kildare



Taken by Bernie Burke, Ballinlough, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon



Taken by Catherina Ward, Dromourneen, Bantry, Co. Cork



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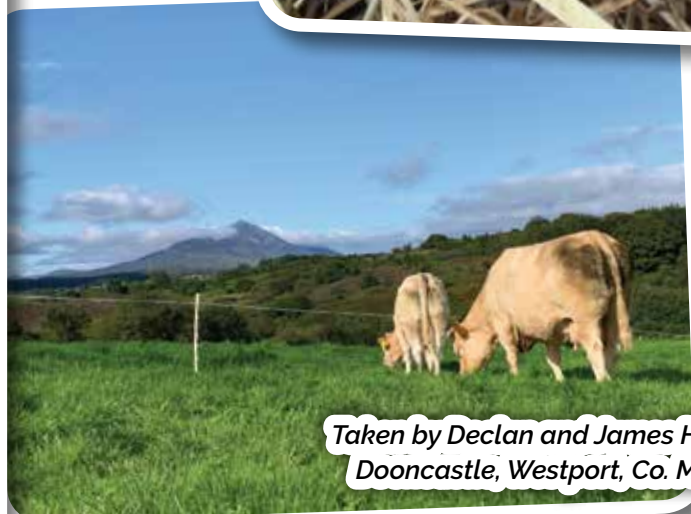
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Churchgate, Killucan, Co. Westmeath*



*Taken by Cian Beirne Tullylloyd,
Elphin, Co. Roscommon*



*Taken by Darragh McManus,
Drumshane, Lisnarick,
Co. Fermanagh*



*Taken by Declan and James Heraty,
Dooncastle, Westport, Co. Mayo*



*Taken by Gerard Callaghan,
Tullinacurra, Swinford, Co. Mayo*

Photo Competition



Taken by Gerard Callaghan,
Tullinacurra, Swinford, Co. Mayo



Taken by Grainne Hogan, Mountrath,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois



Taken by John McEvoy, Cloneygowan,
Tullamore, Co. Offaly



Taken by Lisa
Dobson,
Ballinacor,
Avoca,
Co. Wicklow



Taken by Mairead Devane,
Tishmaine, Carraroe, Co. Galway



Taken by Niall Canning, Rosses
Point, Co. Sligo

Photo Competition



*Taken by Paul Monagle, Malin,
Co. Donegal*



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Malin, Co. Donegal*



*Taken by Pat Stephens, Rathoe,
Tullow, Co. Carlow*



*Taken by Sarah Walsh, Cloghboley,
Ballinfull, Co. Sligo*



*Taken by Sean Burke,
Granlahan, Co. Roscommon*

Young Charolais Enthusiasts



Colin Mcgrath, Killaraght,
Boyle, Co Sligo



Aoife Mcgrath, Killaraght,
Boyle, Co Sligo



Daena and Daithi Nilan,
Athenry, Co. Galway



Lauren Gilsenan, Tully,
Oldcastle, Co. Meath



Ethan Gilsenan, Tully,
Oldcastle, Co. Meath



Jamie Ward, Dromourneen,
Bantry, Co. Cork

IRISH CHAROLAIS CATTLE SOCIETY DAIRY CALF PROJECT

A few months ago we reported on a number of Dairy herds who used two AI Charolais bulls on their Dairy cows in 2019, as part of a trial carried out by the Society.

The aim of the experiment was to identify easy calving, short gestation length Charolais bulls suitable for Dairy cows. The bulls selected were Coom Indurain CH2000 and Bivouac CH2218. The results found that the calves were born easy, with an average gestation length of 282 days.

In general the calves born from CH2218 were slightly shorter on gestation length and were slightly smaller at birth. The most important conclusion however was that all the farmers were extremely happy with their Charolais cross calves. They all reported an overwhelming demand for the calves, with calf sale prices in excess of €350 at two weeks old.

We spoke to the remainder of the Dairy farmers who took part in the trial in 2019.

The calves below were born on a Dairy farm in County Laois. The majority of the cows on this farm are Holstein Frisian and British Frisian crosses. This farmer said all calves were born unassisted. The average gestation length of the Bivouac calves was 281 days, with the average gestation length of the Coom Indurain calves slightly longer at 283 days. Once again, the Coom Indurain calves were also slightly bigger at birth. This farmer is extremely happy with the Charolais cross calves, commenting *"There is a great demand for these Charolais cross dairy calves, they sold from €350 upwards, I will definitely be using more Charolais bulls in the future"*.

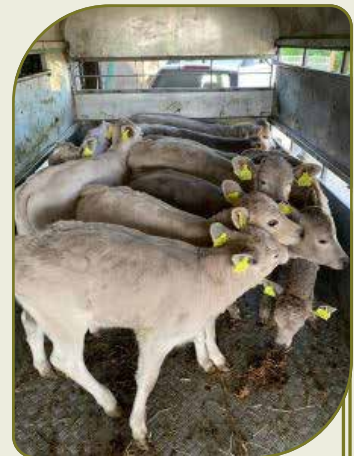


Charolais cross dairy calves on a Farm in County Laois



Charolais cross dairy calves on a farm in County Meath

Our next Dairy farmer is based in County Meath. Once again the Charolais calves were born unassisted. The cows are mostly Holstein and British Frisian Crosses. This farmer put's all the calves to beef. Commenting on the calves he said *"We have always used AI Charolais bulls on our Dairy cows, we find they develop into wonderful beef cattle at slaughter."* This farmer was particularly impressed with the Coom Indurain calves, although they had slightly longer gestation lengths than the Bivouac calves.



Picture above is another batch of outstanding quality Charolais cross dairy calves on a Dairy farm in County Kildare this Spring. These calves were sired by a Charolais stock bull

If you are looking to boost your calf sales and would be interested in using Charolais sires on your dairy cows, below is a list of high Dairy Beef Index Charolais bulls currently available through AI. These figures are based on the Oct 2020 run of ICBF genetic evaluations.

AI Code	Name	Dairy Beef Index	Gestation	Dairy Cow CD%	Supplier
S2014	Sicilien	€54	-0.34	7.3%	Dovea
CH2000	Coom Indurain	€61	2.18	7.2%	Dovea
CH2398	Chanceux	€40	.73	8%	Worldwide Sires
FMA	Farmam	€31	3.39	7.3%	Eurogene
CH2194	Torino	€21	.87	8.8%	Eurogene
CH2218	Bivouac	€14	-1.75	10.9%	Dovea

Irish Charolais YOUNG MEMBERS ASSOCIATION



The Societies YMA has been in operation since 2017 and over that time we have ran numerous workshops and young handler competitions all over the country.

The workshops provide a guide for young people on grooming their animals for shows, pedigree animal breeding advise and a guide on showmanship and animal nutrition and stock judging.

We also held competitions for members under the young handler's section, at regional shows with our first overall final competition held at our National Show in Tullamore 2019.

***Entry is free and open to any young person aged 12 to 22 years
with an interest in Charolais cattle.***

If you are interested in joining, an entry form can be found on the Society website **www.charolais.ie** or contact the office via email at **Irishcharolaisyma@gmail.com** to request an entry form to be posted to you.



**Follow ICCS YMA on Facebook: Irish Charolais YMA
and on Snapchat: Charolaisyma for updates.**

CHAROLAIS CROSS SALERS MEETING ALL OBJECTIVES FOR COUNTY LONGFORD SUCKLER FARMER



Following a trip to France over 10 years ago, Terry O'Reilly from Lanesborough in County Longford decided to set up a herd of pedigree Saler cows to cross with a Charolais bull. He was extremely impressed with the Charolais/Saler cross in France, the combination of the two breeds displayed all the making's of the perfect calf - weanling system. Prior to this, Terry ran a suckler herd, which had its share of calving difficulties and as a one-man operation, the Saler cow crossed with the Charolais bull was attractive to him.



So, after setting up his herd of Saler cows, Terry decided if he was to continue producing weanlings for sale in the Autumn, he had to invest in a top quality Charolais bull. A combination which he has kept right up to the present day. His present bull, Ballyfinnane Milo ET, a son of Panama is used widely across his 50 cows & heifers, with no calving difficulties to date. Terry explains 'my calves are vigorous and thrive from birth'.



His main farming objectives are

- Easy calving
- Produce quality weanlings
- Reduce calf mortality
- Reduce veterinary bills
- Reduce meal bills

Terry says 'the Charolais / Saler cross meet all these objectives.'



He sells his golden weanlings at 350-420kg every Autumn. He averages anything from €1,100 – €1,200 annually for these weanlings. Some years he has exceeded this. Terry finished by saying 'the joy of the Charolais bull is that you can use a well-muscled bull, without fear of calving difficulties and you end up with a quality calf, which always demands a premium price.'

Goldstar ★ Charolais

Highlights Tullamore National Livestock Show 2019



Senior Female Calf Champion

1st Prize Cow Class

Junior Female Calf Competition

Reserve Senior Male Calf Champion

1st & 3rd Prize September Bull Calf Class

1st Prize April Bull Calf Class

1st Prize September Heifer Calf Class

1st & 2nd Prize Jan Heifer Calf Class

1st Prize Junior Pairs & Senior Pairs



Goldstar Osanna ET Junior Champion Elite Heifer sold to Northern Ireland (€11,000)

3 Goldstar Bulls Exported to French Breeders in 2019

Goldstar Orwell ET, Goldstar Prince & Goldstar Oxford



Goldstar Poppy ET, Goldstar Pippa ET both exported to Czech Republic & Goldstar Penny ET to NI



Goldstar Othello, the first son of Goldstar Echo entered AI in 2019 with K-Genetics

New Bloodlines are important to progress & diversity - below are 2 new females lines introduced in 2020



Quality males, females and ET pregnancies regularly for sale

Martin & Murt Ryan
Copperfield House, Cabra, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
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NATIONAL CHAROLAIS SHOW

PRIZE-WINNERS HEAD BACK TO FRANCE

In October 2019, Martin Ryan and family from Co. Tipperary successfully sold and exported two of their National Show prize winning bulls back to their ancestral country of France.

The first of these was Goldstar Orwell (et) who is a son of Goldstar Hugo 2 (et) and off a Texan-Gie daughter named Goldstar Jamaïque. Orwell had a host of show successes including Championships and was Reserve Senior Male Calf at the National Show in Tullamore 2019.

This cross has proved to be successful for the Ryan Family with Orwell's full sister, Goldstar Osanna (et), being the Junior Female Calf Champion at the Elite Heifer Sale in November '19 selling for €11,000. His full brother, Goldstar Organdi, was also a multi prize-winner at local shows and another full brother Goldstar Oasis was Champion at the society's May sale at Tullamore in 2019.

Orwell (et) was purchased by Gaec Chezeau, in Creuse, and was shown by him at Moulins show, where he won his class and section Championship.



Goldstar Prince

The second bull, Goldstar Prince, is a son of a French bull Loisir (bred by Lea Laboisse and a stock bull on the farm of Gerard Delange) and out of a French imported cow, Goldstar Hanna. Price was born in April 2019 and his one and only show outing was at the National Show in Tullamore 2019 where he won his class.

Prince has now joined the herd of Francois Lucand.



Goldstar Orwell (et) pictured at the National Charolais Show in Tullamore and at Moulins Show in France.

CHAROLAIS CROSSES ON FIRE AT CARRICK WINTER FAIR

The Winter Fair in Carrick on Shannon last November seen a tremendous trade for commercial Cattle. The lively atmosphere around the ringside all weekend was uplifting for the entire Beef sector. However, there was a noticeable demand for Charolais cross progeny,

which resulted in many Charolais crosses hitting the €5,000 mark. Pictured below are just some of those high sellers and those who picked up prizes in what was a fantastic show of Charolais Cross Cattle.



Reserve Senior Charolais Champion
exhibited by Sean Hughes who sold
for €5,000 (Sire: Lanzac)



Charolais Cross Heifer Calf exhibited
by Martin Harold who sold for €5,000
(Sire: Charolais stock bull)



First prize Charolais Cross Heifer Calf under
350kg exhibited by the Mc Gowan brothers,
sold for €4,000 (Sire: Fiston)



Charolais Cross Heifer Calf exhibited by P & E
Boland, sold for €4,000 (Sire: Fiston)



Overall Junior Charolais Champion exhibited by Pearse Mc Namee (Sire: Ashleigh Admiral)



Reserve Junior Charolais Champion exhibited by the Maxwell brothers



Overall Senior Charolais Champion exhibited by the Moorehead family



First prize Charolais Cross Male under 400kg exhibited by the Wilson's



First prize Charolais Cross Male under 550kg exhibited by John O'Grady

Other leading prices of Charolais Cross Cattle included –

Three CHX heifer calves under 350kg sold €5000, €4000 and €2800

CHX heifer no tooth sold €2,000

CHX heifer no tooth sold €2,000

CHX heifer no tooth sold €1,900

CHX heifer no tooth sold €3,500

CHX heifer no tooth sold €2,350

CHX Bull Calves	CHX Heifer Calves	
482kg sold €1,120	423kg sold €1,000	450kg sold €1,500
439kg sold €1,700	391kg sold €1,300	460kg sold €1,300
460kg sold €1,280	398kg sold €1,900	337kg sold €1,500
446kg sold €1,150	460kg sold €1,650	270kg sold €2,150
330kg sold €1,300	444kg sold €1,620	356kg sold €1,900
357kg sold €1,100	398kg sold €1,200	347kg sold €1,400
		304kg sold €1,200

CHAROLAIS CROSS SHOWS & SALES

SPONSORED BY THE IRISH CHAROLAIS CATTLE SOCIETY

The Irish Charolais Cattle Society invested in several Shows and Sales of Charolais Cross Cattle this Autumn, to promote the use of

Charolais bulls in commercial herds across the Country. Here are a few highlights from those Sales

CHAROLAIS CROSS WEANLINGS SELL TO €2,000 IN CARRIGALLEN



Charolais cross weanling heifers were in serious demand in Carrigallen this Autumn. This 10 month old 465kg Heifer was awarded the Overall Champion and sold for a whopping €2,000. She was sired by Clenagh Mischief and was bred by Sean and Richie Nixon.

Other prices of CHX Weanling Heifers from Carrigallen included:

300kg - €1,250 4.16c/kg
285kg - €1,100 3.85c/kg
280kg - €980 3.50c/kg
285kg - €920 3.22c/kg
405kg - €1,400 3.45c/kg
405kg - €1,510 3.72c/kg
405kg - €1,290 3.18c/kg
400kg - €1,590 3.97c/kg
295kg - €890 3.01c/kg
290kg - €890 3.06c/kg



A yard of quality Charolais Cross Weanling bulls was also met with a lively trade in Carrigallen Mart. Charolais once again took the Overall Championship in the show. Prices of CHX weanling bulls included:

280kg - €990	385kg - €1140	330kg - €1100
280kg - €990	380kg - €1110	470kg - €1250
280kg - €980	310kg - €1100	475kg - €1210
290kg - €910	355kg - €1100	460kg - €1160
390kg - €1,300	370kg - €1100	

Ballymote Mart



Charolais Cross Weanlings at the Show & Sale in Ballymote Mart sponsored by the Irish Charolais Cattle Society. The first CHX Heifer weighed 350kgs and sold for €1160 at 9 months old. The second CHX Heifer weighed 330kgs and sold for €1100 at 7 months old.

New Ross Mart



Charolais Cross Weanlings from the Show & Sale in New Ross Mart sponsored the Society.

Sample prices of CHX weanling Bulls included:

410kg - €1130
400kg - €1080
380kg - €1050
370kg - €940
350kg - €910
250kg - €820

Heifers:

405kg - €1080
390kg - €1000
360kg - €900
350kg - €870

CHAROLAIS WEANLINGS SOLD TO €1,880 IN ENNIS



**Charolais cross weanling heifers at the
Show & Sale in Ennis Mart**



**Charolais cross weanling bulls at the
Show & Sale in Ennis Mart**

Charolais weanlings continued to show their supremacy in the Marts this Autumn, with another strong demand in Ennis Mart. Once again it was the first prize winning Charolais Heifer who stole the show, selling for €1,880 at 380kgs. She was sired by the Bullbank AI sire, Clenagh Lyle.

Prices of CHX Heifers included:

440kg – €1,090
425kg – €1,050
325kg – €1,060
365kg – €1,020
405kg – €1,020
380kg – €1,880
265kg – €900
315kg – €1,010
440kg – €1,200
290kgs – €860
280kgs – €860
440kgs – €1,180
330kgs – €930
365kgs – €990

Prices of CHX weanling bulls in Ennis included:

392kg – €1,090
358kg – €1,070
300kg – €910
425kg – €1,140
368kg – €1,020
338kg – €1,060
375kg – €1,050
385kg – €1,120
315kg – €1,030
360kg – €1,100
355kg – €1,040
325kg – €1,040
265kg – €860
297kg – €930
260kg – €890

CHAROLAIS WEANLINGS LEAD THE WAY IN DONEGAL TOWN



Charolais Cross Weanlings once again lead the way at the Show & Sale in Donegal Town Mart. Charolais crosses claimed both the Overall Male and Female Championships (pictured above).



Prices of CHX weanling bulls in Donegal Town included –

466kg – €1,458 – 9 months
216kg – €670 – 5 months
348kg – €1,070 – 6 months
258kg – €790 – 5 months
446kg – €1,360 – 8 months
378kg – €1,140 – 7 months
292kg – €880 – 6 months
352kg – €1,060 – 7 months

Heifer prices from Donegal Town Mart included –

274kg – €1,120 – 6 months
174kg – €640 – 5 months
296kg – €1,080 – 6 months
306kg – €980 – 6 months
280kg – €870 – 5 months
354kg – €1,070 – 8 months
252kg – €730 – 6 months

CHAROLAIS WEANLINGS A FLYING TRADE IN TUAM AND ELPHIN

Sample prices and pictures of Charolais Cross Weanlings from the Show & Sale in Tuam Mart sponsored by the Society:



Prices of CHX Weanling Bulls

395kg - €1,200	460kg - €1,270
380kg - €1,160	285kg - €960
357kg - €1,100	295kg - €910
370kg - €1,050	280kg - €900
365kg - €1,050	270kg - €850
370kg - €1,040	280kg - €840

Prices of CHX Heifers

340kg - €1,150
340kg - €1,140
300kg - €1,060
360kg - €1,010
350kg - €1,000
290kg - €890
285kg - €890
290kg - €820



Sample prices and pictures of Charolais Cross Weanlings from the Show & Sale in Elphin Mart sponsored by the Society:



This pen of Charolais Weanlings in Elphin weighed on average 456kg and sold for an average of €1254. All were sired by a VCR bred stock bull and the AI sire, CSQ.



This pen of Charolais Cross Weanling heifers weighed on average 373kg and sold for an average of €1098. All sired by a VCR bred stock bull



This pen of Charolais Cross Weanling bulls weighed on average 390kgs and sold for an average of €1153. All sired by a Pirate X TZA bred stock bull



This pen of Charolais Cross Weanling heifers weighed on average 378kgs and sold for an average of €970. All sired by a Hideal bred stock bull

Other sample prices of weanling bulls in Elphin included:

385kg - €1,260	350kg - €1150
395kg - €1,240	320kg - €1,080
320kg - €1,230	305kg - €1,060
415kg - €1,210	320kg - €1,030
400kg - €1,200	330kg - €1,020
375kg - €1,180	310kg - €1,000

Other sample prices of weanling heifers in Elphin included:

310kg - €1,040	300kg - €1,020
290kg - €900	270kg - €1,090
300kg - €930	360kg - €1,120
465kg - €1,300	320kg - €1,030
300kg - €990	280kg - €1,000

Kanturk Mart



Charolais cross weanling heifer who sold in Kanturk Mart, she was 390kgs and sold for €1,410 at 10 months old

Ennis Mart



Charolais cross weanling heifer who sold in Ennis Mart, 360kgs and sold for €1,350 at 7 months old



Charolais cross weanling heifer who sold in Ennis Mart, 400kgs and sold for €1,200 at 8 months old

Roscommon Mart – Prices of Charolais Cross Weanling's

295kg sold €1120, 6 months old

392kg sold €1320, 9 months old

300kg sold €1010, 6 months old

330kg sold €1060, 6 months old

380kg sold €1120, 7 months old

455kg sold €1380, 9 months old

415kg sold €1250, 8 months old

355kg sold €1060, 6 months old

465kg sold €1270, 8 months old

Gort Mart – Prices of Charolais Cross Weanling's

490kg sold €1390, 9 months old

570kg sold €1350, 10 months old

515kg sold €1200, 10 months old

500kg sold €1220, 10 months old

530kg sold €1280, 10 months old

520kg sold €1300, 10 months old

550kg sold €1240, 10 months old

530kg sold €1260, 10 months old

380kg sold €1040, 8 months old

272kg sold €930, 5 months old

280kg sold €1010, 6 months old

405kg sold €1170, 8 months old

Elphin Mart



Pictures and prices from the Show and Sale of CHX Heifers in Elphin.

705kgs sold €2,360, €3.35/kg	665kgs sold €1,700	630kgs sold €1,860
595kgs sold €2,300, €3.86/kg at 18 months	545kgs sold €1,560	770kgs sold €1,840
575kgs sold €1,540	535kgs sold €1,450	725kgs sold €1,760
575kgs sold €1,510	525kgs sold €1,400	725kgs sold €1,740
565kgs sold €1,400	676kgs sold €1,700	680kgs sold €1,720
530kgs sold €1,340	700kgs sold €1,750	540kgs sold €1,720
570kgs sold €1,370	670kgs sold €1,720	610kgs sold €1,680
595kgs sold €1,620	660kgs sold €1,670	695kgs sold €1,660



Ballina Mart



356kg sold €1,160, 7 months old

388kg sold €1,140, 7 months old

380kg sold €1,180, 7 months old

390kg sold €1,100, 8 months old



390kg sold €1,200, 7 months old

338kg sold €1,100, 6 months old

446kg sold €1,230, 7 months old

348kg sold €1,080, 6 months old

Kenmare Mart



**First Prize Heifer in Kenmare Mart -
370kgs and sold for €1,110 at 7 months**

**Other prices of CHX weanlings in
Kenmare included:**

276kgs sold €890 at 5 months old

312kgs sold €880 at 6 months old



**Second Prize Heifer in Kenmare Mart -
344kgs and sold for €1,145 at 6 months**

376kgs sold €1,000 at 7 months old

339kg sold €955 at 6 months old

REST IN PEACE JOE GILFILLAN



In June of this year, the Irish Charolais Cattle Society lost one of its founding members and stalwarts, Joe Gilfillan. Joe first discovered Charolais on a Field Trip to Teagasc, Grange in the mid 1960s. He was so impressed with what he seen; he persuaded his father to purchase some Charolais crosses. The cattle

exceeded all expectations (in live weight gain and price) so the decision was made to move to an on-farm finishing system using Charolais cattle. To compliment the home bred cattle, Joe purchased approximately 50 Charolais weanlings in local marts each Autumn, often paying top prices. Well known for only purchasing top quality, farmers were known to happily relay to neighbours that Joe Gilfillan had bought their cattle.

The move into pedigree breeding was made in 1974 with the purchase of a heifer from the well-known 'Meath' herd owned by the late Bart Monaghan. From there Joe built the Kilmore herd up to 30 top-class pedigree Charolais cows. Cattle from the herd would go on to sell for prices well in excess of €10,000. Two bulls were purchased for AI and many were sold as stock bulls in herds all over Ireland (including Northern Ireland), Scotland and Wales. The Kilmore native would go on to become one of the most respected judges of Charolais cattle in Ireland, presiding over many shows throughout the Country.

In 1977 Joe was elected to the Charolais Council on his first attempt, and every three years thereafter for the next 40 years, often topping the poll. He was instrumental in setting up the first Charolais club in Ireland (the Midland & Western) and to this day it remains the largest Charolais club in Ireland.

Firm in his belief that the best Suckler farmers in Ireland were in the West, he persuaded the Charolais Council that the first ever standalone Breed Society National Show should be held in Elphin, and such was its success that it was held there for many years, until its popularity necessitated moving it to a larger venue.

Joe strongly believed that the improvement of the breed in Ireland depended on top quality genetics being available to all breeders big and small. Thus, the decision was made to import semen of top-quality Bulls and make it available to all members at reasonable and sometimes subsidised prices. The first semen brought in by the Society was from a bull called Excellent, it proved to be an 'excellent'

decision and it impacted the prolificacy of pedigree Charolais cows for many years to follow. Joe travelled to France on numerous occasions in pursuit of top-quality genetics and was highly respected by French breeders. He was involved in the importation of semen from Bulls such as Nevers, Meillard, Utrillo Mic and Malicieux. All of which made a huge contribution to the betterment of the breed in Ireland.



He was a great ambassador for Irish Charolais, representing with distinction Irish Breeders at international events in Canada, England, France and Brazil. On the home front he was always to the fore as an advocate for suckler farmers, organising public events to highlight issues of concern. One such event in 2016 attracted over 400 people to Carrick-on-Shannon.

Following in his father's footsteps he served on the Board of the Midland & Western Livestock Improvement Society, to which he was twice elected Chairman and was joint treasurer up until his untimely death. He was centrally involved in the Society's purchase of their extended show grounds in 1999.

In 1997 Joe married the real love of his life, local girl Mary Beirne. Also from a farming background, Mary was a huge support to Joe and kept everything running smoothly on the farm when Joe was away at meetings, marts etc. Their home was always welcoming, the kettle was always boiling, and Joe was a great storyteller. His story telling skills were exceptional, and were delivered with empathy, authenticity and frequently finished with the line "now do you see".

Joe Gilfillan was a real cattleman, but most of all a gentleman, in the true meaning of the word. Those who knew him are saddened by his passing, but their loss is tempered by the fact that they were privileged to have known him and learned from him. May he rest in peace.

INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

SOCIETY FEES

Annual Membership - €50.00

(Due on 1st January each year)

New Membership Fees - €127.00

(includes entrance fee and €1 share in the Society).

Membership application forms may be downloaded from the Society's website or will be posted out on request from the office.

Calf Registration Fee - €45.00 (if paid by direct debit)

From the 1st of January 2018, it is compulsory for all members to pay via Direct Debit.

(Registration fee is €60.00 per calf, for breeders who have yet to return their direct debit mandate)

ET Calf Pedigree Registration Fee - €70.00

(ET = Embryo Transplant)

All ET born calves must be either DNA or Geno typed for parentage verified before pedigree registration is complete.

Please note that it is not possible to parentage verify an animal via DNA, unless both parents are also DNA typed and vice versa using Genotyping.

De-Registration

Heifers - Heifers bred in your herd can be de-registered up to 12 months of age and you will receive a refund of €40.00. In order to receive the refund, you must return the herd book certificate, along with a note stating that you wish to de-register the female to the office. Please note that once a female has been de-registered, she can never be re-registered.

Males - Males bred in your herd can be de-registered up to 16 months of age and you will receive a refund of €40.00. In order to receive the refund, you must return the herd book certificate, along with a slaughter docket for the bull and a note stating that you wish to de-register the bull to the office. Please note that you will only receive the refund for males when both the herd book certificate and slaughter docket is received in the office.

Late Registration/Payment Fees

€10.00 per month, per calf, for 1st year

€20.00 per month, per calf, for 2nd year

€30.00 per month, per calf, for 3rd year

ET Donor Female Registration Fee - €127.00

(Lasts her lifetime)

Registration must be applied for prior to flushing. Application forms and copy of embryo transplant rules will be posted out on request to the office. Donor Cows must be DNA or Geno typed.

DNA Fee - €30.00 per sample (payable direct to Weatherby's DNA laboratory)

Female Transfer Fee - €25.00

Payable on any female purchased outside official Society sales.

Male Transfer Fee - Free of Charge

Embryo Transfer Fee - €25.00

Imported Embryo Transfer Fee - €65.00

Export Certificate Fee - €20.00

Re-printing of Certificates - €10.00

IMPORTED ANIMALS

To be eligible for pedigree registration an Export Certificate for the imported animal(s), and/or embryos, issued by the Herd Book of the exporting country must be forwarded to the office.

The registration fee payable for an imported animal or embryo (male or female) is €75.00.

SHOWS & SALES REGULATIONS

- Judges and stewards must be treated with courtesy at all times.
- All entries must be properly halter trained.
- Vendors must wear a clean white coat or clean white shirt and tie.
- All animals must be DNA/Genotyped, to their sire and where possible their dam.

DNA/Genotyping results must be verified prior to the closing date.

All animals being entered into the Society shows/sales must be genomic tested for sire verification and must be verified prior to the closing date of entries. DNA verification will no longer be accepted. By having all animals genotyped, it will allow the Society to request the Myostatin status for each animal entered in Society sales and include their myostatin status in the sales catalogue.

- All bulls must be fit for sale
- BVD: Animals offered for sale at all Society run Shows and Sales must be tested and BVD virus free.
- All bulls must be fertility tested, within 60 days of the sale date. The Society's rules require that the fertility testing be carried out either by Brendan Regan, John McCabe, Kieran Byrne or your own Vet.

- Weight: In order for animals to be eligible for entry into society run shows and sales, all animals must **NOT** have an Average Daily Weight Gain of more than 1.8kgs/day for males and 1.7kgs/day for females from birth to weighing at Society shows and sales, unless the animal has previously been verified by the Society. Birth weight of 60kgs for bulls and 55kgs for females is allowable. Breeders with animals exceeding these weight limits will receive on farm inspections.

Entry Fees:

Show/Sale Entry Fee - €20.00 per animal.

Elite Heifer Show/Sale - €30.00 per animal.

Premier & Christmas Cracker Show/Sale - €50.00 per animal (non-refundable).

Inspections: Animals must pass an inspection for all Society sales and the Inspector's decision is final. For all shows/sales, other than the Christmas Cracker and Premier Shows/Sales, this inspection will take place on arrival at the Mart.

For the Christmas Cracker and Premier Shows/Sales inspections will be held at various centres around the country. Animals at these inspection centres will be required to have an in-date compliance certificate.

At all sales, random blood testing of animals will take place at inspections.

Testicle Measurements: Testicle measurements have to be taken by the vet or Brendan Regan or John McCabe or Kieran Byrne when carrying out the fertility test and recorded on the Vets fertility certificate or on Brendan Regan's or John McCabe's or Kieran Byrne's printout. All bulls at Society run Shows and Sales must meet the following minimum criteria for testicle size. Bulls not meeting the minimum criteria will **NOT** be allowed into any Official Charolais Society Show and Sale.

Age	Minimum Testicle Size
Less than 15 months on day of sale	30cm
Bulls 15 - 18 months on day of sale	31cm
Bulls 18 - 21 months on day of sale	31cm
Bulls 21 months and over on day of sale	33cm

In addition, for the Christmas Cracker, Premier and Elite Heifer Shows and Sales, ALL animals must be;

- Export Tested. Please ensure your vet uploads your test date/status onto the CMMS.

Test must be in date for a minimum of three working days following the sale.

- You must provide a completed veterinary examination form stating that the animal has no abnormalities, for example mouth is correct i.e. check the dentition is correct and the incisor/teeth are biting on the upper pad, prior to the sale date. Copy of this certificate stating same must be presented to the inspector on the morning of the sale.

This form can be downloaded from the "sales" section on our website – www.charolais.ie, next to the entry form.

- All bulls must meet the minimum weight for age.

YEAR LETTERS

For calves to be registered as pedigree animals, they must be given a name. Each year that name must begin with a certain year letter.

For all calves born in **2020**, you must use a name beginning with the letter **R**

For all calves born in **2021**, you must use a name beginning with the letter **S**

For all calves born in **2022**, you must use a name beginning with the letter **T**

When registering calves, **do not** include the herd prefix.

CONTACTING THE OFFICE

When contacting the office in relation to a registration query, please have the **FULL TAG NUMBER** of the animal available or if you are contacting about a payment query, please have your herd number to hand. This greatly helps us to help you.

SEMEN ROYALTY FEE

Please check with your supplier before purchasing the straw. We will endeavour to maintain an up-to-date list on the Society's website. The bulls listed below are those on the list as of August 2020.

Royalty fees are payable on all the bulls listed below.

Royalty fees are collected by the Society at the time of pedigree calf registration and passed on to the owner of the bull. The Society charges a small fee to the owner of the bull for this service.

The Society operates this scheme so that a greater number of bulls are available to members at a reasonable cost. If you don't have a calf to register you don't pay the fee.

AI Code	Name of Bull	Royalty Fee	Available from
CH5482	Agrochyt Demon PP (Polled)	€25.00	NCBC
AGZ	Angelus	€25.00	NCBC
S1377	Anside Foreman	€52.00	NCBC
AAI	Ashleigh Admiral	€45.00	Eurogene AI
S590	Balmyle Vagabond	€38.00	Bova AI
EPZ	Blakestown Esperanto	€60.00	Sligo AI
VAK	Bova Banker	€35.00	Bova AI
SLV	Bova Sylvain	€45.00	Bova AI
S956	Blelack Digger	€35.00	NCBC
CH2332	Blelack Immaculate	€40.00	Elite Genetics
CH5932	Bud Orpheus	€30.00	Dovea Genetics
TLI	Burradon Talisman	€40.00	NCBC
VHC	Celtic Vichy (et)	€45.00	A & G Brickley
CH4634	Clenagh Lyle	€30.00	Bull Bank
S2186	Clogher Famous	€35.00	Clogher Breeding Services
S2185	Clogher Finn	€35.00	Clogher Breeding Services
CH5169	Cloughbrack Navarone	€35.00	Bova AI
S957	Clyth Diplomat	€55.00	NCBC
FFK	Conval Frank	€50.00	Eurogene AI
DEZ	Cottage Devon	€25.00	NCBC
S2280	Culla Iceman (et)	€30.00	Coney Island Genetics
CH2354	Drumcullen JJ <i>(Effective from 1st April 2020)</i>	€40.00	Worldwide Sires
DYE	Dolland Denny	€45.00	Kevin & Teresa Maguire
DWF	Doncamillo	€35.00	Bova AI
ELR	Éclair	€35.00	Bova AI
S1391	Edenhurst Cognac	€55.00	Dovea Genetics
EPY	Espernay	€45.00	Bova AI
S605	Fury Action	€55.00	Dovea Genetics
S867	Goldies Champion	€55.00	Dept. of Agriculture
CH5446	Goldstar Othello	€30.00	K Genetics
S2163	Harestone Hercules	€35.00	Dovea Genetics
HJD	Hideal	€35.00	Bova AI
S1381	Inverlochty Ferdie	€35.00	Dovea Genetics
GKA	Inverlochty Gurkha	€25.00	NCBC
GHL	Leagaun Ghavana (et)	€25.00	Sligo AI
LSP	Liscally ETI (et)	€20.00	Dovea Genetics
CH6175	Neron P (Polled)	€25.00	NCBC
CH2303	Newhouse Bigal	€40.00	Elite Genetics
CH6373	Noble Prince	€40.00	Elite Genetics
CH4687	Mornity Nero	€40.00	Elite Genetics
CH5842	Sagesse Pierre	€40.00	Bova AI
CH5497	Solitude Narcos	€40.00	Eurogene
S979	Sportsman Columbo	€65.00	Powerful Genetics
S750	Thrunton Bonjovi	€45.00	Eurogene AI
S1588	Thrunton Flyingscotsman	€35.00	NCBC
Ch6334	Thrunton Officer	€40.00	Elite Genetics

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GOLDSTAR HEIFERS EXPORTED

TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC



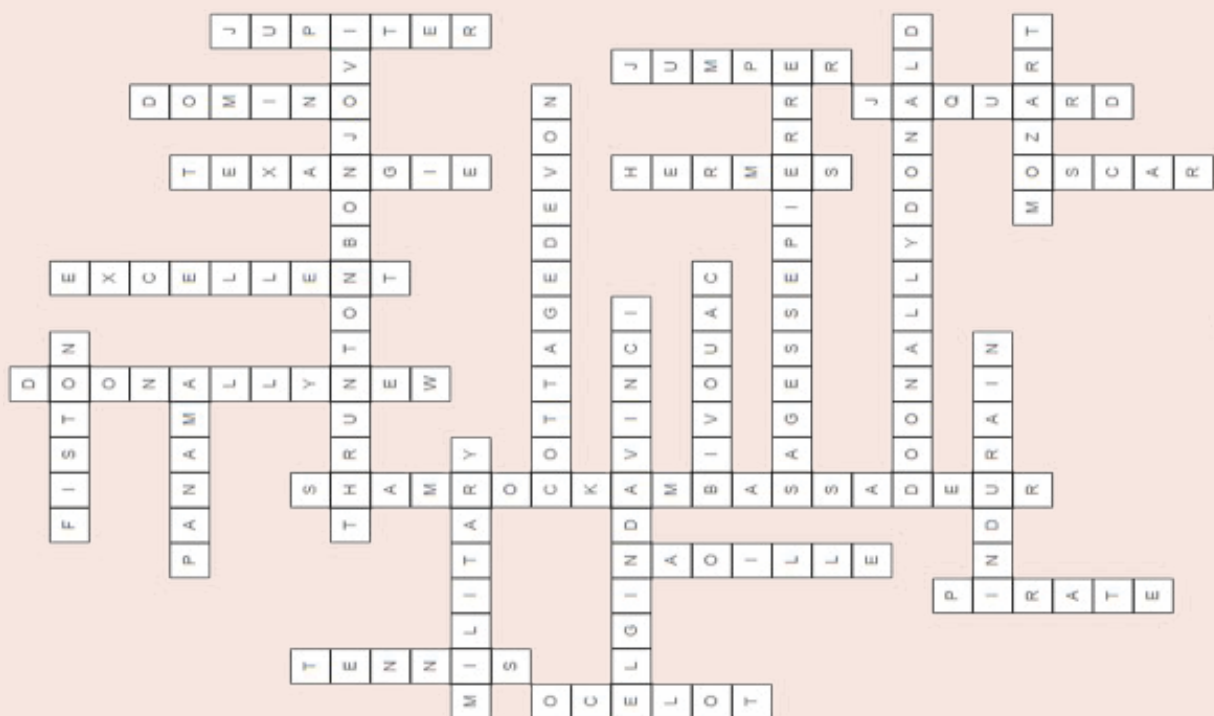
Goldstar Poppy ET

In March 2020, in the midst of all the doom and gloom, there was some positive news in the Irish Charolais world, as the Goldstar herd owned by Martin Ryan and family in Co. Tipperary exported two young pedigree Charolais heifers to the Czech Republic.

Goldstar Poppy (et) who was the Overall Junior Female Calf Champion at last year's National Charolais Show, and her full sister, Goldstar Pippa (et), set sail for Eastern Europe.

The pair who are just over a year old, were sired by Goldstar Echo and were out of Goldstar Fifi, a daughter of Invincible. It is encouraging for all Irish Charolais breeders to see demand like this from other countries.

Answers to Crossword on pg 61



'So how does ICBF even come up with these 'Stars'!?'

Introduction

€uro-Stars are an estimate of the genetic merit of an animal. When a bull sires calves, they are an 'expression' of his genetic merit. So by weighing them & measuring how fertile they are etc, we can give the bull his stars based on his genes that have been 'expressed' by his progeny.

That's all fine, but of course in cattle breeding we want to know what his genetic merit is **before** he has sired any calves. His genetic merit is basically a jigsaw with 4 different pieces.

The 4 critical pieces of information listed in the timeline order that they are used are:

1. **Backpedigree**
2. **Genotype**
3. **Foreign Data**
4. **Irish Data**

The easiest way to explain this is to walk through how an actual AI Sire got his €uro-Stars. If we take the French Charolais AI Sire 'Bourgogne' (CH2437) and apply the 4 steps above to him, the following is what we get:

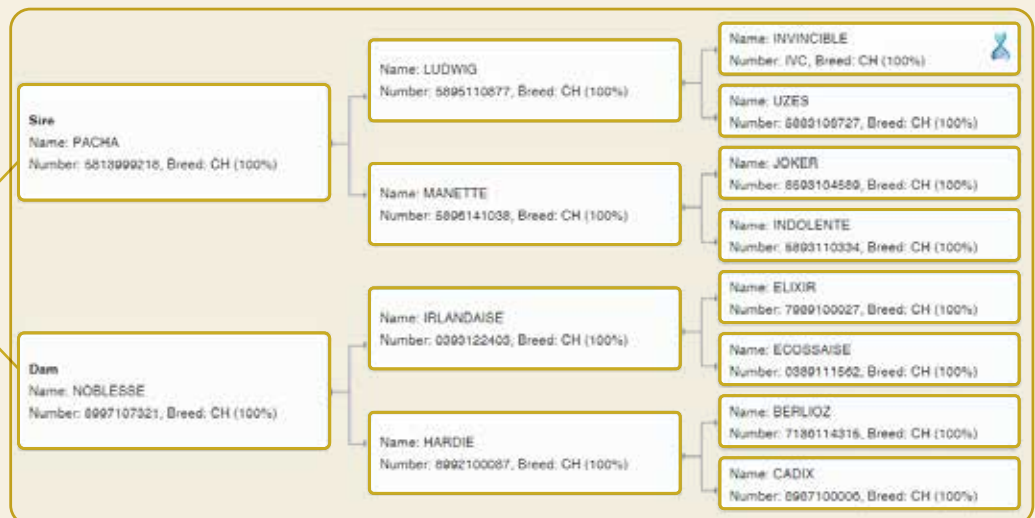


Bourgogne (CH2437) ★★★★★

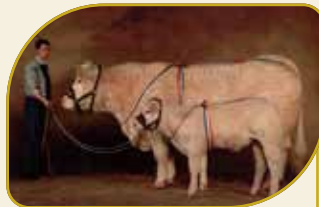
1. Backpedigree

The very first thing that happens 'Bourgogne' is that his own details (name, tag number, date of birth) and those of his backpedigree (Sire,

Dam, Grandparents etc) are entered into the ICBF database. Then what is known as 'Parent Average' €uro-Stars are calculated. So as the name suggests – these initial stars are an average of the €uro-Star values of his ancestors.



Sire: Pacha



Dam: Noblesse

Sire & Dam are already in back pedigrees of other Charolais animals such as Ultrabeau, Sabine and 'Roughan Verygood', fullbrother of 'Bourgogne'.



Great Grandsire: Invincible

Invincible: Widely used by Irish Charolais Breeders & appears widely across backpedigrees.

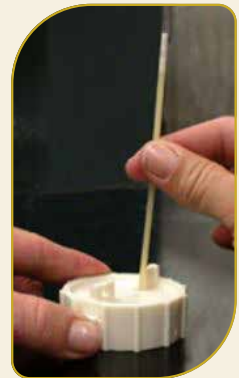


Great Grandsire: Berlioz

Berlioz: Sire of well known bulls such as Grimaldi, Major & Nebuleux.

2. Genotype

So the 'Parent Average' figures above are an estimate of the genetic merit that we are assuming the bull inherited from his ancestors. Analysing his own actual DNA allows us to be a lot more accurate about what genes he got. Genotyping is the process of determining differences in the genetic makeup of a bull by examining his DNA sequence. So a straw of 'Bourgogne' is taken out of liquid nitrogen, thawed out and the semen is extracted from the straw. The semen goes through a complex procedure then to analyse the bull's DNA makeup – called genotyping. He might be found to be carrying the genes that influence 'carcass weight' or 'daughter milk' etc.



The results of this process are then used to make his initial 'Parent Average' index more accurate. This can be seen by the 'reliability %' figures increasing. What this is saying is that we are now more confident about knowing what the bull's genetic merit is, than we were when we just had his parents figures to go on.

3. Foreign Data

Watch out for the '#'. 'Bourgogne' had already been used in France before his semen arrived in Ireland. So ICBF blends in what French breeders have already recorded on his progeny in France, into his Irish Euro-Stars here. It is only

This 'Parent Average' calculation is dependant on how much or little we know about the bull's various ancestors. For example, this bull's ancestors appear in the backpedigree of other Irish Charolais animals. All of these connections contribute to 'Bourgogne's' first index. It is our first best shot at where his index should start, based on what star ratings his ancestor's have.

Number of Progeny Records included in Evaluation

Date	Calving				Weanling and Carcass records							Daughter Maternal Records				
	Beef Heifer Calv Diff	Beef Cow Calv Diff	Gest	Mort	150-250 day Wgts	250-350 day Wgts	Linear	Docility	Farmer Calf Qual	Mart pperkg	Carc Wgt	Age First Calv	Mat Calv Diff	Mat Wean Wgt	Dau Calv Int	Dau Surv
Oct 2020	7	82	27	122	18 #	20	22 #	20	46	1	8 #	10	2 #	#	0	1
Jul 2020	7	82	27	121	16 #	17	20 #	19	48	1	8 #	9	2 #	#	0	1
May 2020	7	81	27	118	13 #	17	19 #	17	42	1	8 #	7	2 #	#	0	1

possible to do this for traits that are recorded in both countries. ICBF indicates what traits are using such foreign data by placing a '#' sign beside the numbers of records. This table can be found by clicking on the 'Evaluation History' tab in the ICBF 'Animal Search' results page and scrolling down to the bottom.

So 'Bourgogne' has 82 Irish calving records from beef cows and 7 from beef heifers but his calving ease index from France is also being included in his Irish Euro-Stars. For 'Carcass Weight' his French 'Carcass weight' index figures are being used in the calculation of his Irish Euro-Stars.

4. Irish Data

The previous 3 steps are used to help us predict how we think 'Bourgogne' will breed in Ireland. However, 'the proof of the pudding is in the eating'!

- His Backpedigree would have started him at about 30% reliability
- His Genotype & Foreign Data would then lift him to nearly 50% reliability
- It is the performance of his progeny both in Ireland and France that will now move him higher than this 50% mark.

How high his reliability % goes and in what direction his index moves will depend on how the cattle he sires perform.

A good example of how records affect a bull's index is the 'Docility' index for 'Bourgogne'. He has had 15 progeny assessed by ICBF Linear Scorers for docility alongside 62 animals sired by other bulls. As can be seen above his progeny scored better for docility (7.9) than their herdmates (7.5) so his progeny have been found to be quieter than their herdmates.

ICBF reflects this on-farm finding in his 'docility' evaluation and as more of his progeny are linear scored this evaluation figure is updated.

Summary

As has been explained – there are 4 major pieces of information that help create and then change a bull's Euro-Stars. Data is constantly being recorded by farmers both here and abroad on progeny of the bull's they are using. As they are recording this data, the full picture of a bull's genetic merit is becoming clearer.

If you want to know how much of a bull's genetic merit is known you need to look at his 'reliability %' figures. If this figure is up near 95% or greater then you can take it that we have uncovered as much as possible about how he is breeding for that particular trait.

All of the data used in this article is freely available on the ICBF website. Enter an animal's tag number into the 'Animal Search' and then click on the tabs to find out more about how an animal's index is calculated.

Linear scorer recorded scores

Date of Evaluation	no of progeny	no of herd mates	Age of progeny at scoring	Age of herd mates at scoring	Average progeny docility score	Average herdmate docility score
Oct 2020	15	62	87	55	7.9	7.5



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