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Presidents Address



Dear Breeders,

I took great pride when I was first elected to the Charolais Council all those years ago, and on my re-elections over the following years, but it was an extra privilege to be elected as your President for the coming year by my fellow council members.

As farmers, we will have another difficult year ahead with soaring costs of all major inputs in farming and all the regulation coming down the track. As a farmer you would feel a bit frustrated the way we are being portrayed at the moment with environmental issues and especially sucker farmers.

We are the ones who joined Rep's and Glas and play our part in maintaining our stone walls and planted hedges, we put up bird and bat boxes, done traditional hay making and so on for the betterment of our environment and the betterment of our countryside, that so many visitors come to our shores every year to see and also the big part we played in the recession in 2007. But there is an old saying *eaten bread is soon forgotten* and now we seem to be the sacrificial lambs. Hopefully the powers that be will have a change of mind set if they are serious about climate change.

On a more positive note, it was great to see such great numbers out for our National Calf Show in Elphin one again and as always it's you the breeders that makes the Calf Show the Show that it is today. The quality of cattle on show was a credit to you all. And it was great to see so many Society bull doing the business for breeders at this year's show and also some of the older bull's that have lost their stars through no fault of their own. It's testament to Nevan and John and fellow council members that travelled abroad over the years to track the performance of some of these bulls and source them at affordable prices.

I would also like to thank all our judges and stewards to help run the Society's Show/Sales each year. It would not be possible to run them without your help and also our two great women in the office Barbara and Kate.

It was another great year for commercial farmers who are using Charolais bull's in their herd. They are reaping the rewards for the quality of stock they are producing and the price they are receiving across the country, which should make the future of Charolais going forward positive.

Finally, I wish you all good health in the future and everything else in life will fall into place if you get that, take care and I hope to see you throughout the next year at our Shows and Sales.

Your sincerely,

Oliver Connolly

Oliver Connolly,
President.

NATIONAL CHAROLAIS CALF SHOW 2022



Senior Male Calf Champion – Sheehills Santiago

Sired by Clenagh Lyle (et). Exhibited by John Searson, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary



Senior Female Calf Champion – Chanonstown Such a Cutie

Sired by Ocelot. Exhibited by Michael Carey, Killucan, Co. Westmeath



Intermediate Male Calf Champion – Goldstar Simon

Sired by Infidele. Exhibited by Martin Ryan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary



Intermediate Female Calf Champion – Ballylannon Sarah (et)

Sired by Cyrano. Exhibited by Patrick McLaughlin, Malin, Co. Donegal



Junior Male Calf Champion – Tullyvillage Tarbh

Sired by Cloughbrack Navarone. Exhibited by Willie Flynn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway



Junior Female Calf Champion – Firoda Tilly

Sired by Neptune. Exhibited by Seamus & Brian Nolan, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny



**Reserve Senior Male Calf Champion –
Drumcullen Superman**

*Sired by Drumcullen JJ. Exhibited by John Fleury, Killyon,
Co. Offaly*



**Reserve Senior Female Calf Champion –
Lisnagre Show Girl (et)**

*Sired by Horace JD. Exhibited by Jim Geoghegan,
Mullingar, Co. Westmeath*



**Reserve Intermediate Male Calf Champion –
Sagesse Sidney (et)**

*Sired by Doonally New. Exhibited by David Watts, Tuam,
Co. Galway*



**Reserve Intermediate Female Calf Champion –
Goldstar Sunshine (et)**

*Sired by Goldstar Echo. Exhibited by Martin Ryan, Thurles,
Co. Tipperary*



**Reserve Junior Male Calf Champion –
Sheehills Toronto**

*Sired by Clenagh Lyle (et). Exhibited by John Searson,
Roscrea, Co. Tipperary*



**Reserve Junior Female Calf Champion –
Mashantucket Treasure**

*Sired by Stimothee. Exhibited Adam Woods, Ballyconnell,
Co. Cavan*

Class Winners



First prize winner (Bull born on/btn 16th September to 15th October 2021) – Kilcommon Sean

Sired by Domino. Exhibited by Tom Ryan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary



First prize winner (Heifer born on/btn 1st April to 15th August 2022) – Ardabrone Sadie.

Sired by Clenagh Lyle (et). Exhibited by James & Karl Kelly, Dromard, Co. Sligo



First prize winner (Bull born on/btn 16th December to 15th January 2022) – Breaghwyhill Santa (et).

Sired by Oldstone Egbert. Exhibited by Eamonn O'Connor, Ballinfull, Co. Sligo



First prize winner (Heifer born on/btn 16th November to 15th December 2021) – Blackroad Scarlett

Sired by Lapon. Exhibited by John Culloty, Castleisland, Co. Kerry



First prize winner (Bull born on/btn 6th February to 15th March 2022) – Tonroe Topgun

Sired by Goldstar Hugo 2 (et). Exhibited by Vincent Callaghan, Swinford, Co. Mayo



First prize winner (Heifer born 16th December to 15th January 2022) – Garracloon Tess

Sired by Horace JD. Exhibited by Aiden MacHale, Ballina, Co. Mayo



**First prize winner (Heifer born on/btn 16th
February to 15th March 2022) –
Ballyfinnane Tiffany**

*Sired by Lapon. Exhibited by Kenneth Clarke,
Ardnacrusha, Co. Clare*



**Best pair of animals –
Sheehills Herd (Santiago & Supreme).**



**First prize winner (Heifer born on/after 16th
March 2022) – Mountkennedy Tilly.**

*Sired by Goldstar Ludwig. Exhibited by Richard &
Henry Poyntz, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford*



**Winner of the young breeders showing class,
12 – 16 years**

Nigel Woods from Crossmolina, Co. Mayo



**Winner of the young breeders showing class,
17 – 22 years**

Megan Searson from Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

National Charolais Calf Show 2022 - Results

Bull born on/between 1st April to 15th August 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Drumcullen Superman Reserve Senior Male Champion	Drumcullen JJ	Drumcullen Orchid	Ballydownan Lima (et)	John Fleury Killyon, Co. Offaly
2nd Noble Star	Noble Playboy	Noble Jade	Liscally ETI (et)	Harry Noble Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford
3rd Gallaway Superstar	Lapon	Gallaway Natisha (et)	Doonally New	Michael Kiernan Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim
4th Daisyhill Superstar	Major	Daisyhill Hoppy	Pirate	Brendan McFeely Ballybofey, Co. Donegal
5th Bud Setanta	Sagesse Pierre	Cornadrung Jamelia	Pirate	Olivia Purcell Athboy, Co. Meath

Bull born on/between 16th August to 15th September 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Sheehills Santiago Senior Male Champion	Clenagh Lyle	Sheehills Malificent	Inverlochy Ferdie	John Searson Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
2nd Sheehills Supreme	Clenagh Lyle	Sheehills Malificent	Inverlochy Ferdie	John Searson Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
3rd Limkiln Sylvander	Ocelo	Limkiln Irene 2	Balmyle Vagabond	Richard Hackett Clonlara, Co. Clare
4th Goldstar Sundance (et)	Goldstar Echo	Goldstar Pepite	Matuvu	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
5th Culkenny Scott	Pirate	Culkenny Molly 2	Goldstar Echo	Anthony McColgan Malin, Co. Donegal

Bull born on/between 16th September to 15th October 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Kilcommon Sean (et)	Domino	Kilcommon Jackie	Anside Foreman	Tom Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
2nd Lisnagre Show Time (et)	Major	Lisnagre Lori (et)	Tombapik	Jim Geoghegan Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
3rd Tullyvillage Seamus	Laheens Major	Tullyvillage Janice	Crossmolina Euro	Willie Flynn Ballinalsoe, Co. Galway
4th Ballinderry Sprite	Lapon	Ballinderry Olivia	Camber Liam	Michael Stephens Tuam, Co. Galway
5th Tinnamuck Sean	Hideal	Crossmolina Olive	Chic	Joe Lowry Moate, Co. Westmeath

Bull born on/between 16th October to 15th November 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Sagesse Sidney (et) Reserve Intermediate Male Champion	Doonally New	Kilcumreragh Grimaldi	Roundhill Cameron (et)	David Watts Tuam, Co. Galway
2nd Clenagh2 Sultan	Clenagh Lyle (et)	Clenagh Ocean	Whitecliffe James	Barry Quinn Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare
3rd Tullaghan Santa Fe	Sagesse Pierre	Tullaghan Louisa	Blelack Digger	Michael & Cathal Daly Tullaghan, Co. Leitrim
4th Goldstra Swanky (et)	Goldstar Hugo 2 (et)	Goldstar Jamaïque	Texan Gie	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
5th Rockvalley Stetson	Cavelands Fenian	Birchestown Pretty Lady	Elgin Jackman	Simone McCabe Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan

Bull born on/between 16th November to 15th December 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Goldstar Simon Intermediate Male Champion	Infidele	Goldstar Pannacotta (324)	Nocenzio	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
2nd Dreamteam Sex Symbol (et)	Fury Action	Bessiebelle Incredible	Goldies Unbeatable (et)	Andrew Norris Moville, Co. Donegal
3rd Tonroe Simon	Noble Prince	Tonroe Gena	Enfield Newbook	Vincent Callaghan Swinford, Co. Mayo
4th Rooskeynamona Sublime	Ocean	Rooskeynamona Olivia	Pirate	Gerard Mulligan Mohill, Co. Leitrim
5th Caldrough Sammy (et)	Cloverfield Excellent	Caldrough Olina (et)	Doonally New	Gerard Beirne Elphin, Co. Roscommon

Bull born on/between 16th December to 15th January 2022

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Breaghywyhill Santa (et)	Oldstone Egbert	Liscally My Fair Lady 3 (et)	Balmyle Vagabond	Eamonn O'Connor Ballinfull, Co. Sligo
2nd Ballylannon Tully (et)	Goldstar Othello	Kilbline_1 Pixie	Lisnagre Elite	Patrick McLaughlin Malin, Co. Donegal
3rd Whinfort Tyson	Cavelands Fenian	Whinfort Jessica 2	Elgin Davinci	Jeremy McGonigle Rosstown, Co. Donegal
4th Drumlaheen20 Tin Tin	Pirate	Kesh Bridget	Doonally new	Enda McLoughlin Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

Bull born on/between 16th January to 15th February 2022

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Sheehills Toronto Reserve Junior Male Champion	Clenagh Lyle (et)	Sheehills Malificent	Inverlochy Ferdie	John Searson Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
2nd Tullaghan Tyson	Pottlereagh Mark	Tullaghan Ophelia	Goldstar Echo	Michael & Cathal Daly Tullaghan, Co. Leitrim
3rd Farmer Tyson	Aimable	Tobar Lila	Inverlochy Gurkha	Paul Sheridan Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan

Bull born on/between 16th February to 15th March 2022

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Tonroe Topgun	Goldstar Hugo 2 (et)	Tonroe Hyacinth	Bova Sylvain	Vincent Callaghan Swinford, Co. Mayo
2nd Derryvane Thumper	Scardaune Mark	Derryvale Oonagh	Bivouac	Anthony Rabbett Muff, Co. Donegal
3rd Lisdaly Tommie (et)	Major	Dromiskin Valeriane	Sahel	Paraic Butler Elphin, Co. Roscommon

Bull born on/after 16th March 2022

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Tullyvillage Tarbh Junior Male Champion	Cloughbrack Navarone	Tullyvillage Milseain	Cavelans Fenian	Willie Flynn Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
2nd Phillips Topgun (et)	Newhouse Bigal	Blelack Gorgeous	Ugie Dynamo	Michael Phillips Gurteen, Co. Sligo
3rd Lillybrook Trojan It	Doonally New	Lillybrook Maeve	Knockane Collen (et)	David White Boyle, Co. Sligo
4th Lisanean Thomas	Knockmoyle10 Loki (et)	Cavehill Lisa	Lisnagre Elite	James Mulrennan Elphin, Co. Roscommon
5th George1 Tiger	Fiston	George1 Orla	Cavelands Fenian	Eugene Noonan Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford

Heifer born on/between 1st April to 15th August 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Ardabrone Sadie	Clenagh Lyle (et)	Bennview Morwenna 2	Doonally New	James & Karl Kelly Dromard, Co. Sligo
2nd Inismurray Sofie (et)	Whitecliffe James	Liscally Ocean Breeze (et)	Goldstar Echo	Paul & Eugene Burke Grange, Co. Sligo

Heifer born on/between 16th August to 15th September 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Chanonstown Such a Cutie Senior Female Champion	Ocelot	Sionhill Jasmine	Sionhill Commandeur	Michael Carey Killucan, Co. Westmeath
2nd Crossmolina Sky	Pirate	Crossmolina Olga	Goldstar Echo	Alan Wood Crossmolina, Co. Mayo
3rd Liscally Star (et)	Whitecliffe James	Liscally Good Girl 2	Grimaldi	Jon Regan Tawley, Co. Leitrim
4th Chanonstown Supernova	Nevers	Sionhill Helga	Blakestown Uncle Sam	Michael Carey Killucan, Co. Westmeath
5th Raferagh Shakira (et)	Goldstar Echo	Aghafad Greta (et)	Dromiskin Pedro	Patrick & Oisín Cassidy Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan

Heifer born on/between 16th September to 15th October 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Lisnagre Show Girl (et) Reserve Senior Female Champion	Horace JD	Lisnagre Nice (et)	Pirate	Jim Geoghegan Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
2nd Ballylast Shina (et)	Doonally New	Ballylast Lucia (et)	Oldstone Egbert	John McElchar Lifford, Co. Donegal
3rd Liscally Special Lady (et)	Goldstar Echo	Liscally Liscally 6 (et)	Meillard	Jon Regan Tawley, Co. Leitrim
4th Inismurray Skye (et)	Whitecliffe James	Liscally Ocean Breeze (et)	Goldstar Echo	Paul & Eugene Burke Grange, Co. Sligo

Heifer born on/between 16th October to 15th November 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Ballylannon Sarah (et) Intermediate Female Calf Champion	Cyrano	Roughan Hotesse	Roughan Feodal	Patrick McLaughlin Malin, Co. Donegal
2nd Goldstar Sunshine (et) Reserve Intermediate Female Champion	Goldstar Echo	Goldstar Ombrelle	Lapon	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
3rd Coolbock Swanky	Roughan Mina	Sagesse Nathaniel	Roughan Galant	Geraldine Sweeney Drumfin, Co. Sligo
4th Goldstar Sancerre	Pinay	Goldstar Pannacotta	Lancelot	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
5th Crossmolina Sandy	Military	Crossmolina Orla	Chic	Alan Wood Crossmolina, Co. Mayo

Heifer born on/between 16th November to 15th December 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Blackroad Scarlett	Lapon	Blackroad Minnie	Inverlochyr Gurkha	John Culloty Castleisland, Co. Kerry
2nd Dreamteam Showqueen (et)	Fury Action	Bessiebelle Incredible	Goldies Unbeatable (et)	Andrew Norris Moville, Co. Donegal
3rd Blackroad Sophie	Thrunton Bonjovi	Prime Ingrid (et)	Hermes	John Culloty Castleisland, Co. Kerry
4th Caldragh Stella (et)	Cloverfield Excellent	Caldragh Olina (et)	Doonally New	Gerard Beirne Elphin, Co. Roscommon
5th Caldragh Susie (et)	Cloverfield Excellent	Caldragh Olina (et)	Doonally new	Gerard Beirne Elphin, Co. Roscommon

Heifer born on/between 16th December to 15th January 2022

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Garracloon Tess	Horace JD	Garracloon Mistie	Inverlochyr Gurkha	Aiden MacHale Ballina, Co. Mayo
2nd Glenree Tina (et)	Lisnagre Hansome	Royal Adeline	2454 Royal Pepito	John O'Grady Glenamaddy, Co. Galway
3rd Breaghwyhill Tara	Fury Action	Breaghwyhill Nelly	Texan Gie	Eamonn O'Connor Ballinfull, Co. Sligo
4th Coolbock Sapphire (et)	Doonally New	Kilcumreragh Grimaldi	Roundhill Cameron (et)	Gerardine Sweeney Drumfin, Co. Sligo
5th Ballylast Shelby (et)	Doonally New	Ashleigh Venus	Major	John McElchar Lifford, Co. Donegal

Heifer born on/between 16th January to 15th February 2022

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Firoda Tilly Junior Female Champion	Neptune	Firoda Nojack (et)	Doonally New	Seamus & Brian Nolan Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny
2nd Mashantucket Treasure Reserve Junior Female Champion	Stimothee	Liscally Natalie 2 (et)	Goldstar Echo	Adam Woods Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan
3rd Urirsteen Tillie (et)	Drumcullen JJ	MacMelvin Jill	Blelack Digger	Richard Brennan Ballymote, Co. Sligo
4th Sheafeld Tessa	Goldstar Ludwig	Sheafeld Oonagh	Cavelands Fenian	Sean Moreton Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim
5th Cassina Twinkle	Knockmoyle10 Loki (et)	Cassina Jane	Fiston	Richard Poyntz Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford

Heifer born on/between 16th February to 15th March 2022

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Ballyfinnane Tiffany	Lapon	Ballyfinnane Paula	Cavelands Fenian	Kenneth Clarke Ardnarusha, Co. Clare
2nd Cassina Tara	Harestown Hercules	Cassina Haley	Dereskit Duke B	Richard Poyntz Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford

Heifer born on/after 16th March 2022

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Mountkennedy Tilly	Goldstar Ludwig	Mountkennedy Jessie J	Sesame	Richard & Henry Poyntz Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford
2nd Breaghwyhill Tess	Whitecliffe James	Cooleen Ellen	Lyonsdemesne Tzar	Eamonn O'Connor Ballinfull, Co. Sligo
3rd Ballyfinnane Tanya	Clenagh Lyle (et)	Limkiln Mary	Alwent Goldbar	Kenneth Clarke Ardnacrusha, Co. Clare
4th George1 Tina	Inverlochyd Ferdie	George1 Jane	Nippur	Eugene Noonan Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford
5th Cush Tiger Lily	Williamstown Meillard	Cush Oopsy Daisy	Whitecliffe James	Billy Gubbins Kilfinane, Co. Limerick

Pairs

Name	Exhibitor
1st Sheehills Herd	John Searson Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
2nd Liscally Herd	Jon Regan Tawley, Co. Leitrim
3rd Dreamteam Herd	Andrew Norris Moville, Co. Donegal
4th Crossmolina Herd	Alan Wood Crossmolina, Co. Mayo

Young Breeders – 12 to 16 years

Name	Address
1st Nigel Woods	Crossmolina, Co. Mayo
2nd Jack Searson	Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
3rd Pauric McLaughlin	Malin, Co. Donegal
4th Grainne Burke	Grange, Co. Sligo

Young Breeders – 17 to 22 years

Name	Address
1st Megan Searson	Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
2nd Conor Boyce	Crossmolina, Co. Mayo
3rd Jack Sheridan	Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan
4th David Watts	Tuam, Co. Galway

CHAROLAIS NATIONAL SHOW 2022

Goldstar Pepite



Senior & Overall Champion -

Sire. Matuvu. Bred by Martin Ryan, Cabra, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Rockvalley Stetson



Senior Male Calf Champion & Reserve Overall Champion -

Sire. Cavellands Fenian. Bred by Simone McCabe, Laragh, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan

Dundoire Tommy



Junior Male Calf Champion -

Sire. Doonally New. Bred by Shane Maguire, Breffni House, Lambay, Kilbride, Co. Meath

Lisnagre Show Girl



Senior Female Calf Champion -

Sire. Horace JD. Bred by Jim Geoghegan, Lisnagree, Streamstown, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

Firoda Tilly



Junior Female Calf Champion -

Sire. Neptune. Bred by Brian & Seamus Nolan, Firoda, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny

Goldstar Pepite and Goldstar Panacotta



Senior and Reserve Senior Champion -

Bred by Martin Ryan, Cabra, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Sagesse Sidney



Reserve Senior Male Calf Champion -

Sire. Doonally New. Owned by David Watts, Ballina, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway

Sheehills Toronto



Reserve Junior Male Calf Champion -

Sire. Clenagh Lyle. Bred by John Searson, Sheehills, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

Dreamteam Show Queen



Reserve Senior Female Calf Champion -
Sire. Fury Action. Bred by Andrew Norris, Glebe, Moville, Co. Donegal

Mashantucket Treasure



Reserve Junior Female Calf Champion -
Sire. Stimothée. Bred by Adam Woods, Breandrum, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan

CLASS WINNERS

Drumcullen Superman.



First Prize Winner

(Best bull born on or between the 1st January 2021 and the 31st August 2021) -

Sire. Drumcullen JJ. Bred by John Fleury, Coagh, Killyon, Birr, Co. Offaly

Sheehills Santiago



First Prize Winner

(Best bull born in September 2021) -

Sire. Clenagh Lyle. Bred by John Searson, Sheehills, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

Dream Team Sex Symbol



First Prize Winner

(Best bull born in December 2021) -

Sire. Fury Action. Bred by Andrew Norris, Glebe, Moville, Co. Donegal

Sagesse Titus



First Prize Winner

(Best bull born in February/March 2022) -

Sire. Major. Bred by Brendan and Niall Canning, Creggconnell, Rosses Point, Co. Sligo



First Prize Winner (Best Heifer born in 2020) -
Sire. Goldstar Echo. Bred by Jerry O'Keeffe,
Woodlawn, Grange, Knocklong, Co. Limerick



First Prize Winner (Best heifer born on or
between the 1st January 2021 and the 31st
August 2021) -
Sire. Pirate. Bred by James and Karl Kelly,
Ardabrone, Dromard, Co. Sligo



Sageesse Sylvia

First Prize Winner (Best heifer born on or
between the 1st October 2021 and the 15th
November 2021) -
Sire. Maerdy Sinnadar. Bred by Brendan and
Niall Canning, Creggconnell, Rosses Point,
Co. Sligo.

The best pair of animals under 12 months of age was awarded to Darragh Mc Manus and Andrew Norris from County Donegal, with Dreamteam Sex Symbol and Dreamteam Show Queen.

Standing top of the line with the best pair of animals over 12 months of age was Martin Ryan and family with Goldstar Pepite and Goldstar Panacotta.



Kate Daly, winner of the young breeders
showing class, 17 – 22 years old



Kate McGovern, winner of the young breeders
showing class, 12 – 16 years old

**We would like to acknowledge and thank
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National Charolais Show 2022 - Results

Bull born on/between 1st January 2021 and 31st August 2021

Sponsor: Dovea Genetics

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Drumcullen Superman	Drumcullen JJ	Drumcullen Orchid	John Fleury, Co. Offaly
2nd Noble Star	Noble Playboy	Noble Jade	Harry Noble, Co. Longford
3rd Pale Superman	Goldstar Ludwig	Primestock Mis	Andy McGovern, Co. Leitrim
4th Sagesse Samuel	Corrie Alan	Sagesse Martha (et)	McGovern Family, Co. Leitrim

Bull born September 2021

Sponsor: Corrib Oil

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Sheehills Santiago	Clenagh Lyle	Sheehills Malificent	John Searson, Co. Tipperary
2nd Sheehills Supreme	Clenagh Lyle	Sheehills Malificent	John Searson, Co. Tipperary
3rd Lisnagre Show Time (et)	Major	Lisnagre Lori	Jim Geoghegan, Co. Westmeath
4th Goldstar Sublime (et)	Goldstar Echo	Goldstat Pepite	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
5th Goldstar Sundance (et)	Goldstar Echo	Goldstar Pepite	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary

Bull born October 2021

Sponsor: FBD Insurance

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Sagesse Sidney (et) Reserve Senior Male Calf Champion	Doonally New	Kilcumreragh Grimaldi	David Watts, Co. Galway
2nd Goldstar Swanky (et)	Goldstar Hugo 2 (et)	Goldstar Jamaïque	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
3rd Goldstar Sensation	Nelson	Goldstar Pepite	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
4th Colomane Superman (et)	Doonally New	Cottage Gemma	John Ward, Co. Cork

Bull born November 2021

Sponsor: Bova AI

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Rockvalley Stetson Senior Male Calf Champion & Reserve Overall Champion	Cavelands Fenian	Birches Pretty Lady	Simone McCabe, Co. Monaghan
2nd Clenagh2 Sultan	Clenagh Lyle	Clenagh Ocean	Barry Quinn, Co. Clare
3rd Goldstar Simon	Infidele	Goldstar Pannacotta (324)	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
4th Garracloon Simply the Best	Military	Garracloon Irene	Aiden MacHale, Co. Mayo
5th Clenagh Soprano	Clenagh Hank	Clenagh Lacey	Michael Quinn, Co. Clare

Bull born December 2021

Sponsor: Golden Vale Marts, Tullamore

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Dreamteam Sex Symbol (et)	Fury Action	Bessiebell Incredible	Andrew & Kate Norris, Co. Donegal
2nd Beaghwyhill Santa (et)	Oldstone Egbert	Liscally My Fair Lady 3 (et)	E & D O'Connor, Co. Sligo
3rd Rooskeynamona Sublime	Ocean	Rooskeynamona Olivia	Gerard Mulligan, Co. Leitrim

Bull born January 2022**Sponsor: A. W. Ennis**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Dundoire Tommy (et) Junior Male Calf Champion	Doonally New	Western Icon	Shane Maguire, Co. Meath
2nd Sheehills Toronto Reserve Junior Male Calf Champion	Clenagh Lyle	Sheehills Malificent	John Searson, Co. Tipperary
3rd Aghafad Tyson	Domino	Aghafad Ophelia (et)	Edward Walsh, Co. Monaghan
4th Camross Treasure	Glera Oran	Camross Nadine	Catherine Sheeran, Co. Laois
5th Goodmoove Thor	Hillvilla Nando	Ashburyherd Lullaby (et)	Conor Melvin, Dublin 15

Bull born February/March 2022**Sponsors: N.C.B.C**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Sagesse Titus	Major	Kilcumreragh Dorothee	Brendan & Niall Canning, Co. Sligo
2nd Farmer Tyson	Aimable	Tobar Lila	Paul Sheridan, Co. Westmeath

Female in-calf or with calf at foot, born on/before 31st December 2019**Sponsor: Coney Island Genetics**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Goldstar Pepite Senior & Overall Champion	Matuvu	Magesty	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
2nd Goldstar Pannacotta (324) Reserve Senior Champion	Nocenzio	Lacreme	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
3rd Goldstar Pannacotta	Lancelot	Illlade	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
4th Crossane4 Paris	Goldstar Echo	Portnason Hermione	McGovern Family, Co. Leitrim

Heifer born in 2020**Sponsor: Smyths Daleside Animal Feeds**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Grangwood Rosebud (et)	Goldstar Echo	Grangwood Emerald	Jerry O'Keeffe, Co. Limerick
2nd Colomane Rhianna (et)	Texan Gie	Colomane Olivia	John Ward, Co. Cork
3rd Goldstar Sanculotte	Malakoff	Nuisette	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
4th Goldstar Radieuse	Leopold	Julienne	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
5th Goldstar Sephora	Olympus	Nita	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary

Heifer born on/between 1st January 2021 and 31st August 2021**Sponsor: Greenvale Animal Feeds**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Ardabrone Sarah (et)	Pirate	Ardabrone Molly (et)	James & Karl Kelly, Co. Sligo
2nd Aquanchoua Summer	Hideal	Carraghs Georgina	Shane Maguire, Co. Meath
3rd Crockaun Siochain	Hortensia	Crockaun Independence	Bernadette Dunne, Co. Kildare
4th Breaghwyhill Surprise	Goldstar Ludwig	Beaghwyhill Jemma	E & D O'Connor, Co. Sligo
5th Rovannah Solas	Doonally New	Carrigfada Gertrude	J & N McSweeney, Co. Cork

Heifer born September 2021**Sponsor: Aurivo**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Lisnagre Show Girl (et) Senior Female Calf Champion	Horace JD	Lisnagre Nice (et)	Jim Geoghegan, Co. Westmeath
2nd Goldstar Saoirse	Goldstar Echo	Goldstar Pepite	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
3rd Raferagh Sharpay (et)	Goldstar Echo	Aghafad Greta (et)	Patrick & Oisín Cassidy, Co. Monaghan
4th Crossmolina Shannon	Chic	Crossmolina Oana	Alan Wood, Co. Mayo
5th Goldstar Selena (et)	Ballym Mylove	Goldstar Pannacotta	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary

Heifer born on/between 1st October 2021 to 15th November 2021**Sponsor: FBD Insurance**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Sagesse Sylvia (et)	Maerdy Sinndar	Kilcumreragh Dorothee	Brendan & Niall Canning, Co. Sligo
2nd Goldstar Sunshine (et)	Goldstar Echo	Goldstar Ombrelle	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
3rd Sagesse Stephanie (et)	Maerdy Sinndar	Kilcumreragh Dorothee	Brendan & Niall Canning, Co. Sligo
4th Glenree Sofie	Fury Action	Claregal Lucy	John O'Grady, Co. Galway
5th Goldstar Sancerre	Pinay	Goldstar Pannacotta	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary

Heifer born on/between 16th November to 31st December 2021**Sponsor: Greenvale Animal Feeds**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Dreamteam Show Queen (et) Reserve Senior Female Calf Champion	Fury Action	Bessiebelle Incredible	Andrew & Kate Norris, Co. Donegal
2nd Bostonia Santas Angel	Noble Prince	Bostonia Jen	Brendan & Greg Feeney, Co. Sligo
3rd Bostonia Saoire	Alwent Goldbar	Bostonia Joy	Brendan & Greg Feeney, Co. Sligo
4th Blackroad Sophie	Thrunton Bonjovi	Prime Ingrid (et)	Jack Culloty, Co. Kerry
5th Ballyd Storm	Ballym Nario 2	Clonbullogue Perri	Alan & Kealan Hand, Co. Offaly

Heifer born January 2022**Sponsor: Dovea Genetics**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Mashantucket Treasure Reserve Junior Female Calf Champion	Stimothee	Liscally Natalie 2 (et)	W & A Woods, Co. Cavan
2nd Glenree Tina (et)	Lisnagre Handsome	Royal Adeline	John O'Grady, Co. Galway
3rd Garracloon Tess	Horace JD	Garracloon Mistie	Aiden MacHale, Co. Mayo
4th Tubbernadur Tyler	Doonally New	Tubbernadur Ohsha	Kieran Duddy, Co. Sligo
5th Sunnaghmore Tess (et)	Thrunton Officer	Verne Helen	Andy McGovern, Co. Leitrim

Heifer born February/March 2022**Sponsor: Irish Farmers' Journal**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Firoda Tilly Junior Female Calf Champion	Neptune	Firoda Nojack	Brian Nolan, Co. Laois
2nd Drumcullen Tiara	Neptune	Drumcullen Mirabelle 2	John Fleury, Co. Offaly
3rd Cassina Tara	Harestone Hercules	Cassina Haley	Richard Poyntz, Co. Longford
4th Farmer Tilly	Aimable	Tobar Lila	Paul Sheridan, Co. Cavan
5th Bellingham Theresa (et)	Pirate	Lisnagre Gabby (et)	Eimear Whelan, Co. Laois

Heifer born on/after 1st April 2022**Sponsor: Golden Vale Marts, Tullamore**

Name	Sire	Dam	Exhibitor
1st Mountkennedy Tilly	Goldstar Ludwig	Mountkennedy Jessie J	Richard Poyntz, Co. Longford
2nd Colomane Tulip	Orbi	Colomane Melody	John Ward, Co. Cork

Pairs – 12 months of age and under**Sponsor: Greenvale Animal Feeds**

Name	Exhibitor
1st Dreamteam Herd	Andrew & Kate Norris, Co. Donegal
2nd Goldstar Herd	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
3rd Sagesse Herd	Brendan & Niall Canning Co. Sligo
4th Lisnagre Herd	Jim Geoghegan, Co. Westmeath
5th Crossmolina Herd	Alan Wood, Co. Mayo

Pairs – Over 12 months**Sponsor: Irish Farmers' Journal**

Name	Exhibitor
1st Goldstar Herd	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
2nd Goldstar Herd	Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary
3rd Crossane4 Herd	McGovern Family, Co. Leitrim

Young Breeders – 12 to 16 years**Sponsor: Golden Vale Marts**

Name
1st Kate McGovern
2nd Tom Gleeson
3rd Nigel Wood
4th Nicole Watts
5th Eimear Whelan

Young Breeders – 17 to 22 years**Sponsor: Irish Farmers' Journal**

Name
1st Kate Daly
2nd Aidan Kinahan
3rd Meagan Searson
4th Conor Boyce
5th Jack Ward

NATIONAL CHAROLAIS CALF SHOW 2021



**Senior Male Calf Champion –
Drumcullen Royal.**

*Sired by Solitude Narcos.
Exhibited by John Fleury, Killyon, Birr, Co. Offaly*



**Junior Female Calf Champion –
Tubbernadur Sansa.**

*Sired by Goldstar Hugo 2.
Exhibited by Kieran Doddy, Ballymote, Co. Sligo*



**Junior Male Calf Champion –
Goldstar Samson.**

*Sired by Ballym Mylove. Exhibited by Martin Ryan,
Thurles, Co. Tipperary*



**Reserve Senior Male Calf Champion –
Goldstar Rolex.**

*Sired by Goldstar Gentleman.
Exhibited by Martin Ryan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary*



**Senior Female Calf Champion –
Goldstar Ramona.**

*Sired by Goldstar Othello.
Exhibited by Martin Ryan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary*



**Reserve Junior Male Calf Champion –
Ballylannon Santa.**

*Sired by Caherobert Anthony.
Exhibited by Patrick Mc Laughlin, Malin, Co. Donegal*



**Reserve Senior Female Calf Champion –
Limkiln Rene.**

Sired by Horace JD.

*Exhibited by
Richard Hackett, Clonlara, Co. Clare*



**Reserve Junior Female Calf Champion –
Ardabrone Sarah.**

Sired by Pirate.

Exhibited by James and Karl Kelly, Dromard, Co. Sligo

Class Winners:



**First prize winner (Bull born on/btn 16th October
to 15th November 2020) – Grangwood Royal Oak.**

*Sired by Goldstar Echo. Exhibited by Jerry and Kay
O'Keeffe, Knocklong, Co. Limerick*



**First prize winner (Bull born on/btn 16th January
to 15th February 2021) – Colomane Spartacus.**

*Sired by Goldstar Echo.
Exhibited by John Ward, Bantry, Co. Cork*



**First prize winner (Bull born on/btn 16th
November to 15th December 2020) –
Tonyglasson Rudolph.**

*Sired by Newhouse Bigal.
Exhibited by Martin Hughes, Cootehill, Co. Cavan*



**First prize winner (Bull born on/btn 6th February
to 15th March 2021) – Crossane4 Supreme.**

*Sired by Doonally New. Exhibited by Eoin Mc Govern,
Fivemilebourne, Co. Leitrim*



First prize winner (Bull born on/after 16th March 2021) – Crockaun Sibin.

Sired by Hortensia.

Exhibited by Bernadette Dunne, Curragh, Co. Kildare



First prize winner (Heifer born on/btn 16th January to 15th February 2021) – Macecrump Siobhan.

Sired by Doonally New.

Exhibited by John Lally, Belmullet, Co. Mayo



First prize winner (Heifer born on/btn 16th October to 15th November 2020) – Goldstar Roseanne.

Sired by Goldstar Hugo 2.

Exhibited by Martin Ryan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary



First prize winner (Heifer born on/btn 16th February to 15th March 2021) – Woodhead Serenity.

Sired by Ballym Niall.

Exhibited by Andrew Walker, Bruckless, Co. Donegal



First prize winner (Heifer born on/btn 16th November to 15th December 2020) – Ballinroey Ruby.

Sired by Major.

Exhibited by Michael Hanlon, Dring, Co. Longford



First prize winner (Heifer born on/after 16th March 2021) – Crockaun Siochain.

Sired by Hortensia.

Exhibited by Bernadette Dunne, Curragh, Co. Kildare



**Best pair of animals –
Colomane Herd (Rhianna and Rachel).**

Exhibited by John Ward, Bantry, Co. Cork



**Winner of the young breeders showing class,
12 – 16 years**

Aiden Moran from Ballisadre, Co. Sligo



**Winner of the young breeders showing class,
17 – 22 years**

Megan Searson from Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

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National Charolais Calf Show 2021 Results

Bull born on/between 15th August to 15th September 2020

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Goldstar Rolex (et) Res. Senior Male Calf Champion	Goldstar Gentleman	Goldstar Elle	Caramel	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
2nd Tullaghan Remarkabull (et)	Doonally New	Tullaghan Nefle (et)	Domino	Michael D. Daly Tullaghan, Co. Leitrim
3rd Goldstar Robinson	Goldstar Othello	Goldstar Java	Indochine	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
4th Sheehills Romeo (et)	Clenagh Lyle (et)	Sheehills Nightingale	Doonally New	John Searson Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

Bull born on/between 16th September to 15th October 2020

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Drumcullen Royal Senior Male Calf Champion	Solitude Narcos	Drumcullen Isobel	Vexour Granville	John Fleury Birr, Co. Offaly
2nd Tubbernadur Rambo (et)	Heracles M	Elisa	Vauban	Kieran Doddy Ballymote, Co. Sligo
3rd Garra Rockey	Maerdy Sinndar	Kilcumreragh Dorothee	Ulster	David Watts Tuam, Co. Galway
4th Gallaway Reno	Jaquard	Gallaway Lucy Anne	Blelack Digger	Michael Kiernan Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim

Bull born on/between 16th October to 15th November 2020

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Grangwood Royal Oak (et)	Goldstar Echo	Grangwood Emerald	Enfield Picasso	J & K O'Keeffe, Knocklong, Co. Limerick
2nd Dalehill Russell	Fiston	Dalehill Marina	Prime Roberto	B & V Kells Killeshandra, Co. Cavan
3rd Dreamteam Russian Roulette (et)	Hermes	Tawny Omega	Meillard	Andrew Norris Moville, Co. Donegal
4th Dreamteam Royal Flush (et)	Hermes	Tawny Omega	Meillard	Andrew Norris Moville, Co. Donegal

Bull born on/between 16th November to 15th December 2020

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Tonyglasson Rudolph (et)	Newhouse Bigal	Lisnagre Gabby (et)	Major	Martin Hughes Cootehill, Co. Cavan
2nd Aghafad Ri	Enfield Plexus	Aghafad Havanaise (et)	Hermes	Edward Walsh Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan
3rd Tullyvillage Rice	Carrickbrack96 Hutch	Tullyvillage Matilda	Lisnagre Hansome	Willie Flynn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
4th Ballinroey Roman	Doonally New	Celtic Blondie	Celtic Vichy	Michael Hanlon Dring, Co. Longford

Bull born on/between 16th December to 15th January 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Goldstar Samson Junior Male Calf Champion	Ballym Mylove	Goldstar Obeline	Majestueux	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
2nd Ballylannon Santa Res. Junior Male Calf Champion	Caherobert Antony	Ballylannon Imperial	Panama	Patrick McLaughlin Malin, Co. Donegal
3rd Goldstar Superstar (et)	Horace JD	Goldstar Pepite	Matuvu	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
4th Breaghwyhill Sammy	Newhouse Bigal	Breaghwyhill Nelly	Texan Gie	Eamonn O'Connor Ballinfull, Co. Sligo

Bull born on/between 16th January to 15th February 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Colomane Spartacus (et)	Goldstar Echo	Deeleview Eve	Meillard	John Ward Bantry, Co. Cork
2nd Farmer Sam (et)	Aimable	Tober Lila	Inverlochy Gurkha	Paul Sheridan Kilcogy, Co. Cavan
3rd Garracloon Sean Og	Vosgien	Calry Janice	Excellent	Aidan MacHale Ballina, Co. Mayo
4th Eastvalley Sonnyboy	Doonally New	Sherwood Lara	Blelack Digger	David Clarke, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo

Bull born on/between 16th February to 15th March 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Crossane4 Supreme	Doonally New	Portnason Hermione	Thrunton Bon Jovi	Eoin
2nd Coshleens Stan	Goldstar Echo	Coshleens Jenny	Cavelands Fenian	Conal Tiernan Elphin, Co. Roscommon
3rd Tullyvillage Shiven	Scardaune Mark	Tullyvillage Jane	Pirate	Willie Flynn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

Bull born on/after 16th March 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Crockaun Sabin	Hortensia	Lastra Jade	Rocheport	Bernadette Dunne Curragh, Co. Kildare
2nd Sagesse Samuel	Corrie Alan	Sagesse Martha (et)	Adonis	Brendan Canning Rosses Point, Co. Sligo
3rd Mearain Sean	Lapon	Bostonia Lizzie (et)	Balmyle Vagabond	Christopher Marron Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan
4th Tullyvillage Shane	Carrickbrack96 Hutch	Tullyvillage Madona	Doonally New	Willie Flynn Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

Heifer born on/between 15th August to 15th September 2020

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Goldstar Ramona (et) Senior Female Calf Champion	Goldstar Othello	Goldstar Edelwiss	Major	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
2nd Goldstar Rihanna (et)	Goldstar Othello	Goldstal Edelwiss	Major	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
3rd Goldstar Rhona (et)	Goldstar Othello	Goldstar Edelwiss	Major	Martin Ryan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
4th Liosdarach Rosie (et)	Hermes	Culla Jester	Doonally Prince	Marc McGinn Newbliss, Co. Monaghan

Heifer born on/between 16th September to 15th October 2020

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Limkiln Rene Res. Senior Female Calf Champion	Horace JD	Limkiln Lady	Fury Action	Richard Hacket Clonara, Co. Clare
2nd Colomane Rhianna (et)	Texan Gie	Colomane Olivia	Doonally New	John Ward Bantry, Co. Cork
3rd Colomane Rachel (et)	Texan Gie	Colomane Olivia	Doonally New	John Ward Bantry, Co. Cork
4th Rockvalley Raina	Thrunton Bon Jovi	Culla Nada 2	Clenagh Jasper 2	Simone McCabe Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan

Heifer born on/between 16th October to 15th November 2020

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Goldstar Roseanne (et)	Goldstar Hugo 2	Goldstar Jamaïque	Texan Gie	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
2nd Ballyfinnane Rosalind	Whitecliffe James	Grangwood Nighingale (et)	Goldstar Echo	Kenneth Clarke, Ardnacrusa, Co. Clare
3rd Kilcommon Rose	Anside Foreman	Kilcommon Gloria	Loch Ness	Thomas Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
4th Grangwood Rosabel (et)	Goldstar Echo	Grangwood Emerald	Enfield Picasso	J & K O'Keeffe Knocklong, Co. Limerick

Heifer born on/between 16th November to 15th December 2020

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Ballinroey Ruby	Major	Celtic Blondie	Celtic Vichy	Michael Hanlon Dring, Co. Longford
2nd Liscally Rachel (et)	Doonally New	Maerdy Entry	Padirac	Jon Regan Castlegal, Co. Leitrim
3rd Grangwood Rose Petal (et)	Jaquard	Grangwood Jolly Holly	Goldstar Echo	J & K O'Keeffe Knocklong, Co. Limerick
4th Ballinroey Rosanna	Major	Drummullian Bridie	Doonally New	Michael Hanlon Dring, Co. Longford

Heifer born on/between 16th December to 15th January 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Tubbernadur Sansa (et) Junior Female Calf Champion	Goldstar Hugo 2 (et)	Tubbernadur Ohsha (et)	Heracles M	Kieran Duddy Ballymote, Co. Sligo
2nd Ardabrone Sarah (et) Res. Junior Female Calf Champion	Pirate	Ardabrone Molly (et)	Inverlochy Ferdie	J & K Kelly Dromard, Co. Sligo
3rd Colomane Sunny	Newhouse Bigal	Dromtarsna Helene	Pirate	John Ward Bantry, Co. Cork
4th Liscally Rosie (et)	Thrunton Bon Jovi	Liscally Good Girl 2	Grimaldi	Jon Regan Castlegal, Co. Leitrim

Heifer born on/between 16th January to 15th February 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Macecrump Siobhan (et)	Doonally New	Prime Invitation	Pirate	John Lally Belmullet, Co. Mayo
2nd Goldstar Steffi (et)	Goldstar Hugo 2	Goldstar Jamaïque	Texan Gie	Martin Ryan Thurles, Co. Tipperary
3rd Corney Sexy	Ballym Mylove	Corney Maxie (et)	Sesame	David Magee Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan
4th Farmer Snowie	Aimable	Tobar Lila	Inverlochy Gurkha	Paul Sheridan Kilcogy, Co. Cavan

Heifer born on/between 16th February to 15th March 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Woodhead Serenity	Ballym Niall	Woodhead Imogen	Sesame	Andrew Walker Bruckless, Co. Donegal

Heifer born on/after 16th March 2021

Name	Sire	Dam	MGS	Exhibitor
1st Crockaun Siochain	Hortensia	Crockaun Independence	Dromiskin Bestmate	Bernadette Dunne Curragh, Co. Kildare
2nd Dreamteam Superwoman (et)	Invincible	Bessiebell Incredible	Goldies Unbeatable	Andrew Norris Moville, Co. Donegal
3rd Crossane4 Sunflower	Heracles M	Tonroe Hippie	Liscally ETI (et)	Eoin
4th Ardabrone Sadie	Clenagh Lyle (et)	Bennview Morwenna 2	Doonally New	J & K Kelly Dromard, Co. Sligo

Pairs

Name	Exhibitor
1st Colomane Herd	John Ward, Bantry, Co. Cork
2nd Goldstar Herd	Martin Ryan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
3rd Sheehills Herd	John Searson, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
4th Ballinroey Herd	Michael Hanlon, Dring, Co. Longford

Young Breeders – 12 to 16 years

Name	Address
1st Aidan Moran	Ballisdre, Co. Sligo
2nd Karyn McGinn	Newbliss, Co. Monaghan
3rd Nigel Woods	Crossmolina, Co. Mayo
4th Lee Watts	Tuam, Co. Galway

Young Breeders – 17 to 22 years

Name	Address
1st Megan Searson	Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
2nd Kate Daly	Bantry, Co. Cork
3rd Michaela Watts	Tuam, Co. Galway
4th Jack Ward	Bantry, Co. Cork

ELITE HEIFER SALE

14th November, 2020

Top Price: €13,200 / Average Price: €5,302



Ballymorrishill Pretty Polly (et)

The year 2020 will be remembered for years to come for obvious reasons, but the Elite Charolais Heifer Sale in Tullamore will also go down in history as one of the best Charolais Society Sales ever witnessed in Ireland, if not the best. Under Level 5 restrictions it was not possible to hold a pre-sale show, instead a pre-sale parade was held on the morning, followed by a viewing period.

The sale that followed saw a phenomenal 92% of the Heifers forward selling to a staggering average of €5,302, which is believed to be a record average at an official Charolais Society Sale in Ireland. Just three Heifers went home unsold, two of which were withdrawn from the ring at €6,400 each. The sale came just a week after a Charolais Cross Heifer sold for €9,000 in Elphin, also believed to be a record price for an in-calf commercial Heifer in Ireland.

Leading the trade at €13,200 was Ballymorrishill Pretty Polly (et), exhibited by new breeders, Paul and Jack Sheridan from Kilcogy in Co. Cavan. This 20 month-old Heifer went to sale with a string of rosettes and championships to her name from her 2019 show season, which included the All Ireland Baby Calf Championship in Elphin. She is a daughter of the Charolais Society bull, Aimable, and an Inverlochy Gurkha bred dam.



Farmer Polly

The Cavan men's success didn't stop there, shortly before Pretty Polly stole the limelight, her herd mate and full sister, Farmer Polly (et), was knocked down at €10,200. It really was a tremendous day for Paul and his son Jack, as they went home with €23,400 for their two 20 month-old Charolais heifers. The two sisters were snapped up by Claire Ferris from Millisle in Co. Down.



Goldstar Portia

Martin Ryan and family from Co. Tipperary also had a remarkable day. Their five offerings sold for an average of €8,760. Topping their trade was Goldstar Portia at €12,200, an 18 month-old daughter of the home bred, Goldstar Ludwig and Goldstar Grace. Portia will now join Harry Heron's Loughriscouse pedigree herd in Northern Ireland.



Goldstar Paula (et)

Hot on her heels at €11,600 was her stable mate, Goldstar Paula (et), a daughter of Goldstar Echo and the aforementioned, Goldstar Grace. This two year-old will now join the well-established Ballym herd in Edenderry, owned by Colm and Louise Quinn.



Goldstar Pearle (et)

Next up from the Ryan family at €8,000 was Goldstar Pearle (et), another daughter of Goldstar Echo and this time, Goldstar Nightengale (et). Harry Heron of the Loughriscouse herd in Northern Ireland also added this one to his collection.



Goldstar Prada (et)

Pearle's full sister, Goldstar Prada (et), followed shortly after at €7,400. Having the final call on this 14 month-old Goldstar Echo daughter was Stephen Crampton from Birr in Co. Offaly.



Liscally Pretty Polly 1 (et)

Jon Regan had a worthwhile trip from North Leitrim, after he parted company with his two Heifers for €8,500 and €7,600, respectively. First to go under the hammer was Liscally Pretty Polly 1 (et) at €8,500, a 20 month-old daughter of the great Domino and

the noted, Maerdy Entry. This classy heifer went North to Co. Tyrone with Peter McCaffrey.



Liscally Pretty Polly 4 (et)

Jon's second offering, Liscally Pretty Polly 4 (et) wasn't far behind at €7,600. This 14 month-old heifer is a daughter of Goldstar Echo and Liscally My Fair Lady, a daughter of Balmyle Vagabond. She will now take up residence with Ronald Baker from Rathkeale in Co. Limerick.



Knockmoyle10 Oonagh (et)

Next best at €7,100 was Knockmoyle10 Oonagh (et) exhibited by Gerry Lynch from Co. Clare.

This in- calf Heifer, sold to Jimmy Kelly from Co. Limerick. Gerry also received a bid of €4,300 for Knockmoyle10 Orelia, a 24 month-old daughter of Fiston and Knockmoyle10 Heidi.

Other leading prices included;

€6,500 Aghafad One Dream (et) sired by Erudit and exhibited by Edward Walsh from Co. Monaghan

€5,400 for Carrowbeg Olga sired by Fiston and exhibited by Michel & Kevin Graham from Co. Roscommon

€5,300 for Windmill18 Oasis sired by Voimo and exhibited by Richard Nerney from Co. Roscommon

€5,200 for Kilvilcorris Oattie sired by Blelack Digger and exhibited by Matt & PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary.

€5,000 Drumbeera Patricia sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by Thomas Beirne from Co. Leitrim.

TULLAMORE SALE

7th November, 2020

Top Price: €7,500 / Average Price: €3,720



Fieldview Pat

Despite all the restrictions and guidelines in place, Charolais bulls met a wonderful trade in our first Autumn 2020 sale in Tullamore. There were many risk factors heading into the sale, with all bidding online and no customers allowed around the sales ring. However, it was clear from the outset that there was a great demand for Charolais bulls, with over 100 buyers registered for viewing on the morning. It was also positive to hear reports of many bulls selling on farms prior to the sale. Overall, 76% of the bulls forward sold to an average of €3,720, up nearly €700 on the previous year.

Topping the trade at €7,500 was the 14 month-old Fieldview Pat bred by David Erskine from Co. Monaghan. He is a son of the easy calving French sire Chic, and an Ashleigh Admiral bred dam.



Dalehill Pavlov

Another 14 month-old bull, Dalehill Pavlov, exhibited by Basil & Victoria Kells from Co. Cavan, sold for €7,000. He is a son of Fiston and Lyonsdemesne Tzar bred dam.



Inish Pogba

Inish Pogba went under Tom Cox's hammer at €6,600. This 19 month-old bull was exhibited by Louis McGonagle from Co. Donegal. Pogba is a heavy terminal hitter, with Cloverfield Excellent, Clonoulty Andraemon and Doonally New in his pedigree.

Other leading prices included;

€6,300 for Ballynabreen Pogba sired by Hatennon and exhibited by John & Kevin McDermott from Co. Donegal

€6,200 for Drumcullen Podge sired by Whitecliffe James and exhibited by John Fleury from Co. Offaly

€6,000 for Drumcullen President sired by Tonroe Eminem and exhibited by John Fleury from Co. Offaly

€5,100 for Tullyharnet Pablo sired by Cavellands Fenian and exhibited by Noel Laverty from Co. Monaghan

€4,700 for Pottlereagh Prince sired by Cavellands Fenian and exhibited by Martin Hughes from Co. Cavan

€4,500 for Yambo Pedro sired by Fiston and exhibited by Michael Oates from Co. Roscommon

€4,500 for Makief Peter sired by Fiston and exhibited by Derek Woods Co. Cavan

€4,400 for Landleague Phoenix sired by Inverlochy Ferdie and exhibited by Francis Ryan from Co. Galway

€4,400 for Gallaway Paulo sired by Bivouac and exhibited by Michael Kiernan from Co. Leitrim

€4,300 for Williamstown Prince sired by Tinnegarney Nantes and exhibited by Aidan Farrell from Co. Westmeath

€4,200 for Cornadrung Pearse sired by Cavellands Fenian and exhibited by Thomas and Karl Farrell from Co. Longford

€4,200 for Kilvilcorris Peader sired by Fiston and exhibited by Matt Ryan from Co. Tipperary

€4,100 for Kilvilcorris Paschal sired by Bunratty Mike Tyson and exhibited by Matt Ryan from Co. Tipperary

CHRISTMAS CRACKER SALE - ELPHIN

5th December, 2020

Top Price: €16,600 / Average Price: €4,717



Lisnagre Peder

The Christmas Cracker bull sale in Elphin Mart took place under surreal circumstances. Due to the restrictions in place, there was no pre-sale show, a spectacle which always drew large crowds from at home and abroad. Instead, there was an extended viewing period for buyers to examine the bulls on the morning of the Sale. A limited number of buyers were allowed back around the ringside for the sale itself, in conjunction with online bidding. The sale got off to a flying start, with a vibrant trade for the older lots. The trade did level out as the sale went on, largely due to the high volume of bulls catalogued for sale on the day. However, the sale will be remembered as a positive one for Charolais and a good finish to a terrific year for the breed in Ireland

Leading the trade at €16,600 was the 14 month-old Lisnagre Peder, a son of Pirate and the Jupiter bred daughter, Lisnagre Linda (et), who goes back to herd's successful Ballydownan line. Bred and exhibited by Jim Geoghegan from County Westmeath. After a tough bidding contest, Claire Ferris from Co. Down secured the highly sought after Peder. This is the highest priced paid for a Charolais bull at the Christmas Cracker since it's move to Elphin in 2015.



Garracloon Phil (et)

Selling at €9,600 was Garracloon Phil (et) exhibited by Aiden MacHale from Ballina, Co. Mayo. Another son of the great Pirate and the homebred Garracloon Caramel, who goes back to Domino and Doonally New. Wrapping this 15 month-old bull up was a suckler farmer from Co. Tyrone.



Bostonia Pretty Boy (et)

Flor McCarthy from Kenmare in Co. Kerry purchased Bostonia Pretty Boy (et) for a sum of €9,250.

This 15 month-old bull is a son of Newhouse Bigal and a Doonally New bred dam, Pretty Boy was bred and exhibited by the Feeney brothers from Enniscrone in County Sligo.



Goldstar Pianoman (et)

Martin Ryan and family from Co. Tipperary traded their 15 month-old Goldstar Pianoman (et) for €8,750. He is a son of the popular Goldstar Echo, and the home bred Tombapik daughter, Goldstar Nightengale. He also went North to a suckler farmer from Co. Tyrone.



Liscally Pied Piper 4 (et)

Jon Regan from Castlegal in Co. Leitrim received a call of €8,400 for his 13 month-old Liscally Pied Piper (et). He is a son of Domino and the Kelton Trident daughter, Liscally Iris. Suckler farmer Dominic Brady from Co. Cavan had the final call on this one.



Kilvilcorris Prince

Matt and PJ Ryan from Borrisoleigh in Co. Tipperary sold their three offerings for an average of €6,316. Topping their trade was the June 2019 born Kilvilcorris Prince at €7,000, a son of Fiston and an Enfield Plexus bred dam. This one went across the Irish Sea to Owain Llyr in Wales.



Carrowquill Pirate

Dermott Foley from Kilmore in Co. Roscommon hit the €7,000 mark with his 15 month-old Carrowquill Pirate. A son of Doonally New, he will now take up residence in Redhills in Co. Cavan.

Other leading prices included:

€6,900 for Aquanchoua Pinto (et) sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Peter McLaughlin from Co. Cavan

€6,750 for Roughan Picasso sired by Roughan Gibraltar and exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal

€6,750 for Roughan Pete sired by Roughan Gibraltar and exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal

€6,750 for Kilvilcorris Phoenix sired by Bunratty Mike Tyson exhibited by Matt & PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary

€6,500 for Bud Purcell sired by Drumconnor Ennis and exhibited by Olivia Purcell from Co. Meath

€6,500 for McDermotts Perfection sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by Kevin McDermott from Co. Donegal

€6,300 for Cloonglasna11 Pdraig sired by Major and exhibited by the Egan brothers from Co. Mayo

€6,250 Roughan Peadar sired by Roughan Gibraltar and exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal

€6,100 for Aquanchoua Pinay (et) sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Peter McLaughlin from Co. Cavan

€6,000 for Clenagh Premier sired by Clenagh Hank and exhibited by Michael Quin from Co. Clare

€5,750 for Colomane Prince 2 sired by Clenagh Lyle and exhibited by John Ward from Co. Cork

€5,750 for Aughnasheelin Pete 2 sired by Fiston and exhibited by Michael McGill from Co. Leitrim

€5,400 for Tonroe Pirate sired by Tonroe Eminem and exhibited by the Callaghan Bros. from Co. Mayo

€5,300 for Culla Porto sired by Nelson and exhibited by the Kingham Bros. from Co. Monaghan.

€5,300 for Tonyglasson Pauric (et) sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Martin Hughes from Co. Monaghan

€5,200 for Laheens Perfection (et) sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by Cormac Duignan from Co. Leitrim

€5,200 for Kilvilcorris Pete sired by Fiston and exhibited by Matt & PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary

€5,100 for Dereskit President sired by Dereskit Jacob and exhibited by Basil Bothwell from Co. Cavan

€5,100 for Dalehill Pluto sired by Fiston and exhibited by Basil Kells from Co. Cavan

€5,000 for Aquanchoua Pierre (et) sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Peter McLaughlin from Co. Cavan

€5,000 for Portanure Preacher sired by Fiston and exhibited by Gerard Farrell from Co. Longford

€5,000 for Mullinasella Phillip 2 sired by Pottlereagh Mark and exhibited by Sean McCaffrey Co. Leitrim

€5,000 for Moheedian Pablo sired by Ashleigh Admiral and exhibited by Val Keane from Co. Roscommon

TULLAMORE SALE 27th February, 2021

Top Price: €7,100 / Average Price: €3,769



Roughan Phillip

The Society kicked off their Spring 2021 Bull Sales in Tullamore, and it was the first Breed Society sale of the year. New covid 19 restrictions on pedigree bull sales introduced by the Department of Agriculture posed many obstacles for both buyers and sellers. For the first time, exhibitors had to leave the Mart and their bull's unattended for the duration of the viewing time. This allowed buyers to come in and view the bulls strictly by appointment only. Exhibitors did eventually get to return to their stalls as the Sale got underway, to prepare and bring their bulls to the Sales ring.

The viewing restrictions in place definitely affecting the trade and buyer's confidence, considering the number of viewers greatly exceeded the number of bulls on offer. Like all Mart sales at present, all bidding was online. It resulted in 64% of the bulls forward selling for an average of €3,769. The clearance rate clearly well down from 90% at the coinciding sale in February 2020.

Topping that trade was Roughan Phillip, from the herd of Pat McClean in Co. Donegal. A son Roughan Justbeau and a Roughan Dix De Coe bred dam, Phillip was for €7,100 to a herd in Co. Down.

The Roughan herd would go on to sell their three offerings for a whopping average of €6,500. A wonderful day's trading for Pat and the Roughan herd, who sold their fourth entry prior to the sale for an undisclosed sum to the UK.



Derryolam Pacha

Niall McNally from Co. Monaghan was another man who had a fantastic day at the Office. He sold his two bulls for €6,900 and €6,700, respectively. First up was Derryolam Pacha, a son of Goldstar Echo and a homebred daughter of Pacha. This 16 month-old bull sold to a suckler farmer in Co. Longford.



Derryolam Pirate

At just 15 months of age and sire by Fiston, Derryolam Pirate followed his stable mate and finished up at €6,700.

Other leading prices included:

€6,700 for Roughan Percy sired by Roughan Gibraltar and exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal

€6,600 for Fieldview Pete sired by Fiston and exhibited by David Eskine from Co. Monaghan

€6,400 for Rathfeston Pablo (et) sired by Balmyle Vagabond and exhibited by Wayne Mulligan from Co. Offaly Wales.

€6,000 for Monaghan Paddy sired by Goldstar Ludwig and exhibited by Nigel Peavoy from Co. Laois

€5,800 for Lisngre Pat sired by Pirate and exhibited by Jim Geoghegan from Co. Westmeath.

€5,700 for Roughan Prince sired by Roughan Justbeau and exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal

€4,300 for Callo Phil (et) sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Eugene Hand from Co. Westmeath

€4,200 for Aheybridge Pat sired by Scardaune Mark and exhibited by Michael Sexton from Co. Clare

€4,150 for Clonaltra Present sired by Cavelands Fenian and exhibited by Terry Bradley from Co. Westmeath

€4,000 for Camber Phil (et) sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Vincent McBrien from Co. Leitrim

€3,600 for Loughros Padric sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by Harold Given from Co. Donegal

€3,500 for Camber Patch sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Vincent McBrien from Co. Leitrim

PREMIER SALE - ELPHIN

20th March, 2021

Top Price: €8,200 for bulls and €8,100 for Heifers

Average Price: €4,493 for Bulls and €4,808 for Heifers



Cloonraddon Ricky

The Premier Charolais Sale 2021 took centre stage in Elphin and the demand for both Charolais bulls and heifers was phenomenal. Despite Covid restrictions and no ringside buyers, bulls and heifers sold to all corners of the Island, from Cork to Antrim, with seven selling across the water to Scotland and Wales.

Overall 79% of the bulls forward sold to an average of €4,493, despite the majority of the 74 bulls catalogued being present on the day. This was followed by an exceptional trade for Charolais heifers, which saw 71% of them sell to an average of €4,808. The words on many peoples lips at the end of the day was 'the best Premier Sale in recent times'.

This came on the back of a great Christmas Cracker Sale in December, and the best sale in the history of the Society, the Elite Charolais Heifer Sale in November, which set a record average for the Charolais breed in Ireland. It is clear that the breed's improvements in recent years in relation to calving ease and key terminal traits are coming home to roost with suckler farmers.

Leading the way in the bulls was Cloonraddon Ricky at €8,200, exhibited by Anthony McDermott from Co. Roscommon. A son of Fiston and a Cavelands Fenian bred dam. This the 14 month-old bull sold to the National Cattle Breeding Centre in Co. Kildare.



Clenagh Picasso (et)

Clenagh Picasso (et) from Michael Quin in Co. Clare proved one of the more attractive lots on the day, selling for the second highest price of €7,400. A 17 month-old bull, he was sired by Domino and a Doonally New bred dam, going back to a Pirate cow. Picasso will now join Brendan Regan's Coney Island Genetics in Co. Roscommon.



Bostonia Robynhood (et)

Next was Bostonia Robynhood (et) from the Feeney Brothers in Co. Sligo. A Hermes son and out of the great show heifer, Drumshane Mademoiselle. At just 13 months old on the day of sale, he was snapped up at €6,800 by a Pedigree herd in Northern Ireland.



Scardaune Pius

Scardaune Pius was up next at €6,200 from Oliver Conway in Co. Mayo. A son of the herd's successful stock bull, Derryowen Harvey, Pius also carries two easy calving specialists in Nelson and Pinay on his dam's side. Wrapping this one up was a suckler farmer from Co. Monaghan.



Noble Romeo

Harry Noble from Co. Longford traded his 14 month-old Noble Romeo for €6,100. A son of the Bova Al sire Scardaune Mark and the homebred dam, Noble Jewel. He went North to Co. Down.



Blackroad Rocco

Jack Culloty from Castleisland in Co. Kerry made his long journey worthwhile, when he received a call of €6,100 for his 13 month-old Blackroad Rocco. His

young bull is a son of Doonally New and a Pirate bred dam. Declan McKenna from Northern Ireland had the final call on this one.



Lisnagre Parker (et)

Jim Geoghegan from Streamstown in Co. Westmeath parted company with Lisnagre Parker (et) for a sum of €6,000. This 16 month-old bull is a son of Pirate and a Major bred. He sold to Pat Dillon from Co. Galway.

Other leading prices included:

€5,800 for Caldragh Pat (et) sired by Pottlereagh Mark and exhibited by Gerard Beirne from Co. Roscommon

€5,600 for Kilvilcorris Pablo sired by Bunratty Mike Tyson and exhibited by Matt & PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary.

€5,500 for Scardaune Pete sired by Nippur and exhibited by Oliver Conway from Co. Mayo

€5,200 for Noble Partner sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Harry Noble from Co. Longford

€5,100 for Cloonraddon Rocky sired by Fiston and exhibited by Anthony McDermott from Co. Roscommon

€5,000 for Corralara Ramsey sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Michael and Mary McGowan from Co. Roscommon

€5,000 for Hillhouse14 Padraig sired by Cavelands Fenian and exhibited by Alan Mc Candless from Co. Donegal

€5,000 for Roughan Pat sired by Roughan Gibraltar and exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal

€4,800 for Culcashel Roy sired by Cavelands Fenian and exhibited by Charles Harkin from Co. Donegal

€4,600 for Fieldview Ronaldo (et) sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by David Erskine from Co. Monaghan

€4,600 for Liscally Prince sired by Kelton Trident and exhibited by Jon Regan from Co. Leitrim

FEMALES



Roughan Pandora

Leading the female trade was Roughan Pandora from Pat McClean in Co. Donegal.

A two year-old daughter of the herd's successful stock bull, Roughan Dix De Coe. She sold in-calf to Roughan Mourinho for €8,000. Purchasers were the Dunne family of the Crockaun herd in Co. Kildare.



Macecrump Paulina (et)

One of the youngest heifers on the day, Macecrump Paulina (et), attracted a flurry of online bids, before stopping at €6,000. A daughter of Major and a Pirate bred dam, Paulina sold to Oisin Cassidy from Co. Monaghan.



Glenree Olive

Next best in the female section was Glenree Olive who sold for €7,400, exhibited by John O'Grady from Co. Galway. This 26 month-old daughter of Nelson and a Prime Roberto bred dam sold to the McGovern brothers from Co. Sligo.



Whinfort Phoebe

Whinfort Phoebe was next best at €6,000 from Jeremy McGonigle. This 18 month-old is a daughter of the popular French sire, Bourgogne, and a Nippur bred dam. She sold to Austin Garvey from outside Carrick-on-Shannon.



Dalehill Ophelia

TULLAMORE SHOW & SALE

24th April, 2021

Top Price: €8,000 / Average Price: €3,550



Crossmolina Rambo

Once again Covid restrictions were in place, with registered buyers getting the opportunity to view the bulls on the morning of the sale and all bidding online. Like many pedigree sales in Spring 2021, the number of bulls in attendance on the day was much lower than what was catalogued, with many selling on farms prior to the Sale. Overall 33 bulls sold to an average of €3,550.

Topping the trade at €8,000 was the last bull into ring, Crossmolina Rambo. Owned by Alan Wood from Co. Mayo, Rambo was just 12 months old. Sired by Berry Mic and a Harestone Hercules bred dam. He will now join Neil and Stuart Barclay's Harestone herd in the UK.



Cuillmore Ryan

Selling for the second highest price of €6,900 was another Mayo bred bull, Cuillmore Ryan exhibited by Tom Keane from Westport. This 13 month-old bull is a son of Doonally New and a Pirate bred dam. He sold to a suckler farmer from Co. Clare.



Brocca Powerful Genetics (et)

Next best at €6,400 was Brocca Powerful Genetics (et) from John Barry Moran in Co. Westmeath. Born in November 2019, he was a son of Domino and Jupiter bred dam. He sold North to Co. Tyrone.

Other leading prices included:

€5,000 for Roughan Phelix 2 sired by Roughan Dix De Coe and exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal

€5,000 for Roughan Profit 2 sired by Roughan Gibraltar and exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal

€4,300 for Kilvilcorris Paddy sired by Cloverfield Excellent and exhibited by Matt & PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary

€4,100 for Kilvilcorris Padjo 2 sired by Fiston and exhibited by Matt & PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary

€4,000 for Crossmolina Royal sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Alan Wood from Co. Mayo

€4,050 for Makief Phil sired by Fiston and exhibited by Derek Woods from County Cavan

€3,800 for Noble Rebel sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by Harry Noble from County Longford

€3,800 for Derryolam Robert sired by Fiston and exhibited by Niall Mc Nally from County Monaghan

€3,750 for Maghermore Ronaldo ET sired by Enfield Plexus and exhibited by Michael Grant from County Donegal

€3,700 for Blackroad Riviere sired by Bivoauc and exhibited by Jack Culloty from County Kerry

€3,700 for Kilvilcorris PJ sired by Blelack Digger and exhibited by Matt & PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary

€3,600 for Kilvilcorris Philip sired by Blelack Digger and exhibited by Matt & PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary

TULLAMORE SHOW & SALE

29th May, 2021

Top Price: €11,200 / Average Price: €3,846



Kilduff Rockstar

One herd that will remember this Sale for all the right reasons is the Kilduff Pedigree Charolais herd based in Belturbet in North West Cavan, owned by Robert, James and Zara Dfunne. Not only did they top the Sale at €11,200, the highest price paid for a Charolais bull in Tullamore for some time, but they also achieved a staggering average of €7,466 for three 13 month-old Charolais bulls.

Leading the trade at €11,200 was Kilduff Rockstar for the Dunne family. This 13 month-old Doonally New son, was knocked down to Claire Ferris and Peter MyCague from Co. Down. This powerful young bull carried Pirate and Bova Sylvain on his dam's side and displayed a five-star terminal index of €149. He also carried one copy of both the F94L and Q204X myostatin variants.



Roughan Proper 2

Regular exhibitor Pat McClean from Co. Donegal was next best in the Sales ring. Roughan Proper 2, born in October 2019, is a son of Roughan Gibraltar and a Roughan Enzo bred dam. He sold for €7,000 to John & Paul Kingham from the Culla Pedigree Charolais herd in Co. Monaghan.



Kilduff Roberto

The Dunne's were back in action again when they realised €6,200 for Kilduff Roberto.

A 13 month-old bull, he was sired by Newhouse Bigal and he was a son of a Pirate bred dam. Roberto went North to a suckler farmer in County Down.

Other leading prices included:

€5,300 for Fieldview Romeo sired by Fiston and exhibited by David Erskine from Co. Monaghan.

€5,000 for Kilduff Rosc O sired by Doonally New and exhibited by the Dunne Family from Co. Cavan

€5,000 for Grangwood Rooney sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by Jerry O'Keeffe from Co. Limerick

€4,600 for Sheafeld Rolls Royce sired by Cave-lands Fenian and exhibited by Sean Moreton from Co. Leitrim

€4,500 for Ballym Reese sired by Knockmoyle10 Loki and exhibited by Louise & Colm Quinn from Co. Westmeath

€4,000 for Knockmoyle10 Picasso sired by Lisnagre Handsome and exhibited by Gerry Lynch from Co. Clare

€4,000 for Fieldview Riley sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by David Erskine from Co. Monaghan

€4,000 for Crossmolina Rolex sired by Stimothee and exhibited by Alan Wood from Co. Mayo

€4,000 for Glenree Robin sired by Clyth Diplomat and exhibited by John O Grady from Co. Galway

€3,800 for Sliabhawn Rossie sired by Roughan Lincoln and exhibited by James Duke from Co. Roscommon

€3,600 for Coolategal Rory sired by Doonally New and exhibited by Shane Muldoon from Co. Longford

€3,600 for Currycramp Roar sired by Clenagh Lyle and exhibited by Tom Mulligan from Co. Leitrim

€3,500 for Baurnafea Reedstar sired by Baurnafea Nelson and exhibited by John Bambrick from Co. Kilkenny

TULLAMORE SHOW & SALE 6th NOVEMBER, 2021

Top Price: €12,800 / Average Price: €3,807



Ballym Rocco

With 109 Charolais bulls catalogued, one would think it was always going to be a buyers-market. However, a smaller number of bulls put forward for sale, accompanied by a solid demand for quality bulls, saw a clearance of 69%, with an average price of €3,807 being achieved. Despite a reduction in suckler cow numbers over recent years, data from the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation shows that Charolais are the only breed that substantially increased in usage from 2019 to 2020. This trend could clearly be seen at this Sale, with suckler and dairy farmers in the marketplace for top end Charolais bulls. The breeds improvements in calving ease and key terminal traits paying dividends.

Stealing the show was the Overall Senior Champion, Ballym Rocco, exhibited by Louise and Colm Quinn from Co. Offaly. This outstanding son of Ballym Mate was a clear favourite from the outset, with judges Mark and Eoin McGovern wasting no time in tapping him out as their pick in the senior section. Born in April 2020, Rocco carries a massive terminal index of €170, a calving figure of 7.4%, and one copy of the Q204X myostatin gene. Having attracted interest from numerous parties, Tom Cox eventually dropped the hammer at €12,800 to Dovea Genetics.

Next best was Jim Geoghegan from Co. Westmeath with Lisnagre Romio (et) selling for €6,800. One of the younger lots on the day at just 14 months old, Romio was awarded the Reserve Junior Championship earlier in the day. He carried a wealth of old French greats in his lineage, with

Jupiter, Major, and Hermes featuring prominently. Despite being short on indexes, Romio received bids from all corners of the ring before eventually being knocked down to Padraig Bollard from Co. Westmeath.



Goldstar Rossini (et)

The Overall Junior Champion from the pre-sale show, Goldstar Rossini (et), was next best in the sales ring at €5,600 for Martin Ryan from Co. Tipperary. This August 2020 born son of Goldstar Othello and a Major bred cow fought off some strong competition to take the junior accolade. He catalogued with a five-star terminal index of €156 and a calving figure of 5.9%. This was also accompanied by one copy of the Q204X myostatin gene. He sold to a suckler farmer from Co. Wicklow.



Clenagh Rocket



Lisnagre Romio (et)

Up next was the Reserve Overall Senior Champion, Clenagh Rocket, for Michael Quin from Co. Clare. Rocket was a heavy terminally hitter, with Texan Gie, Doonally New and Pirate to the fore in his pedigree. As well as carrying one copy of the F94L myostatin gene, he catalogued with a five-star terminal index of €143 and a calving figure of 5.8%. Wrapping this one up at €5,400 was Les Babbington from Co. Monaghan.

John O'Grady from Co. Galway received a call of €5,300 for his first prize-winner, Glenree Rod. A son of Whitecliffe James and a Cavelands Fenian bred dam, this June 2020 born bull packed a formidable combination of phenotype and genotype. He carries a five-star terminal and replacement index, along with one copy of the F94L profit gene. He will now take up residence in Co. Kildare.

John Fleury from Killyon in Co. Offaly had a successful day's trading with his two classy young bulls. First up was the 15 month old Drumcullen Raffa, selling for €5,250. A son of the homebred Drumcullen Nevada 2, Raffa displayed a huge terminal index of €170, a calving figure of just 3.3%, and one copy of the F94L gene. He sold to a suckler farmer from Co. Donegal. John's second entry, Drumcullen Ramses wasn't far behind, selling at €5,000. At just 14 months old, this Prime Roberto son came to sale with a five-star terminal index of €146 and a calving figure of just 6.2%. He went North to Co. Derry.

George Price from Co. Leitrim enjoyed a good day at the office, selling Cannaboe Ronaldo for €4,850. This June 2020 born bull is a son of Cavelands Fenian, out of a Lisnagre Elite bred dam. Another high terminal index sire, Ronaldo carries one copy of the Q204X gene. He was knocked down to a suckler farmer from Co. Kildare.

Not far behind at €4,700 was Charles Harkin from Co. Donegal with Culcashel Roman. The Donegal bull is a son of Roughan Nixon, out of a Fiston bred dam. He displayed an impressive set of indexes along with a calving figure of 6%. He went west to a suckler farmer in Co. Galway.

Other leading prices included:

€4,300 for Aughnasheelin Romeo (et) sired by Pirate and exhibited by Michael McGirl from Co. Leitrim

€4,200 for Ballym Ryan 2 sired by Whitecliffe James and exhibited by Louise Quinn from Co. Offaly

€4,000 for Glebewest Royal sired by Fiston and exhibited by John Farrell from Co. Westmeath

€3,650 for Shessiagh Romeo sired by Tombapik and exhibited by Stephen McGrenaghan from Co. Donegal

€3,600 for Dalehill Rupert sired by Cavelands Fenian and exhibited by Basil and Victoria Kells from Co. Cavan

€3,600 for Goldstar Rodney sired by Goldstar Ludwig and exhibited by Martin Ryan from Co. Tipperary

€3,550 for Islandview Rockstar sired by Roughan Mischief and exhibited by Tommy McLaughlin from Co. Donegal

€3,500 for Terryville Ralph sired by Bourgogne and exhibited by Patsy Lynch from Co. Donegal

€3,500 for Culcashel River sired by Roughan Nixon and exhibited by Charles Harkin from Co. Donegal

ELITE HEIFER SHOW & SALE 13th NOVEMBER, 2021

Top Price: €11,000 / Average Price: €4,230



Roughan Pea

Following on from the previous year's record breaking sale, this sale always had big boots to fill. However, despite having a much larger entry than 2020, the sale produced an average selling price of €4,230, with a 74% clearance. Many high-priced heifers also left the ring unsold having failed to meet their reserve. Buyers were certainly in abundance, with a large number registered to bid from early morning. This was highlighted in the fact that seventeen heifers sold for €5,000 or more.

Topping the trade at €11,000 was Roughan Pea exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal.

Having failed to meet her reserve in the sales ring, the Donegal bred heifer exchanged hands outside the ring, selling to Cormac McBreen from Co. Cavan. A first prize-winner from the pre-sale show, Pea is a two year old daughter of Roughan Noyer and a Roughan Enzo bred dam.



Goldstar Rihanna (et)

Next best was Goldstar Rihanna (et) at €8,600 from Martin Ryan in Co. Tipperary. This August 2020 born heifer secured the Overall Junior Champion-

ship earlier in the day, under judge David Bothwell of the well-known Killadeas herd in County Fermanagh. Rihanna is a daughter of Goldstar Othello and a Major bred dam. She will now join Shane Cassidy's pedigree herd in Co. Longford. The Ryan's would go on to sell six of their seven lots for an average of €5,000.



Baurnafea Royale

It was fair to say that the Overall Senior Champion, Baurnafea Royale, was one of the crowd's favourites from early in the day. Exhibited by John Bambrick from Co. Kilkenny, Royale was a 22 month-old daughter of the herd's stock bull, Baurnafea Nelson, who was imported from France a few years ago. She went to sale with a four-star replacement index of €89, a massive terminal index value of €168, and a calving figure of just 5.4%. She went under Tom Cox's hammer at €8,000, once again selling to Cormac McBreen from Co. Cavan.



Colomane Rachel (et)

Also selling for €8,000 was the Reserve Junior Champion, Colomane Rachel (et) exhibited by John Ward, who made the long journey from Bantry in Co. Cork worthwhile. This young 13 month old heifer is a daughter of Texan Gie and a Doonally New bred

dam. She will now take up residence in Northern Ireland with Damian McCaffrey.



Liscally Pretty Polly 4 (et)

Selling at €7,700 was the Reserve Overall Senior Champion, Liscally Pretty Polly 4 (et), exhibited by Jon Regan from Co. Leitrim. Catalogued with an attractive package of indexes, a calving figure of 5.9%, and two copies of the F94L profit gene. She is a daughter of Kelton Trident and a Balmyle Vagabond bred dam and sold in-calf to Co. Donegal breeder Louis McGonagle.

Donegal breeder Pat McClean was back in the money once again, when he realised €7,200 for two year old, Roughan Paris. This Roughan Noyer bred heifer goes back to a Roughan Divin bred dam. She sold in-calf to Roughan Justbeau, heading south west with Jimmy Kelly from Co. Limerick.



Ardabrone Princess (et)

Hitting the €7,000 mark was Ardabrone Princess (et), exhibited by James Kelly from Co. Sligo. A second prize-winner from the pre-sale show, Princess is a daughter of Pirate and the well-known show heifer, Ardabrone Molly (et). She sold with one copy of the Q204X myostatin gene. Princess will now join Tommy McLaughlin's Islandview herd in Co. Donegal.

Following their success at last week's bull sale, Louise and Colm Quinn were back in the limelight once again, when their heifer Ballym Pearl went under the hammer at €6,800. This daughter of Coom Indurain and a Goldstar Hector bred dam sold with an array of indexes including a five-star replacement index of €102. The successful purchaser on this occasion was Joseph Feeney from Co. Leitrim.

Pat McClean from Co. Donegal was back in the money when he traded Roughan Pity for a sum of €6,600. She was a two year old daughter of the French bred Roughan Mourinho and a Roughan Viceroy bred dam. She sold in-calf to Roughan Justbeau and once again Cormac McBreen from Co. Cavan was the highest bidder.

At the same price tag of €6,600 was Crossane4 Ruby for Eoin McGovern from Co. Sligo. This one is a daughter of the French sire Invictus and a Prime Roberto bred dam. She went north with Claire Ferris from Co. Down.

John Bambrick realised €6,400 for his second offering, Baurnafea Ronda. This 18 month old heifer is a daughter of Baurnafea Nelson, the same sire as the senior champion. Ronda goes back to Crossdrum Felix and Dromiskin Phoenix on the dam's side. She sold to the Crockaun Charolais herd based in Co. Kildare.



Cremartin Patricia

Selling at €6,100 was Cremartin Patricia exhibited by Shane Maguire from Co. Meath. This in-calf heifer is a daughter of Goldstar Ludwig and went to sale with a four star replacement index of €80. Having the final call on this one was young breeder Aidan Kinahan from Co. Limerick, the winner of this year's Youth Development Competition.

Other leading prices included:

€6,000 for Limkiln Peg sired by Jumper and exhibited by Richard Hackett from Co. Clare

€6,000 for Liscally Pretty Polly 5 (et) sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by Jon Regan from Co. Leitrim

€5,700 for Dalehill Rapunzel sired by Fiston and exhibited by Basil Kells from Co. Cavan

€5,400 for Breaghwyhill Rose sired by Ballym Mylove and exhibited by Josephine O'Connor from Co. Sligo

€5,000 for Goldstar Rhona (et) sired by Goldstar Othello and exhibited by Martin Ryan from Co. Tipperary

CHRISTMAS CRACKER SHOW & SALE - ELPHIN, 4th DECEMBER, 2021

Top Price: €19,000 / Average Price: €4,994



Garra Rockey (et)

Irish Charolais breeders have enjoyed some fantastic Christmas Cracker bull sales in recent year's, but this sale topped everything that went before.

An average sale price of €4,994, which is believed to be the highest ever achieved a Society bull sale in Ireland, and a clearance of 77%, highlighted the phenomenal demand for Charolais bulls on the day. It was positive to see buyers selecting bulls on quality and breeding, as well as indexes. Old favourites were certainly to the fore, with Doonally New and Domino featuring heavily in the high prices. Irish Charolais breeders should really take confidence from the sale, the interest and demand for bulls clearly a sign of things to come for Europe's number one beef breed.

It was a dream come through for new breeder David Watts and his family, who were awarded the Overall Junior Championship with their 14 month old bull Garra Rockey (et). To cap off a truly memorable day for the Galway family, Rockey went on to achieve the highest price of the day at €19,000. Rockey is a son of Maerdy Sinndar and the french bred cow, Kilcumreragh Dorothee. He is a full brother to the Bova Al sire, Sagesse Pierre, who was the Overall Male Champion at the 2019 National Charolais Show in Tullamore. After a flurry of online and ringside bids, Tom Cox eventually dropped the hammer at €19,000, the highest price at a Society bull sale for some time. He was purchased by two leading UK herds, the Tweeddale herd owned by Jonathan Watson and the Burradon herd owned by Chris Curry, who judged proceedings earlier in the day.



Goldstar Roger

Selling at €12,600 was the Overall Intermediate Champion, Goldstar Roger, exhibited by Martin Ryan from Thurles in Co. Tipperary. Roger is a son of Doonally New and the french bred cow, Goldstar Grenadine. A August 2020 born bull, he catalogued with a five star terminal index of €162 and carries two copies of the F94L profit gene. Having the final call on this one was Paddy Kirk from Plumbridge in Co. Tyrone.



Tullaghan Remarkable (et)

Hot on the Goldstar bull's heels was the second prize-winner from the same class as the intermediate champion, Tullaghan Remarkable (et) from Michael Daly in Co. Leitrim. Another son of the great Doonally New and a Domino bred cow, Remarkable displayed a massive terminal index of €178 and carries one copy of each of the myostatin genes. Born in August 2020, the Leitrim bred bull attracted significant interest from commercial farmers, eventually settling at €12,600 to Terence McGarrigle from Northern Ireland.

*Tonroe Realmacoy*

The other bull to hit the €12,000 mark was the Overall Senior Champion, Tonroe Realmacoy, exhibited by Vincent and Gerard Callaghan from Co. Mayo. A son of Tweeddale Lookout and a Thrunton Voldermont bred dam, this powerful bull sold with an eye-catching terminal index of €164 and one copy of the Q204X myostatin gene. He will now take up residence with Tateetra and Rathmore farms in Co. Louth.

*Inismurray Rocky (et)*

Next best was Inismurray Rocky (et) at €8,200. Exhibited by Paul Burke from Grange in Co. Leitrim, this 15 month-old bull is a son of Texan Gie and a Doonally New daughter, Liscally Northern Star 1 (et). He went to sale with a below average calving figure of 5.3% and one copy of the F94L profit gene. He went North to a suckler farmer in Co. Tyrone.

*Liscally Regan 2 (et)*

Selling at €8,100 was Liscally Regan 2 (et), bred by Jon Regan in Castlegal in Co. Leitrim. A son of Domino and a Grimaldi bred dam, this September 2020 born bull boasted a five-star terminal index of €168 and carries one copy of both myostatin genes. This one sold North to a suckler farmer in Kesh.

*Liscally Regan 1 (et)*

Right behind the Liscally bull was his stable mate and full brother, Liscally Regan 1 (et), selling at €7,500. Having picked up a second prize rosette in the pre-sale show, he went to sale with a five star terminal index of €169 and one copy of the Q204X myostatin gene. He sold to Owain Llyr in North Wales.

Thomas Leonard from Ballina in Co. Mayo enjoyed success when his second prize-winner Cilin Ryan exchanged hands at €7,000. Once again, the Mayo bred bull is a son of the legendary Doonally New and a Roughan Gibraltar bred dam. He catalogued with a five-star terminal index of €162 and carries two copies of the F94L profit gene. He sold to a suckler farmer in Co. Longford.

*Tinnegarney Rembrandt (et)*

The second bull to hit the €7,000 mark was Tinnegarney Rembrandt (et), the property of John McDonald from Co. Carlow. Another son of the great French sire Domino and a Loulou bred dam, Rembrandt displayed a star-studded terminal index of €157 and carries one copy of the Q204X gene. He went North to a suckler herd in Co. Tyrone.

Portanure Rebel was the third bull to exchange hands for €7,000. Exhibited by Gerard Farrell from Co. Longford, the August 2020 born bull was a son of Fiston and a Baltazhar bred dam. He sold with a five-star terminal index of €141 and a calving figure of 6.2%. Having the final say on this one was a suckler farmer from Co. Westmeath.



Liscally Regan 4 (et)

Jon Regan was back in the money once again when he traded Liscally Regan 4 (et) for a sum of €6,000. A son of Goldstar Echo and a Meillard Rj bred dam, this September 2020 born bull catalogued with a terminal index value of €144, a calving figure of 7.6% and carried one copy of the profit gene. Jon also parted company with Liscally Regan 8 (et) for a sum of €3,900. This wrapped up a great day at the office for the Liscally herd.

The €6,000 price tag was achieved by three lots in total. The second bull to sell for €6,000 was the Reserve Senior Champion Roughan Rudolf from Pat McClean. He is a son of Roughan Jaquard and a Roughan Enzo bred dam. He sold to a suckler farmer in Northern Ireland. The Roughan herd went on to sell three bulls for a total of €16,000.

Roughan Readycash and Roughan Riso made up the Donegal herd's consignment. Readycash is a November born son of Roughan Dix De Coe and a Roughan Echo 2 bred dam. Riso is a son of the aforementioned Roughan Jaquard and once again a Roughan Echo 2 bred dam. Both bulls sold for €5,000 and will go across the Irish Sea to Scotland.

Up next at €6,000 was another Donegal man, Manus Harkin with Cashelview Robert. This one is a son the popular NCBC sire Fiston and a Doonally New bred dam. He displayed a page full of stars and a calving figure of 5.4%. The May 2020 born bull sold to a suckler farmer in Co. Roscommon.

The young 13 month-old Creeva Romeo romped his way to €5,700 for owners Gerald Lavin from Co. Roscommon. This stylish son of Lisnagre Elite and a Doonally New bred dam attracted interest from all corners of the ring before eventually getting knocked down to Derek and Clive McAdoo.

Other leading prices included:

€5,500 for Pottlereagh Rocky sired by Pirate and exhibited by Elizabeth Hughes from Co. Cavan

€5,500 for Terryville Rocky (et) sired by Bourgogne and exhibited by Patsy Lynch from Co. Donegal

€5,300 for Noble Rockstar sired by Pirate and exhibited by Harry Noble from Co. Longford

€5,200 for Bostonia Rightguy (et) sired by Alwent Goldbar and exhibited by Brendan Feeney from Co. Sligo

€5,200 for Aughnasheelin Rum sired by Newhouse Bigal and exhibited by Michael McGirl from Co. Leitrim

€5,200 for Islandview Rocky sired by Tombapik and exhibited by Tommy McLaughlin from Co. Donegal

€5,100 for Kilvilcorris Reno sired by Bunratty Mike Tyson and exhibited by Matt Ryan from Co. Tipperary

€4,800 for Dreamteam Russian Roulette (et) sired by Hermes and exhibited by Andrew Norris from Co. Donegal

€4,800 for Tonyglasson Rambow sired by Pirate and exhibited by Martin Hughes from Co. Cavan

€4,800 for Colomane Rockstar sired by Goldstar Echo and exhibited by John Ward from Co. Cork

€4,600 for Faus Red Wood sired by Clenagh Lyle and exhibited by John Boyd from Co. Roscommon

€4,600 for Corney Rivaldo sired by Major and exhibited by David Magee from Co. Cavan

The Sale also included four lots of highly sought after AI straws donated by the Rosanna Charolais herd and the Irish Charolais Cattle Society, with all proceeds going to Crumlin Children's Hospital, and the Jack and Jill Foundation. It comprised of three lots of Erudit straws and one lot of Hermes straws.

The four lots raised a whopping €3,310 in total. The Society would like to thank Pat Stephens from the Rosanna Charolais herd for donating to such a wonderful cause.

TULLAMORE SHOW & SALE

26th February, 2022

Top Price: €8,000 / Average Price: €3,614



Grangwood Rock on Barney (et)

A mixed day's trading is probably the best way to sum up the first sale of the year in Tullamore Mart. Out of over 90 bulls catalogued, just over 60 were put forward for sale, with many finding new homes prior to sale day. The average sale price on the day settled at €3,614. Once again, the old favourites proved the most attractive lots on the day, with Doonally New, Goldstar Echo and Fiston hitting the high prices.

Topping the trade at €8,000 was the Overall Junior Champion, Grangwood Rock on Barney (et) exhibited by Jerry O'Keeffe from Co. Limerick. This classy son of Goldstar Echo proved top of his class in the show ring and later in the sales ring. Born in October 2020, he sold with a five-star terminal index of €155, a calving figure of 7.8% and carries one copy of the Q204X gene. After a flurry of ringside and online bids, he was eventually knocked down to Ian Brock from Northern Ireland. The O'Keeffe's enjoyed a fine day at the office, selling their second offering, Grangwood Romeo (et) for €5,400. Romeo comes from the same cow family as his stablemate, only this time the sire is the French bull, Jaquard. Romeo packed a whopping five-star terminal index of €176 and a calving figure of just 6.3%. He sold to fellow Limerick man Vincent Hogan.



Camross Ross

Selling at €6,000 was Camross Ross exhibited by Thomas Sheeran from Co. Laois. This July 2020 born bull is a son of Fiston and a Nelson bred dam. He catalogued with a page full of stars and a calving figure of just 4.8%. Wrapping this one up was Terence McCann from Co. Wexford.



Camross Rocco

The Sheeran's were back in action again, when their first prize winner Camross Rocco went under the hammer at €4,600. Another July 2020 born bull, Rocco is a son of Tombapik and a Lisnagre Elite bred dam. Once again stars were in abundance, along with a calving figure of 7.1% on beef cows. He went west with Patrick Rooney from County Galway.



Ballinroey Rock (et)

Judges Eimear and Caoimhe McGovern from Northern Ireland tapped out Ballinroey Rock (et) as their Senior Champion early in the day. Exhibited by Michael Hanlon from Co. Longford, Rock went on to sell for €5,700. A son of the great Doonally New, the Longford bred bull packed a five-star terminal index of €160 as well as carrying one copy of both the Q204X and F94L genes. He sold to a suckler farmer Northern Ireland.



Fermoye Ricky

Trading at €5,000 was the stylish Fermoye Ricky exhibited by William Scanlon from Co. Mayo. This 17 month-old bull is a son of Fiston and a Pirate bred dam. Once again, stars were clear to be seen, with five-stars across the board on most traits. This coincided with a below average calving figure of just 4.5% on beef cows. He was snapped up by a suckler farmer from Co. Westmeath.



Cloughbrack Rolls Royce

The Reserve Junior Championship was awarded to Mattie Kelly from Co. Galway, for his 15 month- old Cloughbrack Rolls Royce. A son of Goldstar Othello, this young bull displayed a five-star terminal index of €153 and a calving figure of 5.4%. He was knocked down at €3,800 to a suckler farmer from Co. Longford.



Tinnegarney Rolex (et)

The Reserve Senior Championship went the way of Tinnegarney Rolex (et), exhibited by Michael McDonald from Co. Carlow. A son of Bourgogne and a Major bred dam, this powerful bull catalogued with a five-star replacement index of €109. Having failed to meet his reserve, he left the ring unsold. His herd mate, Tinnegarney Ronaldo (et) did meet his reserve however, selling for €4,400. This one is a son of T-Urambo and the out of dam, Delphine.

Niall McNally from Co. Monaghan enjoyed a successful day at the office, selling all four of his entries for an average of €3,650. Leading Niall's trade was Derryolam Roger at €4,000. This 15 month-old bull is a son of Doonally New and a Plexus bred dam. He sold with a calving figure of just 5.6% and carries one copy of the Q204X gene. Derryolam Robb was next best from the Mongahan herd, selling for €3,800. This one was a son of Nelson and a Doonally New bred dam. With a star-studded page of indexes, a calving figure of just 4.3%, and one copy of the F94L gene, Robb attracted significant interest in the sales ring.



Chanonstown Royalty

Michael Carey from Killucan in Co. Westmeath traded the first prize-winner Chanonstown Royalty for a sum of €3,500. Sired by Whitecliffe James, this July 2020 born bull went to sale displaying one copy of each Myostatin gene and a calving figure of 6.4%. He was snapped up by a suckler farmer from Co. Roscommon.

PREMIER SHOW & SALE - ELPHIN

19th March, 2022

Top Price: €10,500 / Average Price: €4,636



Breaghwyhill Sammy

It's always a good sign when catalogues sell out on the morning of a sale, as was the case at the 2022 Premier Charolais Show and Sale in Elphin Mart. The sale produced a flying trade for Charolais bulls, with 80% of the bulls on offer selling for an average of €4,636. The trade was greatly boosted by a strong showing of UK and Northern Ireland customers. A total of nine bulls sold across the water, with ten selling to Northern Ireland. 17 bulls sold for €5,000 or more and the top price in the heifers was €8,000 with an average for heifers of €3,993.

Taking top spot in the pre-sale show and the sales ring was Breaghwyhill Sammy, exhibited by Eamon and Daniel O'Connor from Sligo. Judge Mike Massie of the renowned Elrick herd in the UK selected the 14 month-old Sammy as his Overall Junior Champion early in the day. Sired by Newhouse Bigal, and out of a Texan Gie bred dam, he catalogued with an impressive set of indexes and a calving figure of just 5.4% on beef cows. He also carries one copy of the F94L profit gene. Two online buyers from the UK fought it out, before eventually getting knocked down to Innes Farms in Aberdeen for the top price of €10,500.



Kilvilcorris Royal

Trading at €7,000 was Kilvilcorris Royal, the property of Matt and PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary. Royal is a 16 month-old son of the great Doonally New and a Pirate bred dam. He carries a five-star terminal index of €142 and a calving figure of 7.5% on beef cows. Carrying one copy of the F94L gene, the Tipperary bred bull

attracted significant interest in the sales ring. After some brisk bidding he was wrapped up by the Devine brothers from Strabane in Northern Ireland.



Breaghwyhill Spectacular

The O'Connor's from Sligo were back in action once again when their other 14 month-old bull Breaghwyhill Spectacular went under the hammer at €6,800. A son of Fury Action and a Lyonsdemese Tzar bred dam, this classy young bull displayed all the characteristics of his grand sire, the great Domino. He sold to Christopher Cannon in Scotland.



Creeve Simon

Patrick Whelan from Co. Roscommon also received a call of €6,800 for his stylish young bull, Creeve Simon. At just over 13 months old, Simon stood top of the line in the youngest bull class of the day. Indexes were on this bull's side, as he packed a page of full stars and one copy of the Q204 gene. A son of the popular Fiston and a Lisnagre Elite bred dam, he went North to a suckler farmer from Co. Tyrone.



Noble Rogar

Also selling at €6,800 was Noble Rogar from Harry Noble in Co. Longford. A son of the french bred Untel and a Cottage Devon bred dam, this 15 month-old bull carried one copy of both the Q204X and the F94L genes. He was knocked down to Andrew Cammond from Northern Ireland.



Tullaghan Sam

The Leitrim bred Tullaghan Sam wasn't far behind at €6,600. Exhibited by Michael Daly from Tullaghan, this 14 month bull stood second in his class in the pre-sale show. He is a son of Goldstar Ludwig and a Fury action bred dam. Sam went to sale with a four-star terminal and replacement index, as well as one copy of the Q204X gene. He will now join Victor Chestnutt's herd in Northern Ireland.



Noble Red Rum

The Noble family from Co. Longford were back in the limelight once again when they realised €6,400 for Noble Red Rum. This powerful son of Horace JD and a Texan Gie bred dam went to sale with a decorative set of indexes and a calving figure just 4% on beef cows. Born in December 2020, he received a second-prize rosette in the pre-sale Show. Having the final call on this one was Pauric Gibbons from Co. Donegal.



Hillsidehouse Ronaldo

The Overall Senior Championship went the way of Hillsidehouse Ronaldo, exhibited by Patrick O'Grady from Mayo. A son of Whitecliffe James and a Doonally New bred dam, this October 2020 born bull catalogued with a massive terminal index of €173, along with a calving figure of 6.8% on beef cows. He went to a suckler herd in the South of Ireland.



Colomane Spartacus

The Cork bred Colomane Spartacus claimed the Reserve Junior Championship for breeder John Ward. Having won his class at last year's National Calf Show, Spartacus came to sale with great expectation for the Cork men. A son of Goldstar Echo and a Meillard Rj bred dam, he possessed a five-star terminal index of €160 and a calving figure of 4%. Spartacus went under Tom Cox's hammer at €5,800, snapped up by Scottish buyer Christopher Connon.

Basil and Victoria Kells from Co. Cavan had a successful outing, trading Dalehill Russell for a sum of €5,600. Born in October 2020, Russell is a son of the aforementioned Fiston and a Prime Roberto bred dam. Once again indexes were in abundance, along with a whopping terminal index of €171 and a below average calving figure of just 4.8%. This one sold to a suckler farmer from Co. Galway.



Williamstown Renaldo

Also exchanging hands at €5,600 was Williamstown Renaldo exhibited by Aidan Farrell from Co. Westmeath. Sired by Doonally New and out of a Major bred dam, this November 2020 born bull sold with a five star terminal index of €142, a calving figure of 6.5%, and one copy of the f94L gene. Renaldo sold to a suckler farmer from Co. Westmeath.



Tonyglasson Rudolph (et)

The Reserve Senior Championship was awarded to Martin Hughes from Co. Cavan, for his December 2020 born Tonyglasson Rudolph (et). This one is a son of Newhouse Bigal, who it must be said featured well on Saturday. The Cavan bred bull was a first prize-winner from last year's National Calf Show, and went to sale with an array of stars, along with one copy of the F94L gene. He sold for €4,600 to a suckler farmer in Co. Clare.

Other leading prices in the bulls included:

€5,100 for Goldstar Superman (et) sired by Horace JD and exhibited by Martin Ryan, Co. Tipperary.

€5,100 for Roughan Rick sired by Roughan Jaquard and exhibited by Pat McClean from Co. Donegal.

€5,000 for Sunnaghmore Raymond sired by Newhouse Bigal and exhibited by Andy McGovern from Co. Leitrim.

€5,000 for Caltun Rossa sired by Cavelands Fenian and exhibited by Maria Calvey from Co. Mayo.

€5,000 for Kilvilcorris Sidney sired by Bunratty Mike Tyson and exhibited by Matt and PJ Ryan from Co. Tipperary.

€5,000 for Landleague Rolo (et) sired by Domino and exhibited by Francis Ryan from Co. Galway.

Females

Topping the trade in the female section was Roughan Poser from Pat McClean in Co. Donegal. Having failed to meet her reserve in the sales ring, she sold outside for the top price of €8,000. A daughter of Roughan Mourinho and a Roughan Galant bred dam, Poser sold in calf to Roughan Verygood. The buyer on this occasion was Cormac McBreen from Co. Cavan.



Clenagh Precious 2 (et)

The Overall Female Championship was claimed by Clenagh Precious 2 (et) exhibited by Michael Quin from Co. Clare. Born in October 2019 and sired by the UK sire Barnsford Ferny, Precious went on to sell for €7,200 to Frank Garvey from Co. Leitrim. She was sold in-calf to the easy calving Society bull, Vosgien VF.



Ballynabreen Roisin

Selling at €5,000 was Ballynabreen Roisin from John McDermott in Co. Donegal. Roisin is a daughter of the French bred sire, Ballym Mylove, and goes back to a long line of Lyonsdemesne bred cows. She stood top of her class in the pre-sale show and was wrapped up by Michael Davenport in Co. Clare.

Also selling at €5,000 was Baurnafea Petal exhibited by John Bambrick from Co. Kilkenny. Petal is a daughter of the herd's stock bull, Loulou, and goes back to Farmleigh Lourda. She sold with a four-star replacement index of €82 and will now reside in Dowra, Co. Cavan.



Caldragh Rose (et)

Having claimed the Reserve Female Championship for breeder Gerard Beirne from Roscommon, Caldragh Rose (et) went on to sell for €4,000. A daughter of Plexus and a Pirate bred dam, this 15 month-old heifer was purchased by James Donnelly from Co. Longford.

TULLAMORE SHOW & SALE

23rd April, 2022

Top Price: €6,300 / Average Price: €4,053



Ballym Rob

Trade was lively right from the outset, boosted by the fact many of the bulls catalogued had found new homes prior to the Sale. Overall, 80% of the bulls put forward on the day sold to an average of €4,053, up nearly €500 on the same sale last year. Eight bulls sold for €5,000 or more.

Topping the trade at €6,300 was the Quinn family from Edenderry in Co. Offaly, with Ballym Rob, a son of the homebred Ballym Mate. This December 2020 born bull goes back to Bourgogne and Ballym Bouvreuil. As well as picking up a second prize rosette in the pre-sale show, the Ballym bull displayed an impressive set of indexes, along with one of the lowest calving figures in the catalogue of 3.7% on beef cows. Having the final call on the sale leader was John O'Dea from Co. Clare.

The Quinn's rounded off a great day when they sold Ballym Royale at €5,200 and Ballym Sebastian for €4,500. Both bulls are sons of the herd's stock bull, Ballym Mylove, who was imported from France a few years ago. Royale packed a massive set of indexes as well as a calving figure of just 5% on beef cows. He also carries two copies of the Q204X myostatin gene. Sebastian offered one of the highest terminal indexes in the catalogue of €182 along with one copy of the F94L gene. He went North to a suckler farmer in Co. Down.



Aquanchoua Sam (et)

Hot on the heels of the Ballym bull was one of the youngest bulls on the day, Aquanchoua Sam (et), who traded at €6,200. Exhibited by Peter McLaughlin from Co. Cavan, Sam is a son of the Bova AI sire, Hideal, and a Doonally New bred dam. At just over 13 months old, the Cavan bred bull carries one copy of both myostatin genes, and a five-star terminal index of €135. He also went to a suckler farmer in Co. Clare.



Ballinroey Roman (et)

The third bull to hit the €6,000 mark was Ballinroey Roman (et), the property of Michael Hanlon from Co. Longford. This 16 month-old bull is a son of Doonally New and a Celtic Vichy bred dam. He is one of many successful bulls from this flush for the Hanlon's, with a full brother standing Senior Champion at Tullamore in February. He sold with a massive terminal index of €162 and one copy of the F94L profit gene. Wrapping this one up was Harney Farms in Co. Westmeath.

*Dreena Rory*

Kerry breeder Pat O'Hara enjoyed a great day's trading, selling two bulls for €5,800 and €3,700 respectively. First up at €5,800 was Dreena Rory, a son of the French sire Chic and a Bivouac bred dam. He catalogued with a page full of stars and the lowest calving figure on the day of 2.9%. Tom Cox dropped the hammer on this 17 month-old bull to a suckler farmer in Co. Meath.

Selling at €3,700 was Dreena Robert, a son of Goldstar Ludwig and a Prime Roberto bred dam. Once again he carries a five star terminal index of €143 and a below average calving figure of just 4% on beef cows.

Noel Lavery from Co. Monaghan had a good day at the office, trading Tullyharnet Simba for €5,600. Born in January 2021, he is a son of Fleetwood and a Jaquard bred dam, who goes back to Utrillo Mic. He displayed a five-star replacement index of €99 and a five-star terminal index of €142, accompanied by a calving figure of just 5.3%. He sold to a suckler farmer in Co. Galway.

Two bulls went under the hammer at €5,000. The first of which was Cattanview Razzle Dazzle, exhibited by Tim Higgins from Co. Leitrim. Born in December 2020, Razzle Dazzle is a son of the Dovea AI sire, Bivouac, and a Blelack Digger bred dam. As his pedigree would suggest, the Leitrim bred bull carries a phenomenal set of indexes and a calving figure of just 4.1%. He sold to a suckler farmer from Co. Wicklow. Also selling at €5,000 was Baurna-fa Sean Og, from the herd of John Bambrick in Co. Kilkenny. At just over 14 months old, Sean Og is a son of the herd's French bred stock bull, Baurna-fa Nelson and a Baurna-fa Elvis bred dam. He sold with a five-star terminal index of €150 and one copy of the Q204X muscle gene.

*Roughan Rebel*

Securing the Overall Championship in the pre-sale show was Roughan Rebel exhibited by Pat

McClellan from Co. Donegal. This powerful bull is a son of Roughan Jaquard and goes back to Roughan Verygood on the dam's side. Unfortunately, he failed to meet his reserve in the sales ring.

*Goldstar Schillaci (et)*

In Reserve was Goldstar Schillaci (et) from the herd of Martin Ryan in Co. Tipperary. This 15-month-old bull is a son of Goldstar Hugo and a Texan Gie bred dam. Carrying one copy of the Q gene and a €151 terminal index, Schillaci was snapped up at €4,100 in the sale ring.

Other leading prices from Saturday included:

€4,700 for Aheybridge Ross sired by Pirate and exhibited by Michael Sexton from Co. Clare.

€4,600 for Aheybridge Sammy sired by Powerstown Major and exhibited by Michael Sexton from Co. Clare.

€4,000 for Lisnagre Rambo (et) sired by Bourgogne and exhibited by Jim Geoghegan from Co. Westmeath.

€4,000 for Tullyvillage Shane sired by Carrick-brack96 Hutch and exhibited by William Flynn from Co. Galway.

TUAM SHOW & SALE 30th April, 2022

Top Price: €5,500 / Average Price: €3,310



Landleague Romeo (et)

This sale had been cancelled for the last two years due to the pandemic. However, this certainly did not affect the trade, which was greatly enhanced by the small number of bulls put forward for sale on the day. Just two bulls went home unsold, resulting in an 87% clearance and an average sale price of €3,310.

Topping the trade at €5,500 was the first lot in the catalogue, Landleague Romeo (et), the property of Francis Ryan from Rosscahill, Co. Galway. This powerful September 2020 born bull is a son of Goldstar Echo and Cottage Eve, a Baurnafeaa Baccarat bred daughter. Romeo picked up a red rosette in the pre-sale show and displayed a five-star terminal index of €151 along with one copy of the F94L profit gene. He sold outside the ring to a suckler farmer from Co. Longford.



Whitepark Seamus

Selling at €4,450 was Whitepark Seamus, a son of Bivouac and a Inverlochty Gurkha bred dam. Exhibited by Patrick Hillary from Co. Galway, Seamus was just over 13 months old on the day of sale. He catalogued with an impressive set of indexes, which included a five-star replacement and terminal index, along with

a calving figure of just 5.9% on beef cows. A second prize-winner in his class, Seamus was snapped up in the sales ring by local man, Martin Keane.



Glenree Simon (et)

Next best at €4,000 was the Reserve Champion, Glenree Simon (et), exhibited by John O'Grady from Glenamaddy, in Galway. A son of Anside Foreman and a Major bred dam, Simon was just over 13 months-old on the day of sale and stood top of the line in the last class of the day. Despite being short on stars, quality took preference, as the young Galway bred bull attracted significant in the sales ring, eventually getting knocked down to a suckler farmer from Athenry.



Cloughbrack Samson

Judge for the day was Co. Galway breeder, John Jennings, and he selected Cloughbrack Samson as his Overall Champion. Exhibited by Mattie Kelly from Newbridge, he is a son of Scardaune Mark and a Balmyle Vagabond bred dam. At just over 14 months-old, he displayed a page full of stars, along with a calving figure of 6% on beef cows and one copy of the F94L profit gene. Tom Cox dropped the hammer on the Champion at €3,900, selling to a suckler farmer from Co. Clare.

TULLAMORE SHOW & SALE

28th May, 2022

Top Price: €10,000 / Average Price: €4,044



Cloughbrack Sunrise

At the Society's final spring bull sale of 2022, numbers present on the day were well down on what was previously catalogued, with many selling on farm prior to the Sale. It is fair to say the top end of the bulls sold exceptionally well, with the bottom tier of bulls finding it harder to find new homes. This has been the way with most of the Sales all Spring, a clear indication to breeders that quality is now paramount with commercial farmers. This was highlighted by the strong average sale price of €4,044, buyers obviously willing to pay that bit more for quality.

The highlight of the sale came in the form of Cloughbrack Sunrise, selling at €10,000 for Mattie Kelly, from Newbridge in Co. Galway. This classy 14 month old bull is a son of the French sire, Vosgien VF, who is available from the Charolais Society, and a Grimaldi bred dam.

Not only did the Galway bred bull pick up the Reserve Championship in the pre-sale show,

he also packed an impressive set of indexes along with a calving figure of just 3.3% on beef cows. He sold to a suckler herd in Northern Ireland.



Mullawn Samson

Aidan Farrell of the Williamstown herd in Co. Westmeath judged Mullawn Samson as the Overall Champion of the show. Bred by Austin Garvey in Co. Leitrim, this stylish young bull is a son Doonally New and a Pirate bred dam,

making him a full brother to Mullawn Noble, who sold for €11,500 at the Premier Sale in 2018.

Samson went to Sale with a five-star terminal index of €168 and a calving figure of 7.2% on beef cows. After some lively bidding, Michael O'Reilly from County Leitrim secured Samson with a bid of €6,600 for his well-known suckler herd.



Clonaltra Sergeant

Selling at €5,800 was Clonaltra Sergeant exhibited by Terry Bradley from Moate in Co. Westmeath. A son of Fleetwood and a Cave-lands Adam bred dam, this 16 month old bull catalogued with a five star terminal index of €148 and a calving figure of 5.2% on beef cows. Having the final call on this one was Basil Buchanan from Northern Ireland.

Pat Mc Clean from Co. Donegal received a call of €5,500 for one of the earlier lots, Roughan Rustard. This December 2020 born bull is a son of the homebred Roughan Nolag and a Roughan Feodal bred dam. Stars were in abundance on this one, along with one copy

of the Q204X Myostatin gene. He went west with a suckler farmer from County Mayo.

Trading at €4,800 was Ballinroey Ronnie (et) for Micahel Hanlon from Co. Longford. A son of Doonally New and Celtic Blondie, Ronnie is a full ET brother to a number of successful off spring from this flush. He displayed a massive five star terminal index of €172 along with one copy of the Q204X muscle gene. He sold to a suckler herd in County Waterford.

Derrinboy Sheamie was next best, going under Tom Cox's hammer at €4,600. Exhibited by Aidan Gath from Kilcormac in County Offaly, this 16 month old bull is a son of Fiston and a Lisnagre Handsome bred dam. Sheamie offered one of the best set on indexes in the catalogue, which coincided with a calving figure of 5.4% and one copy of the Q gene. Wrapping this one up was Tom Bruton from Co. Meath.

Co. Cavan breeders Basil and Victoria Kells enjoyed a successful day's trading, selling their 14 month old Dalehill Sampras for €4,400. A son of Fiston and a Cottage Devon bred dam, Sampras went to sale with a four-star replacement index of €96, a five star terminal index of €138, and a calving figure of 8.9%. A suckler farmer from Co. Galway snapped this one up.

Ballyhaise Agricultural College also splashed out when they purchased Hawkswood Sam for €4,300. Exhibited by local breeder Joseph Whittaker, this 14 month old bull is a son of Pottlereagh Mark and a Pirate bred dam. He carries an attractive five-star terminal index of €161, a calving figure of just 3.9%, and possesses one copy of the F94L profit gene.



NEW SOCIETY BULLS

Leopard

AI Code: CH8502

Price per straw: €50.00



Leopard is an outstanding specimen of the Charolais breed and one of the most exciting Charolais bulls to come available to Irish breeders in recent times. He is jointly owned by Jean Louis Riotte in France and Esmor Evans in the UK. Bred by Oliver Dessauy, he was used in a pedigree herd for over six years, before being purchased by Riotte and Evans for use in their own herds. He was spotted by representatives from the Society on a trip to France last year, standing out from everything else.

His mother Astar comes from a prolific cow family. She herself is a daughter of Ocean 58 and the outstanding show cow, Orangeade. His father Edelweiss is an outcross for most Irish breeders, combining

Unbon and Onde. Leopard is coming eight years old this year and is perfection on his legs and feet. He displays all the characteristics that made Charolais the breed it is today. He has length, width, depth, correctness, softness, with a wonderful kind head.

Leopard has been brought in as an option for pedigree breeders to breed replacement females. His impressive pedigree, outstanding Charolais character, and phenomenal quality make him a must for Charolais breeders here in Ireland. He should be best suited to smaller, fleshier type cows. He is recommended for use on cows only at present, until calves start to hit the ground here in Ireland.



Astar along with Leopard as a calf



Unestar and her daughter Bellestar



Unestar, full sister of Astar



Leopard

Myostatin results: Q204X = 0 - F94L = 1 / Progressive Ataxia: Non carrier

Ocean

AI Code: S3628

Price per straw: €38.00



Ocean is a son of Laskari and Homere, making him a complete outcross for most Irish breeders. Ocean was sold as a young bull for €20,650, a record for the station he was sold in. Progeny seen in France are long, stylish, well made, soft, easily fleshed and full of quality. He is breeding a type of cattle that should be easily finished at a young age, ideal for

today's commercial market. Ocean should be best suited to bigger, longer, plainer type cows.

Based on progeny seen in France and reports from breeders there, Ocean is a bull with a big future in Ireland. Reports are that he is easily calved and should be suitable for second calved females onwards.



Ocean Bull calves



Ocean heifer calves



Ocean progeny

Myostatin results: Q204X = 0 - F94L = 1 / Progressive Ataxia: Non carrier

Neptune

AI Code: CH7161

Price per straw: €60.00



Male Champion at Paris 2020 - Following a trip to France in the Summer of 2019, the Society have been following Neptune ever since. As well as having a tremendous show record, Neptune is a bull with a pedigree stacked with the best of French breeding. His sire 'I Love You' stood at Thierry Prain's for years and was regarded as one of the best maternal bulls in the breed in France, as was Neptune's maternal grand sire, Bourgogne.

Neptune comes from a family of tremendous breeding cows, something that has and will always stand the test of time. His dam Fantazia is one of the best cows in Thierry Prain's herd in France, having bred Mimosa and Lorient. Fantazia's full sister, Floride, is a showpiece cow, and one of the

stand-out cow's at Thierry Prain's. Their mother Uree needs no introduction to the breed in France, both as a show cow and a prolific breeder.

Neptune's full brother, Mimosa, is breeding exceptionally well for Thierry Clame and Blandin Curry, two of the leading herds in France.

Neptune is the leading herd sire at the famous herd of SCEA Raymond. Reports on his first calves are excellent.

Neptune is a big, correct bull with a fantastic maternal pedigree. He is being introduced to Irish Charolais breeders as an option to breed females in the pedigree herd. He should be best suited to smaller, fleshier type cows.



Uree (dam of Fantazia and Floride)



A Neptune son



Floride (full sister of Fantazia, Neptune's dam)



Mimosa & his progeny



I Love You (Sire of Neptune)

Myostatin results: Q204X = 0 - F94L = 1 / Progressive Ataxia: Single carrier

New Council Members

DANIEL CONWAY

Scaurdaune Charolais Herd

Scardaune,
Claremorris, Co. Mayo



I am married to Kate and I have three beautiful young daughters, who also have a passion for farming and spend many a weekend helping out. Scaurdaune Charolais was founded in the early 1990's by my father Oliver. Initially by the purchase of two female heifers and the additional purchase of two more females from France several years later. These purchased females are the backbone of the herd.

As well as farming I also work full time and because of this, I use stock bulls for consistent and easy calving. The aim of the herd

is for quality rather than quantity. The herd consists of 25 pedigree cows and 10 pedigree heifers. We split our calving between spring and autumn and run 2 stock bulls, Scaurdaune Ollie and Roughan Pearse. 85% of all our sales are direct from the farmyard.

I believe I breed top quality bulls and heifers. One of which is Scaurdaune Mark, currently standing in Bova AI Station. Scaurdaune Mark was produced using one of our previous stock bulls Derryowen Harvey and the female blood line originating from one of the heifers from France.

I am very passionate about Charolais breeding and I love to see other breeders coming out with top quality stock, as I know how hard it is to get it right. I am looking forward to my time on council and would like to thank everyone who voted for me. I hope to be the voice for the Charolais Breeders.

PETER DAVERON

Inchiquin Charolais Herd

Inchiquin, Headford,
Co. Galway



To introduce myself firstly and give a brief background of myself,

I have grown up on the family farm with my parents, where from a young age I developed a love and a passion for farming, watching and learning everything from my father regarding working with both sheep and cattle.

I started my educational journey by attending my local national school Clarin N.S., then went onto secondary school in Presentation College Headford, and from that onto university in N.U.I.G. , where I have an honours

degree in mathematics and economics. I also completed a masters in primary education.

While growing up, I led an extremely active life regarding sport. I played gaelic football, hurling, rugby, soccer and golf but the one sport I really loved was handball. I have played at club, county, provincial and international level. I have competed in numerous tournaments both at home in Ireland and also abroad in America. I have competed in three World Handball Championships, which I enjoyed immensely. Sport has played a huge part in my life. I have made many life-long friendships through sport and it has taught me to respect everyone in life and always try to be honest with yourself by doing your best. From working in national schools, this has afforded me the opportunity to coach young children and put back into the sport, what I benefited from myself when I started playing and competing.

The Inchiquin Charolais Herd was established by my father Patrick, when he purchased a cow Claireen Odesa and a bull Claireen Ugene from Michael Howard in Ennis, Co. Clare.

The following year we purchased two more heifers, Kildaree Trish and Kildaree Triona from my national school teacher Seamus McHugh. These breeding stock were the foundation of the herd.

Other females have been purchased and introduced down the years, the last of which was at the dispersal sale of the Doon Herd belonging to Richard O'Beirne, Doon Lizabelle, and she is breeding exceptionally well.

We keep up on sixty suckler cows, over half of which are pedigree charolais cows.

The bloodlines we have used over the years, just to name a few, are Excellent, Pirate, Doonally New, Indurain, Pinay, Inverlochy Ferdie, Limkiln Bosco, Sagesse Pierre and Fury Action. The focus of the herd is to produce quality stock, keep a constant supply of top-quality females for replacements coming into the herd in order to maintain a high standard of top-quality working cows.

This has to be carefully achieved with the constraints around calving ease and also star

ratings. While keeping a constant eye on these for our breeding policy our preference is to breed according to bloodlines where a lot of the old reliable's are very hard to replace.

It's from this involvement with breeding Charolais cattle with my father that led me to becoming more actively involved in the Charolais society. I was part of the founding members that established the Galway Charolais Club which was started by Joe Clancy, a former council member and also Vice President of the Charolais society and David Tarpey who is our club treasurer. I have fulfilled the role of Secretary of the Galway Club for the past 12 years.

I was newly elected to the National Charolais Council at this year's AGM and went on to being appointed as the new treasurer of the Charolais Cattle Society. I was honoured to have been considered and elected to the position and on that note would sincerely like to thank everyone who placed their trust in me by voting for me.

I am looking forward to my term on council and plan to stick to the mandate that I was elected upon which is to represent to the best of my ability the interests of Charolais cattle.

Irish Bloodlines to the fore at Welshpool

It was fantastic to see the top price Charolais bull at Welshpool with Irish connections. Caylers Peroni from the Barker family topped the Sale at £7,600. Peroni's dam, Caylers Neeve, was a heifer when she bred Peroni, and is a daughter of the Irish bred Rosanna Jupiter, who himself won the Supreme Champion at the Great British Charolais Show 2020.

Bred by Pat Stephens from Tullow in Co. Carlow, Jupiter has produced some exceptional males and females for the Barker family in recent years.



Caylers Peroni

Tribute to Christy Comerford

It is with great sadness that the Society learnt of the untimely passing of Christy Comerford of the Knockmahon Charolais Pedigree Herd in Castlewarren, Co. Kilkenny in May of this year.



Christy was a current serving member of the Irish Charolais Cattle Society Council up until his untimely death and held the position of Vice President up until March of this year. Along with his wife Marguerite and his three precious little girls, Cynthia, Colette and Christine, he ran the exceptional Knockmahon herd of pedigree and commercial cattle, for which he was known far and wide. Christy was a die-hard suckler farmer and one of the great advocates of suckler farming in Ireland. Over the years he travelled all over the Country to meetings and events to fight for the rights of the suckler cow. His knowledge of cattle breeding went far beyond most people's comprehension. Christy enjoyed many highlights over the years with his excellent cattle, producing some of the best weanlings in Kilkenny Mart year after year. He also enjoyed great success with his pedigree Charolais cattle, winning the Supreme Champion Charolais at the Tullamore National Livestock Show in 2014 with Knockmahon Hyacinth.

In 2019 Christy and his family hosted the World Charolais Technical Congress. Those in attendance described it as an unforgettable night. Anytime you visited Christy and his family you were welcomed by wonderful hospitality, before getting a tour of the tremendous Knockmahon cattle.

Christy's warm personality made him many friends over the years. His love for his family and children shone through every time you met him. His passion for cattle breeding was undeniable. He was a kind-hearted, decent, gentleman, who will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him. His knowledge and input around the Council table will be greatly

missed. The Charolais world has lost one of its greats.

The following is a lovely tribute, written in the week of Christy's passing by the Society's former President, Kevin Maguire, a great friend of Christy's.

In a week where the county of Kilkenny lost a hard fought championship battle to close neighbours and arch rivals Wexford, it may have gone unnoticed in some quarters that Kilkenny lost a true legend in his brave battle with illness. Maybe he was not a legend on the hurling field but in his own field of farming and cattle breeding, Christy Comerford will always be remembered with legendary status. With the passing of Christy, Kilkenny, The Irish Charolais Cattle Society, and the wider farming community have lost one of its stalwarts whose contributions to the Charolais breed were both ground-breaking and highly significant. Christy was so passionate about the beef industry that many have described him as the "Michael Collins" of that industry. And just like Collins, his untimely passing has left us all with a deep sense of loss and a trailer load of "What-ifs". Christy was well known in the beef industry, was held in the highest of esteem and has blazed a trail for cattle breeders for many a generation. His absence in the farming world will be sadly missed.

Christy was the salt of the earth who always reckoned he was educated in the University of Hard Knocks but the harder the knock the stronger he became. The first of those hard knocks came when his father passed away suddenly some months before Christy's second birthday. From an early age, he developed a passion for animals culminating in him buying his first Charolais calf at the age of 6. This was the seed that spurred him on to develop the Knockmahon herd which now boasts up to 150 suckling cows and a herd of pedigree Charolais cows, not to mention the 250 ewes.

When we reflect back on Christy's short but very prolific life, let us remember first of all that he was a family man. Christy loved his family, his wife Marguerite, his daughters Cynthia, Colette and Christine and his family loved him. To Christy, family came first and when he attended the Charolais meetings nothing made him happier than taking the opportunity to bring the family along where they could enjoy many a shopping trip, a visit to the swimming pool and even the odd hotel sleep-over. He was a farmer who worked hard, a dreamer who never stopped dreaming, a breadwinner who provided, a devoted husband who loved his wife, a proud father who adored his children and a friend who loved his cup of tea and the craic and of course the odd prank. I can vouch for his pranks when he tried many a time to buy some of my own animals and tried his best to wind me up.

The first time I set eyes on him with his strong Kilkenny accent was in 2006 in Carrick-On-Shannon, four days after his wedding. Many of his fellow competitors were left feeling sorry for ourselves when he cut his honeymoon short to show a bull in the Senior Male's Class and he not only tapped out first prize but later on that day he went on to capture the Overall Male Champion Prize. Since that day, Christy and I have had many the conversation either face to face or on the phone as neither of us embraced the Zoom phenomenon. No week would pass without 3 or 4 conversations discussing family and new farming ideas. Christy was a wealth of knowledge and I absorbed it like a sponge. My only regret now is that I hadn't talked to him for longer because I know the weeks ahead will be a whole lot longer without hearing his Kilkenny accent and his hearty laugh. We became great friends from that time and when the opportunity arose in 2017, I invited him to stand for election to the Irish Charolais Society. Christy accepted the invitation and he was duly elected. His wealth of knowledge and experience of breeding top quality, pedigree and commercial Charolais cattle was not only greatly appreciated by the Society but resulted in his promotion to Vice Chairman after only a one-year stint on the committee. He carried out this role with distinction until March this year. His knowledge of cattle breeding went far beyond most people's comprehension. Christy aimed to both challenge and prove that the Charolais bull

could be more versatile and that the breeding possibilities were not negatively set in stone (or in Kilkenny marble). He successfully trialled a Charolais Bull with a herd of Saler heifers, resulting in 24 healthy calves being produced.

Farming was in Christy's blood from a young age and his expertise in the beef world was second to none. He quickly went on to develop one of the finest beef herds in the country. One of the major reasons for his success was his incredible ability to identify bloodlines that would improve his herd. 99% of his bulls were sold at home on his farm and he promoted his bulls by bringing his top quality weanlings to Kilkenny Mart. We all could see the quality of the weanlings that were coming from his tried and tested bulls. Livestock breeders dream of securing a breed championship at one of the many shows that take place around the country. For many, it is the pinnacle of their ambition but Christy achieved this many a time, winning the Overall Weanling Class for no less than 10 consecutive years at Kilkenny Mart. In 2014, he reached the summit by tapping out first in the Senior Female Class before going on to win the Overall Female Champion at the Tullamore Livestock Show. He, himself, described it as winning an Ireland Hurling Medal. He may not have been a hurler but like his fellow county man, the great Brian Cody, he developed many champions and could make the ordinary seem extraordinary. Someone once said you get out of the land what you put into it and Christy definitely did that. He built sheds that could accommodate up to 500 animals yet animal welfare was his top priority. His Knockmahon herd produced top class stock year after year. He supplied top quality bulls to farmers not only in the South East but all over Ireland, to Scotland, Wales and even as far as Australia. In fact, he was looking forward to seeing the progeny coming from a bull he had sent to Australia. Sadly, his untimely passing robbed him of that moment.

Christy liked nothing better than giving guided tours round the herd at Knockmahon. His Home Run came in 2019 when he and his family hosted the World Technical Congress, with delegates from all over the world coming to visit and see his high-quality stock. And when the tour was complete, he put on the party of all parties, the party of a lifetime, hailed far and wide as the Hooley in the Barn. The delegates and neighbours were treated to a night to remember,

feasting on his tender Knockmahon steaks and entertained with singing and dancing into the early hours. Is it any wonder delegates still haven't forgotten the Hooley in the Barn?

As Christy said, he was educated at the university of Hard Knocks and just a few short months ago he was hit with the hardest of knocks of all. He bore his burden with great dignity and bravery. His passing was untimely but for Christy it was a happy release given the pain he was suffering. As I drove back from Kilkenny last Wednesday evening, I could not help reflecting on the graveyard earlier when we said farewell to a loyal friend, a friend you could trust and one who always had your back. I reflected on the grown men reduced to tears and I couldn't help thinking of the words of another great Christy when he sang "Crazy World". My thoughts drifted to the thousands of people who passed through Knockmahon and attended his funeral, a testimony to the high esteem that he was held in. Christy was one of our own, a hardworking man who didn't need the comfort of a leather seat and a summer recess to know what's best for the beef industry. Christy was a fun-loving family man, a man of the earth, a man who lit up a room when he entered and who left you feeling better for his banter. His passing leaves an enormous void but we are all the richer for

having known him. His memory will go on and his vision for the beef industry will never die.

Nancy Kraayenhoff once wrote a poem 'Close the Gate' about farming and I believe it is very appropriate way to conclude my tribute to my friend Christy. It reads like this:

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,

Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed,

Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,

Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.

You raised a fine family, worked the land well under the hot summer sun,

Hang up your shovel inside the barn; your work on earth is done.

Your labour is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,

Your legacy lives on, your love of the Land, and yes Christy – We will close the gate.

From your loyal friend, Kevin Maguire.



Donegal Club Report

By Club Secretary, David Henry

As we come out the other end of the pandemic, it's nice to get back to normality as a club and as breeders. To see crowds around the show rings once again and the competition within the ring bringing out the drive and enjoyment that the breeders have missed out over the past two years.

In the past year Holly Kelso has succeeded Micheal Grant Jnr as treasurer. It's great to see another young member join the board. The club would like to thank Michael for his time and commitment to the role of Treasurer.

The club would also like to congratulate Oliver Connolly on becoming the President of the Charolais Society and will be looking forward to meeting him at our AGM this coming year. We would like to thank Noel McGoldrick for all the hard work and dedication he has put into the role in recent years to get the breed to where it is today.

Approaching Summer '21, the club wanted to get back showing their stock, however with no shows going ahead, we decided to hold a virtual show which Basil Bothwell kindly judged for us and the club would like to thank Basil for doing a great job as this was by no means an easy task. Basil received photos of the entries and then had to complete an on-farm inspection to judge the entries. We had several classes with a good number of entries and the standard overall was very high.

Champion went to Patrick McDermott with his super September 20 born heifer sired by White-cliff James and bred from his 2015 National Show Champion Heifer Trenamullen Iona.



Reserve Champion went to Gerard and Patrick McLaughlin with his January born bull by Caherobert Anthony (CF52 bred bull), which went on to take reserve junior champion at the National show in 2021.



We held a presentation night for our calf championship in November where Smyths Daleside, who sponsored the lovely French style plaques presented them on the night.



The club held their Annual weanling show and sale at the Milford Mart in September with good quality and good trade on the day.

The club held their AGM on the 7th February 2022 in the Villa Rose Hotel, Ballybofey. Society Secretary Nevan McKiernan was in attendance and gave a presentation on the society bulls. He talked about progressive ataxia and genotyping.

In March the club sponsored the annual bull sale in Raphoe Livestock Mart, which saw both a good turnout of bulls and a good clearance rate, showing the high demand for quality Charolais bulls.

Champion on the day was William John Dinsmore



In April our club secretary, David Henry, had a visit from the Agricultural Minister, Charlie McConalogue. In what was an exciting day on the farm, not only was the visit a chance to meet and look at some of the Charolais stock on the farm, but also to officially launch the start of the show season, including the launch of a new 5 Star Breeding Heifer Class which the department was involved in funding.

It was positive and encouraging for the local shows. Shows had drawn to a halt as the result of the pandemic, as the sector needed a boost and support to keep the show rings alive.



July was a dark month, as we lost one of our fond members, John Byrne. There was much shock and sadness in the north of the county

and throughout the club at his sad passing.

Despite the recent death in the locally, there was a positive entry, 21 calves in total for our 2022 Calf Championship, held at Carandonagh Agriculture Show. Well done to all members especially those members that were close to John who put in time and effort at a difficult time and presented their calves well on the day.

Gerard and Patrick McLaughlin took Club Champion and Overall Show Champion with Ballylannon Sarah, a November born heifer, sired by Cyrano. She went on to take Champion at the National Show in Elphin in September.

Gerard and Patrick McLaughlin also took Reserve Champion in the Calf Championship, with a January born bull Ballylannon Tully, sired by Goldstar Othello.



Overall the Donegal members had a good year at both the local and national shows and hopefully will go on to do well at the upcoming sales. We wish them the best of luck.

As a club going forward we hope for continued success and encourage both new and young members to join us, as the breed continues to grow from strength to strength.

Anyone looking to join the Donegal club contact our Chairperson Valerie McGonigle on 087 693 7282

Midland & South East Club Report

By Club Chairperson, Bernadette Dunne

As the year begins to wind-down, we take a look back on the great year that the Midlands and South East Charolais Club has had. We have had a busy and exciting year full of informative meetings, outings, sales, shows and great craic all round.

The year began with a well-attended AGM held in the Abbeyleigh Manor Hotel in February. On the night we seen the formation of a new club committee. Bernadette Dunne was elected as the clubs new Chairperson with Michael Kavanagh outgoing. Anthony Ownes was elected as secretary for outgoing Murt Ryan, Tom Flanagan continued in his role as club Treasurer. John Searson and Sean Sherman were also elected on as new committee members with Michael Delaney continuing on. Many thanks to the outgoing committee for all their time and hard work.

The Club held its first meeting of the year in the Abbeyleigh Manor hotel which seen a great turn out. The club kindly welcomed Seamus Nagle of Bullbank and Mary Casey of Eurogene as guest speakers on the night. They shared their knowledge and expertise with club members. The club also held a raffle on the night for the female members of the club to celebrate International Women's Day and to show appreciation to our hard-working female members.

In May the club held an evening trip to Tully Progeny Test. This saw a great turn out of club members along with others from the farming community. Stephen was our chaperon for the evening providing us all with endless valuable information and education. We also received outstanding hospitality on the night and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

May also saw the untimely passing of our club member and friend Christy Comerford. Christy was a long-standing member of the club and also represented the club on the Irish Charolais Society council. He was an excel-

lent stock person with Knockmahon Charolais having some of the best quality Charolais cattle in Ireland, which was known throughout the Charolais world. Christy will be greatly missed and his legacy continues through his wife Marguerite, daughters Cynthia, Collette, Christine and his wider family. Ar dheis De go raibh a h'anam dilis.

The summer months then seen the beginning of the show season. We had club representatives at summer shows far and wide, with excellent results including overall and inter-breed championships. Some of these shows included Fingal Agricultural show, Mullingar Agricultural show, Clonmel Agricultural show and the Tinahely show just to name a few, and not forgetting the highlight of the summer show season the Tullamore Show.

Our club held their club classes in Ossory Agricultural show with an excellent turn out of members and their Charolais cattle. It was a day of excellent cattle with even better craic. The wet conditions did not dishearten members and their families and friends. Des Dunne was our judge on the day and he did an outstanding job alongside his right hand man in the ring Glen Cooper. The club held several classes with wonderful prizes from the sponsors of the classes. Shannon Kinahan had a difficult job judging a tough young handler's class, Jack Searson came out on top in 1st place, followed by Tom Gleeson, Eimear Whelan, Catherine Sheeran, Olivia Warren and Olive Owens. The club held a wide variety of classes with rosettes, plaques, cups and trophies up for grabs on the day. The Ryan family of Goldstar Charolais, John and Megan Searson of Sheehill Charolais, Michael McDonald of Tinnegarney Charolais, Seamus and Brian Nolan of Firoda Charolais, the Dunne family of Crockaun Charolais and Anthony and Michael Owens of Ryefield Charolais all where winners on the day. Once the rain has eased a BBQ was held with some fantastic wine and

cheese (provided by Paddy Smullen) with some strawberries and cream to top the summer off. A special thank you to club members Michael and Anne Marie Delaney who provided the BBQ. At Ossory Show, George Chandler also gave some very kind words on behalf of the club for Christy Comerford, followed by a round of applause and a presentation to Christy's family. Christy's three daughters Cynthia, Colette and Christine also presented the winners of the pairs club classes with their plaques on the day.

Our members also had wonderful success at society sales throughout the year along with excellent success at Tullamore show where the National Charolais Cattle show was held. The Ryan Family took Overall Charolais Champion and Senior female Champion with Goldstar Pepite, Reserve Senior Champion went to Goldstar Panacotta. Female Calf Champion went to Firoda Tilly for Seamus and Brian Nolan and Reserve Junior Male Champion going to Sheehill Tornado for John and Megan Searson. Club members had several rosettes on the day a wonderful achievement by all.

The National Charolais Calf Show was held in September in Elphin which again proved successful for our members and was a day to remember for many. Sheehills Santiago took the crown as Senior Male Calf Champion for John and Megan Searson, with Reserve Senior Male Calf Champion going to Drumcullen Superman for John Furey. Goldstar Simon took home the Intermediate Male Calf Championship for the Ryan family. The Sheehills herd where again successful in the Junior Male Championship with Sheehills Tornado. The turn of the ladies seen the Junior female Calf Champion go to Firoda Tilly for Seamus and Brian Nolan. Goldstar Sunshine struck gold winning the Intermediate Female Calf Championship for the Ryan family. Sheehills herd where again successful winning the pairs class with, and further success when Megan and Jack went on to win their young handlers' classes. Wonderful achievements by all.

Also a special mention and well done to club Chairperson Bernadette Dunne of Crockaun Charolais on winning the Irish Charolais Society photography competition.

The club committee would like to thank all the club members for their continuing support and

contributions throughout the year. We were fortunate to welcome new members to the club this year and we hope to continue doing the same as everyone is always welcome at the Midlands and South East Charolais Club. We look forward to the rest of the year and to the future of our club and the Charolais breed.



Megan, Jack and John Searson with their prize winning bulls at the National Calf show in Elphin



Firoda Tilly with Brian and Seamus Nolan at the National Calf show in Elphin



Maura Ryan with Goldstar Sunshine



Cynthia, Christine and Collette Comerford presenting the Clonard Charolais herd plaques to winners Martin Ryan of Goldstar Charolais and Megan Searson of Sheehills Charolais.



Some of our members enjoying Tullow Agricultural Show



Our Club members enjoying their evening at Tully Progeny Test Centre



Goldstar Simon



A strong heifer class at the Midlands and South East club classes in Ossary show.

Midland & Western Club Report

By Club Secretary, Liam Mitchell

As I pen the 2022 yearbook entry, we are rounding off a summer that reminds us of pre-Covid summers of old, with the dusting down of the show coats and scrummaging around for soaps and show equipment for the return of shows. It is a pleasure to be contributing to the 2022 edition of the Irish Charolais Cattle Society yearbook on behalf of the Midland and Western Charolais Club.

The club has remained active and dynamic throughout 2021 and 2022, which has been a busy year on all fronts for the club so far. The Charolais breed is proving crucial in securing good weanling prices amidst a weanling market in a constant state of flux.

As ever, one of the highlights of the club calendar is our annual calf finals, which took place this year at the Ballinamore Agricultural Show on August 9th. We had a high number of entries from club members on a day of what was very competitive calf classes. The club was delighted to be in a position to sponsor six separate classes with excellent prize money on offer. Such was the standard of breeding on display that day, our Champion went to the Daly Family, Tullaghan, 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.

Class 1

Best Pedigree Charolais Bull born between 1st August 2021 and 31st October 2021	
1st	2nd
C&M Daly, Tullaghan, Leitrim	Michael McGirl, Drumany, Leitrim

Class 4

Best Pedigree Charolais Heifer born between 1st August 2021 and 31st October 2021	
1st	2nd
Paul & Eugene Burke, Ardnaglass, Silgo	

Class 2

Best Pedigree Charolais Bull born between 1st November 2021 and 31st January 2022	
1st	2nd
Gerard Mulligan, Rooskeynamona, Leitrim	C&M Daly, Tullaghan, Leitrim

Class 5

Best Pedigree Charolais Heifer born between 1st November 2021 and 31st January 2022	
1st	2nd
Andy McGovern, Sunnaghmore, Leitrim	Farrell Family, Carrigallen, Leitrim

Class 3

Best Pedigree Charolais Bull born after 1st February 2022	
1st	2nd
Mitchell Family, Muckanagh, Leitrim	Farrell Family, Carrigallen, Leitrim

Class 6

Best Pedigree Charolais Heifer born after the 1st February	
1st	2nd
Sean Morton, Sheafeld, Leitrim	Richard Poyntz, Coolarty, Longford

Champion Female, **Paul & Eugene Burke, Ardnaglass, Sligo**



*Reserve Champion Female, **Andy McGovern, Sunnagmore, Leitrim***

Champion Male, **C&M Daly, Tullaghan, Leitrim**

Reserve Champion Male, **Gerard Mulligan, Rooskeynamona, Leitrim**



*Overall Champion, **C&M Daly, Tullaghan, Leitrim** was presented the Joe Gilfinnan Memorial Cup by Mary Gilfinnan.*



Sean Morton, Sheafeld, Leitrim



Midlands & Westren CC Committee with the cup

We would like to thank the Ballinamore Show Committee for hosting our calf show classes and for all the assistance they provided on the day. We would also like to thank all club members, as without them, the Finals would not have been as big a success.

We would like to wish the very best of luck to Daniel Conway and Noel McGoldrick on their recent election to the Irish Charolais Council. We have no doubt that both these men will use their considerable knowledge, expertise and passion to further advance the Irish Charolais breed. Beirigí bua agus beannacht.

We would also like to thank the outgoing President Noel McGoldrick and congratulate him on his very successful term.

We are also intending on holding a number of meetings with the focus on quality breeding. Keep an eye on the Midland and Western Charolais Club Facebook page for more details.

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

North Eastern Club Report

By Club Secretary, Michael Carey

The North Eastern Charolais Club had another successful year in hosting and providing events for its' members. With normality striking its way back into our lives, it was great to see familiar faces and new members returning to meetings and club events after what was a turbulent two years for many people.

North Eastern Charolais Herds Competition 2021

Remembering back to the Summer and Autumn of 2021, the club were delighted to host another herds competition for members following on from the success of 2020. This competition involved pedigree herds that entered in the North-Eastern region being judged in the categories of the small and large herds classes. We were delighted to have welcomed Richard Hackett, from the Limkiln Charolais Herd, as the judge for our competition and the club would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard for his time and professionalism that he provided in his role.

We held an awards night back in November 2021 for our prize-winning members and we were delighted to have the Irish Charolais Cattle Society Secretary, Nevan McKiernan on hand to present the prizes to members. We also have videos of the prize-winning herds available to view on our club's Facebook page.

The results of the Herds Competition 2021 can be viewed below:

Small Herds Competition (5-15 cows)

- **Best Cow with Calf-at-foot:**
1st Basil & Victoria Kells, 2nd David Magee, 3rd Fintan Young
- **Best Bull Under 2 Years old:**
1st Hugh Gilsenan, 2nd Elizabeth Hughes, 3rd David Magee
- **Best Heifer Under 2 Years old:**
1st Elizabeth Hughes, 2nd Fergal McDermott, 3rd Martin Hughes

- **Best Bull Calf born on or after 1st Sep 2020:**
1st David Magee, 2nd Martin Hughes, 3rd Basil & Victoria Kells
- **Best Heifer Calf born on or after 1st Sep 2020:**
1st Basil & Victoria Kells, 2nd Fintan Young, 3rd Elizabeth Hughes
- **Best Bull Calf born on or after 1st Jan 2021:**
1st David Magee, 2nd Martin Hughes, 3rd David Magee
- **Best Heifer Calf born on or after 1st Jan 2021:**
1st David Magee, 2nd Basil & Victoria Kells, 3rd David Magee
- **Best Group of Calves:**
1st Martin Hughes, 2nd David Magee, 3rd Fintan Young

Overall Small Herds Competition Winners:

- 1st David Magee, Co. Cavan – Corney Charolais Herd;
- 2nd Basil & Victoria Kells, Co. Cavan – Dalehill Charolais Herd;
- 3rd Martin Hughes, Co. Cavan – Tonyglasson Charolais Herd.

Large Herds Competition (15+ cows)

- **Best Cow with Calf-at-foot:**
1st Harry Noble, 2nd Basil Bothwell, 3rd Sebana Moynagh
- **Best Bull Under 2 Years old:**
1st Harry Noble, 2nd David Erskine, 3rd Basil Bothwell
- **Best Heifer Under 2 Years old:**
1st David Erskine, 2nd Basil Bothwell, 3rd Harry Noble
- **Best Heifer Under 3 Years old:**
1st Basil Bothwell, 2nd Harry Noble, 3rd Harry Noble

- **Best Bull Calf born on or after 1st Sep 2020:**
1st Harry Noble, 2nd Sebana Moynagh, 3rd David Erskine
- **Best Heifer Calf born on or after 1st Sep 2020:**
1st Sebana Moynagh, 2nd Basil Bothwell, 3rd Harry Noble
- **Best Bull Calf born on or after 1st Jan 2021:**
1st David Erskine, 2nd Basil Bothwell, 3rd Sebana Moynagh
- **Best Heifer Calf born on or after 1st Jan 2021:**
1st Basil Bothwell, 2nd Basil Bothwell, 3rd Sebana Moynagh
- **Best Group of Calves:**
1st Harry Noble, 2nd Sebana Moynagh, 3rd Basil Bothwell

Overall Large Herds Competition Winners:

- 1st Basil Bothwell, Co. Cavan – Dereskit Charolais Herd;
- 2nd Harry Noble, Co. Longford – Noble Charolais Herd;
- 3rd Sebana Moynagh, Co. Cavan – Breffni 98 Charolais Herd.



Prize winning plaques presented to members

Club AGM

The club held its' Annual General Meeting in March, which comprised of two guest speakers on the night and a raffle of AI straws which were very kindly donated by AI stations and the Charolais Society.

Our first speaker was Finbarr Kiernan from the Breffni Animal Care practice, who gave a very informative talk about the new legislation and restrictions on antibiotic usage that was a real eye-opener for many members. He also discussed the best protocols around vaccinations plans being implemented in herds and the management of new-born calves.

Nevan McKiernan, Secretary of the Irish Charolais Society, gave a presentation of new bulls available to members and also provided information and updates around calves from society bulls and how they are performing. Nevan also took questions from members on the night in relation to any queries they had.

Club member, David Erskine announced on the night that he would be running for a seat again on the National Irish Charolais Cattle Society Council at the upcoming elections and we are happy to state that David retained his seat on council. We wish him all the best in the position over the coming years.

Following this meeting, committee positions for the year were elected with Martin Hughes from Cootehill in Co. Cavan taking up the position of Chairman. Meanwhile, the secretary position was taken up by Michael Carey from Killucan, Co. Westmeath and David Magee from Ballyconnell in Co. Cavan remains as the club treasurer for the year.

North Eastern Club Calf Competition at Virginia Show

There was a great display of cattle at our North Eastern Charolais Club classes held Virginia Show back in August 2022. Starting with our Champion Calf and later going on to win the Overall breed and interbreed championship, *Rockvalley Stetson* (sired by Cavelands Fenian) was the star and shown by new club members Simone McCabe and Niall Maguire, Co. Monaghan.

The Reserve Champion Calf title went to the January-born *Mashantucket Treasure* (sired by Stimothee) and exhibited by Adam Woods, Co. Cavan.

The winner of the Autumn-born female class was chosen to be *Chanonstown Supernova* (sired by Nevers RJ) and exhibited by Michael Carey, Co. Westmeath.

The Spring-born male class was won by *Goodmoove Thor* (sired by Hillavilla Nando) and shown by new club member Conor Melvin, Co. Dublin.

The reserve breed champion on the day was presented to *Tonyglasson Samson* (sired Lisnagre Elite) and shown by Martin Hughes, Co. Cavan

A big thank you to all club members who showed your great cattle on the day and certainly done the club proud. A major thanks goes to our judge on the day, David Bothwell of Killadeas Charolais for the fantastic job he did. Finally, thanks to Virginia Show and their stewards on hosting our classes



Chanonstown Supernova



Goodmoove Thor



Rockvalley Stetson



Tonyglasson Samson



Mashantucket Treasure

Club Members Shows and Sales Success

It was a great year for some of our members at the Irish Charolais Cattle Society's Sales and National Shows, here is a quick look at the top accolades achieved:



Tonyglasson Rudolph et (sire: Newhouse Bigal) – Reserve Senior Male Champion at the Premier Sale 2022 and sold for €4,600 – Bred by Martin Hughes, Cootehill, Co. Cavan.



Rockvalley Stetson (sire: Cavelands Fenian) – Senior Male Calf Champion and Reserve Overall Charolais Champion at the National Charolais Show held at Tullamore Show 2022 – Bred by Simone McCabe and Niall Maguire, Co. Monaghan.



Chanonstown Such a Cutie (sire: Ocelot) – Senior Female Calf Champion at the National Charolais Show in Elphin 2022 – Bred by Michael Carey, Killucan, Co. Westmeath.



Mashantucket Treasure (sire: Stimothee) – Reserve Junior Female Calf Champion at both National Charolais shows held at Tullamore show and in Elphin 2022 – Bred by Adam Woods, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to send our sincere condolences to the families of members we have sadly lost over the past two years, *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha*.

Over the next year we look forward to having another successful year and aiming to have the return of more club meetings and our herd's competition in 2023. If you would like to become a member please contact our club secretary, Michael Carey, on 085-1514230 or follow us on Facebook for more information on events.

We wish the best of luck to our members in the upcoming sales season and hopefully we will have good news to report again this time next year!

Young Members Association Report

It was great to see young Charolais enthusiasts back on the show scene this year following a quiet two years.

The Irish Charolais YMA were delighted to start its' year back in May when we were invited by the Virginia Show Committee to help organise a young handler's workshop for young people between the ages of 10-22 years old. This event was also held in conjunction with other breeds.

There was a fantastic turnout of over 80 young people on the day, with interest levels high from all ages. The day was split up into sessions with Allen Shortt and Mark Reid giving a demonstration in clipping cattle for shows, while Bartley Finnegan presented the hair products that are available and what are the best stages to use these on the day of the show.

Shane Murphy gave a talk about how to photograph a show animal to ensure it's looking

its best for social media posting and advertisements. Catherine Smyth, Michael Carey, John Smyth and Elanor Reilly took the participants through the art of ring craft and how to present both themselves and the animal in the show ring. Jim Dockery from the Farm Relief Service was also there on the day to show the children some useful tips on how to be safe when handling cattle and showing cattle.

Our second workshop took place in early July, which was solely a Charolais youth development event hosted in Tullamore Mart. Again, numbers attended were high and the interest and inquisitive thoughts of the young people was a delight to see. The day started off with a demonstration on halter breaking an animal given by Michael Carey and Ciaran O'Donnell.

This was followed on by a fantastic grooming demonstration provided by Paul Fahy. It was



great to see that during this demo, that the young people were keen to get in on the action and learn some tricks of the trade from Paul.

The next stage of the day was a presentation provided by Ciaran O'Donnell on ring craft and showmanship, while also speaking about very important points on sportsmanship and being courteous to your fellow competitors and the judge when showing. Following this, young people were able take part in leading animals and practice the trade they had been watching.

Jim Dockery from the Farm Relief Service was also on hand to give a halter making demon-

stration. A session which attracted some of the parent's attention on the day along with the young members!

The concluding talk of the day was given by Niall Canning, who certainly got our young members into action by quizzing them – with the prizes being specially made Charolais buns for the correct answers.

Niall also gave a talk about Charolais breeding and judging an animal, while also providing a slideshow on how he has applied his knowledge to his own Charolais herd.



To end the day, we held a guess the weight competition of a young Charolais heifer which saw two young participants win a Irish Charolais jacket. Every young enthusiast also went home on the day with a bag full of goodies to help them get their animals ready for showing. These prizes were kindly sponsored by the Irish Charolais Cattle Society.

To conclude what was a great event, we would like to sincerely thank Ciaran O'Donnell, Paul Fahy, Jim Dockery and Niall Canning for providing their knowledge to our young members. A huge thanks must also go out to Jim Geoghegan of Lisnagre Charolais and Michael Carey of Chanonstown Charolais for providing cattle for the day. Finally, we would like to thank Tullamore Mart for hosting this event.

Summer Shows

On a final note, it must be said how wonderful it was to see so many young people showing Charolais cattle over this summer, especially at our national shows. All young handler classes had big numbers entered and were hotly contested. The skills of handlers in the rings were also praised by spectators on the day. It is certainly safe to say that the future of the breed is in safe hands.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more events and if you want to get in touch you can by simply emailing Irishcharolaisyma@gmail.com or by ringing our office on 01-419 8050



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Irish Charolais Young Members Association

(Countrywide). Open to all between the ages of 12 to 22 years of age.

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SUMMER SHOWS 2022



*Colomane Rhianna exhibited by John Ward
from County Cork.
Champion Charolais at Clonakilty, Cork and
Skibereen Agricultural Shows.*



*Goldstar Pepite exhibited by Martin Ryan from
County Tipperary.
Champion Charolais at Ossory, Clonmel and
Tinahely Agricultural Shows.*



*Dalehill Rose exhibited by Basil and Victoria Kells from
County Cavan.
Champion Charolais at Arva Agricultural Show.*



*Ardabrone Sarah exhibited by James and Karl Kelly
from County Sligo.
Champion Charolais at Ballina and Glenamaddy
Agricultural Shows.*



*Pale Superman exhibited by Andy Mc Govern from
County Leitrim.
Reserve Champion at Arva, Cloone and Mohill
Agricultural Shows.*



*Birches Pretty Lady and her bull calf Rockvalley Stetson
exhibited by Niall Maguire and Simone Mc Cabe.
Champion Charolais at Granard Agricultural Show.*



*Rockvalley Samara exhibited by Niall Maguire and Simone Mc Cabe.
Champion Charolais at Oldcastle Agricultural Show.*



*Liscally Natalie 2 ET with her heifer calf Mashantucket Treasure exhibited by Adam Woods from County Cavan.
Champion Charolais at Cloone and Ballinamore Agricultural Shows.*



*Sagesse Stephanie exhibited by Brendan and Niall Canning from County Sligo.
Champion Charolais at Erris and Swinford Agricultural Shows.*



*Tullaghan Santa Fe exhibited by Michael Daly from County Leitrim.
Champion Charolais Calf at Ballinamore and North Sligo Agricultural Shows.*



*Crossane Paris exhibited by the Mc Govern family from County Sligo.
Champion Charolais at Bonniconlon, North Sligo and Manorhamilton Agricultural Shows.*



*Blackroad Sophie exhibited by Jack Culloty from County Kerry.
Champion Charolais at Ballyvourney/Coolea Agricultural Show.*



*Ballylannon Sarah exhibited by Gerard Mc Laughlin from County Donegal.
Champion Charolais at Inishowen Agricultural Show.*



*Inismurray Skye exhibited by Paul and Eugene Burke from County Sligo.
Champion Female Calf at Ballinamore Agricultural Show.*



*Dreamteam Show Queen exhibited by Andrew Norris and Darragh Mc Manus.
Champion Charolais at Clonmany Agricultural Show.*



*Ballinroey Ruby ET exhibited by Michael Hanlon from County Longford.
Champion Charolais at Mohill Agricultural Show.*



*Loughros Seami exhibited by Bobby and Harold Given from County Donegal.
Champion Charolais at Glencolmcille Agricultural Show.*



*Mashantucket Treasure exhibited by Adam Woods from County Cavan.
Calf Champion at Mohill Agricultural Show and Reserve Calf Champion at Virginia Agricultural Show.*



*Breaghwyhill Surprise exhibited by Eamon O'Connor from County Sligo.
Champion Charolais at Ballyshannon Agricultural Show.*



*Goldstar Sundance exhibited by Martin Ryan from County Tipperary.
Champion Charolais at Iverk Agricultural Show.*



*Rockvalley Stetson exhibited by Simone Mc Cabe and Niall Maguire.
Champion Charolais at Virginia Agricultural Show.*



*Sagesse Sydney exhibited by David Watts from County Galway.
Champion Charolais at Mountbellew Agricultural Show and Reserve Champion at Glenamaddy Agricultural Show.*



*Dun Doire Tommy exhibited by Shane Maguire from County Meath.
Champion Charolais at Elphin Agricultural Show.*



*A Charolais Cross Heifer exhibited by Fergal Flanagan from County Roscommon.
Commercial Champion and Overall Champion at multiple shows throughout the Summer.*

ALL IRELAND SUPER SUCKLER COW AND CALF COMPETITION 2022

The Society held their All Ireland Super Suckler Cow and Calf Competition at Elphin Agricultural Show in August of this year. With a prize fund of nearly €3,500 and AI straws of the new Dovea AI sire Ballym Rocco up for grabs, the event drew some outstanding pairs of cows and Charolais calves from the west of Ireland. The results were as follows.

1st place - Tom Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo



In first place was Tom Fitzmaurice, pictured here with Judge Clive Hoey, Darragh Giblin and Gerard Beirne, Dovea Genetics, sponsors.



Tom Fitzmaurice's pen of cows and Charolais calves. These Charolais calves were sired by a CF 52 bred stock bull, out of a Pirate bred cow.

2nd place - Micheal Connellan, Drommod, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon



Michael Connellan's pen of cows and Charolais calves. These calves were sired by a Pirate bred stock bull, out of a TZA bred cow.

3rd place - Ronan & Gerard Beirne, Caldra, Elphin, Co. Roscommon



Ronan and Gerard Beirne's pen of cows and Charolais calves. These calves were sired by the Dovea AI sire, Knockmoyle Loki.

The remaining results were as follows:

4th - S Walsh, Chapel House, Cloghboley, Magherow, Sligo

5th - The Brady Family, Lisalway, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon

6th - Mr. Tommy Gormley, Carrowkeel, Elphin, Co. Roscommon

7th - John McCormack, Laragan, Elphin, Co. Roscommon

8th - Andy McNabola, Kilnagross, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim

9th - Liam Caslin, Rockville, Hillstreet, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Roscommon

10th - Richard O'Dowd, Lishugh, Elphin, Co. Roscommon

The Society would like to thank all exhibitors, Elphin Agricultural Show, and Dovea Genetics for sponsoring the event.

MEET THE WINNERS OF THE 2021 ICCS SUCKLER HERDS COMPETITION

Tom Fitzmaurice – first prize winner – small herd category

Winner of the small herds category of last year's suckler herds competition was Tom Fitzmaurice based in Derrynacong, County Mayo. This herd is the perfect example of what a Charolais stock bull can do as a terminal sire with different cow types. Tom farms on his own and keeps approximately 20 suckler cows. The cows are a mix of Simmental, Limousin and Charolais crosses. They are all run with the herds Charolais stock bull, with all cows calving down in Spring.

Tom Fitzmaurice is well known in his area for producing top quality Charolais weanling's on an annual basis. For the last five years he has sold his Charolais cross weanling bulls at the show and sale in Castlerea Mart. Four out of five of those years Tom has picked up the overall champion of the show, as well as achieving the top price on all four occasions. For anyone who has been to Castlerea Mart for their annual Show and Sale in September, they will understand this is quite an achievement. A real stronghold for top quality

Charolais weanlings. The weanling heifers are usually sold off farm to repeat customers. Tom explains 'I have any amount of customers for my Charolais weanlings. The same men have been buying from me for years.'

The stock bulls used on the farm for the last number of years can only be described as real terminal hitters. The current stock bull is Oghamstone Leo, a son of Pirate, out a CF 52 bred dam. Leo was bred by Michael Finnegan in County Mayo. Tom purchased Leo at the 2016 Premier Show and Sale in Elphin for €3,400, when he was just 14 months old. The stock bull prior to this was the well-known AI sire, Tonroe Eminem, a son of CF 52 out of a Pirate bred dam. Eminem was bred by the Callaghan brothers in Swinford, County Mayo. This Pirate/CF 52 combination has obviously worked extremely well on the farm. All replacement females are bought into the herd. Tom points out that he carefully selects only the best replacements for breeding. He explains 'If I see a nice breeding type heifer in the Mart, I will try to buy her.'



Examples of the cows on Tom's farm



Typical examples of Charolais cross weanlings on the farm



Charolais cross cows and calves on the farm



Examples of cows and calves on the farm



Charolais cross weanlings on the farm

Last year Tom's weanling bulls sold for an average of €1,152 at an average weight of 390kgs. These weanlings ranged from 7 – 8 months old. His overall champion of the show weighed 445kgs and sold for €1,440. The heifers were sold off

farm at an average of €900, at an average weight of 300kgs. The average age of these heifers was just 7 months old. This year's batch of weanling's topped all of that. Once again Tom claimed the Overall Champion of the Show in Castlerea with a 7-month-old Charolais cross weanling bull. He weighed 395kgs and sold for €1,680. His group of weanling bulls weighed 357kgs and averaged €1,340 at just 6 months old.

Not only is this herd producing outstanding weanlings, it's overall efficiency is exceptional. The average calving interval of the herd is 356 days, placing it in the top 10% nationally. The number of calves/cow/year being produced sits at 1.03, placing the herd in the top 5% nationally. The last four cows to be culled within the herd were sold in Castlerea Mart, selling for an average of €1,680 at an average weight of 880kgs.

This herd was selected as the overall winner in the small herd's category as it has just about everything you could possibly want in a suckler herd. The cows provide milk, fertility, calving ability, longevity, low maintenance and cull value. The Charolais stock bull brings calving ease, weight gain, shape, colour, style and quality. The combination of both makes this herd sustainable, efficient and profitable. Congratulations to Tom on creating and managing this wonderful suckler herd.

**Jim and Brian O Leary –
first prize winner – large herd category**



One of the Charolais stock bulls on Jim and Brian O'Leary's farm

The quality of the herds in the large category of the ICCS Suckler Herds Competition could only be described as exceptional. The fact that any one of the top five herds could have been in the top three speaks for itself. However, one herd just had that winning edge, that was the herd of Jim and Brian O'Leary from Newmarket on Fergus in County Clare. This herd would stand in with any herd in the country for sheer volume of quality calves and efficiency.

The O'Leary's run a calf to weanling system and keep approximately 120 suckler cows. The breed of cows on the farm are predominantly Limousin, Belgian Blue, Saler and Charolais crosses. In the past these cows would have been first generation cross cows from the dairy herd. However, in recent years they have moved to all second-generation cross cows from the dairy herd. Brian explains

the reason for this 'the type of the dairy cow has changed and for that reason we needed to move another step away from the first cross to keep the quality in our calves'. The cows are crossed with the herd's two Charolais stock bulls every year. AI is also used within the herd to keep a small number of replacement's coming on. Cows calve down in the Spring and Autumn, mainly to spread out the workload at calving, as Brian also works off farm.

The two stock bulls used on the farm are two full brothers, Ralahine Oliver and Ralahine Noah, who were both bred by the O'Leary's themselves. They are sired by the well-known AI sire Fiston, out of a Lisnagre Elite bred dam. It is fair to say that both bulls are crossing excellently on the herds various cow types. It is clear to see that they are breeding calves which are easily born and develop rapidly after birth. The O'Leary's aim to breed U grade weanlings and sell most of their weanlings off farm to repeat customers every year. These customers have been putting these weanlings to beef for years with fantastic results.



Cows with Charolais cross calves on the farm



Charolais cross calves on the farm



Cows with Charolais cross calves on the farm

The quality of the calves on this farm are one thing, but the performance and efficiency of the herd is the real standout. The average calving interval of the herd is 375 days. Mortality at birth is 0%. Mortality at 28 days is 0%. The number of calves/cow/year is 0.95, compared to the national average of 0.88. The percentage of heifers calved at 22-26 months is 40%, compared to national average of 28%. The herds 6 week spring calving rate is 95%, compared to the national average of 53%. Impressive performance for a herd of this size. Grassland management is also very important to the Clare men, evident in the strip grazing techniques implemented on the farm.

The first of this year's Spring born weanlings were sold off farm about three weeks ago to repeat customers. A batch of 7 month old Charolais cross weanling bulls averaged 380kg and sold for an average of €1,200. Their weanling heifer comrades averaged 350kgs and sold for an average of €1150. A younger batch of March born weanling bulls were sold this week at an average weight of 340kgs, at an average price of €1050. One of the most impressive thing's about this herd is the consistency of the calves. They are like peas in a pod, which is proven in their sale prices.

This herd was selected as the overall winner in the large category for it's sheer volume of quality calves and their performance, but most of all, it was selected for it's overall efficiency and sustainability. What's even more impressive is the fact that the O'Leary's farm on all rented land and continue to turn a healthy profit every year. Quite the achievement for a herd of this size. This herd exemplifies what can be achieved with the correct management techniques, genetics and grassland management. Most of all do, a tremendous example of what Charolais bulls can do on a range of cow types.



More Charolais cross calves on the farm



Some of the autumn born Charolais calves



Photo Competition

**FIRST
PRIZE**



1st Prize winner

Taken by Bernadette Dunne

**SECOND
PRIZE**



2nd Prize winner

Taken by Pat Stephens
(Rosanna Charolais)

**THIRD
PRIZE**



3rd Prize winner

Taken by Tina Hughes



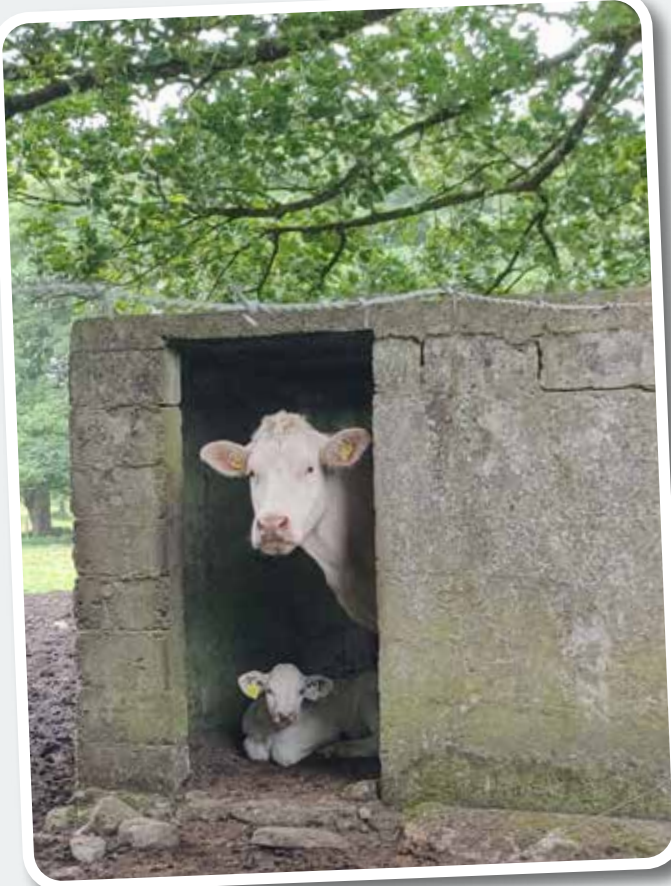
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WHY CHOOSE CHAROLAIS

"CHAROLAIS GIVE US WEIGHT FOR AGE"

Two suckler farmers tell us why they choose Charolais

Not far from Nobber in County Meath, Hubert Hicholson farms in association with his brother Matthew. The pair run approximately 85 suckler cows, 75% of which are Charolais cross. The focus of the Nicholson's is breeding replacement females, with milk and fertility. The cows on the farm are a testament to that breeding policy. Apart from the replacements retained in the herd, all progeny are put to beef. This means as well as producing females with strong maternal qualities, the cattle must also have the ability to gain weight efficiently, grade, weigh, and pay at slaughter. This is where Charolais is key.



A Charolais cross cow and bull calf on the farm

Charolais is used in the form of stock bulls and through AI. The current stock bull on the farm is Glera Prince, who is a son of Burradon Talisman. Prior to this a son of Rancard was used within the herd, who bred exceptionally well, both maternally and terminally. Charolais bulls used in AI are mostly maternal type bulls, such as Voimo, Calogero, Lapon and Elios. Bulls like Tombapik would have been used heavily in the past, leaving some great breeding females with milk. A small percentage of Simmental would also be used through AI.



A typical Charolais cross weanling bull on the farm

The herd is entirely Spring calving and boasts some impressive performance figures. Currently the herd has a calving interval of 388 days and weans 0.92 calves/cow year. However, the robust nature of the Charolais cows and their ability to wean heavy calves off grass is most impressive on this farm. Hubert is quick to point out that the calves only get creep for two weeks prior to weaning. "This really cuts down on input costs, especially in today's climate". The fact that many of the weanlings come off their mothers at 50% off their mother's liveweight is proof in itself.



A Charolais cross cow and heifer calf on the farm

Another important tool Hubert uses is Myosatin testing. The majority of the cows in the herd are Myostatin tested. Because the herd's previous stock bull was a Q204X carrier, many of the

cows in the herd a Q204X carriers. It is for this reason that Hubert only uses bulls that are free off the Q204X gene on these cows. This avoids difficult calving's and heavy birth weights. The herd's current stock bull is free of the Q gene but carries one copy of the F94L gene. Hubert has found this combination to work quite well, with a good balance of maternal and terminal traits coming to the fore.



A Charolais cross heifer that will be kept as a replacement female within the herd

Some might think that such maternal type cattle would struggle to pay their way as good beef cattle at slaughter. This is far from the case on this farm. Bulls are slaughtered at 20 months off age. The only meal they receive in their lifetime is two weeks before weaning, they are kept on 2 kg/head/day over the first winter, and are fed ad lib for 12 weeks prior to slaughter the following autumn. The results from which speak for themselves. All bull's grade U's, with the last batch of bulls averaging 420kgs deadweight. The standard is much the same across the board on the heifers. They are slaughtered under 30 months of age, with the last group averaging 360kgs deadweight.



Charolais cross bulls being finished on the farm

It is not too often you come across a suckler enterprise so focused on producing replacement females. The fact that it does not affect the performance of the cattle from a terminal point of view is extremely positive, and proof that maternal type Charolais can perform at the highest level. Efficiency is so important on this farm, simply because it must make financial sense. This farm is proof that maternal Charolais can tick all the boxes if the breeding policy and management is right.

"Charolais Cross Saler – the perfect suckler system"

For years now farmers have been talking about the perfect suckling system. Finding the balance between quality, efficiency, performance, and profitability isn't always easy. One cross that does seem to be ticking all the boxes is the Charolais Cross Saler. Not far from Borrisokane in County Tipperary, Robert Harding farms full time. He runs approximately 80 Saler cross cows, most of which are crossed with a Charolais stock bull. The results from which are truly outstanding.



Farming on his own, Robert finds it easier to split calving into Spring and Autumn. Bull

calves are sold as weanling's, with the heifers brought to beef. This helps cash flow throughout the year, as well as spreading out the workload for a one-man operation. Robert finds that the Charolais Cross Saler suits his system perfectly. "I can sell my Charolais as weanlings or bring them to beef, that is the beauty of the Charolais as a sire".



An example of the Charolais cross bull calves on the farm

Robert first introduced Saler into the herd over 20 years ago. He uses a small percentage of AI and runs a Saler bull to keep replacements coming through. One of the most successful purchases on the farm was the Charolais bull, Knockmahon Master. A son of Harestone Hercules and a Lyonsdemesne Tzar bred cow, Master was bred by the late Christy Comerford from County Kilkenny. Robert describes this bull as the best bull ever used in the herd. Unfortunately, Master got hurt earlier this year and had to be culled. He killed out with a staggering carcass weight of 806kgs and graded a E-. The most recent Charolais bull used on the farm is a son of CF 52.



An example of the Charolais cross heifer calves on the farm

In May of this year Robert sold his Autumn 2021 born weanling bulls at an average age of 8 months old. The first batch averaged 420 kgs and sold for an average of €1,230. The younger weanling bulls averaged 394kgs and sold for an average of €1,125. It should be noted that these weanling bulls are only fed meal for four weeks prior to sale. The ability of the Charolais weanlings to put on weight off the Saler cows is more than evident. Last February Robert brought Charolais cross heifers to the fatstock show and sale in Portumna Mart, where he received first prize and sold for the top price. The most recent group of Charolais heifers were slaughtered at an average age of 25 months old. They killed out with an average carcass weight of 425kgs and graded a U= on average.



A Charolais cross heifer being finished on the farm

The efficiency of this herd speaks for itself. In 2021 the average calving interval of the herd was 364 days. The number of calves produced per cow was 0.99. Charolais Cross Salers also have one main advantage. Their golden soft hair makes them more attractive in the marketplace. Robert was quick to point out that his weanling's top whatever marts they sell at.

It is refreshing to see an efficient, profitable, and sustainable suckling system in the heartland of Ireland. Charolais as a terminal sire combined with the maternal traits of the Saler cow makes this system a winning combination. More importantly, as a full-time farming operation.

National Hall of Fame Awards 2022



Mary Gilfillan receiving the National Hall of Fame Award on behalf of her late husband, Joe

The Irish Charolais Cattle Society proudly nominated the late Joe Gilfillan as their National Hall of Fame recipient earlier this year. Joe Gilfillan had two great passions in life, breeding top quality cattle (pedigree & commercial) and GAA, particularly Roscommon and his local Kilmore Club. Coming from a family known for producing top quality cattle, Joe along with his father, Tom, established the first pedigree Charolais herd in Roscommon in 1974 with the purchase of just one pedigree heifer. At its peak the herd (KILMORE) had 30 top class pedigree cows. Cattle from the herd sold for five figure sums on numerous occasions, two bulls were sold to AI stations, with many others exported to Scotland, Wales & N.I.

Joe's impact on Charolais breeding in Ireland went far beyond his native county. In 1977 he stood for election to the Charolais Council and succeeded on his first attempt. He was re-elected every three years thereafter for the next forty years and was elected as president 3 times.

He was a great ambassador for Irish Charolais, representing the Irish breeders at international events



in Canada, England, Wales, Scotland, 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.

Joe was also a great community man. He gave his fields for sports days, community games, and of course, Kilmore GAA. Gilfillan's field was where the reformed GAA club started. Players toggled out in Joe's shed alongside the turf and coal. The same field was used for the running of the annual highly regarded Connacht 7 a side tournament. There was no prouder man than Joe when the club won its first Roscommon Senior title in 1983. He was also a founding member of the local community centre which was built in 1989.

Following in his father's footsteps, he served on the Board of the Midland & Western Livestock Improvement Society, where he was twice elected Chairman and was joint Treasurer up until his untimely death. In 1999, he spearheaded the Society's purchase of their extended show grounds.

Joe was (in his own words) a "die hard Charolais man". His passion for and commitment to the Charolais breed was truly admirable.

Charolais International Youth Development Trip to Kansas City, USA,

by Aidan Kinahan and Eoghan Mc Grenaghan

In July of this year the Society sent two young Irish enthusiasts to the United States to take part in the Charolais International Youth Development Programme. The two were selected based on their knowledge of the breed and stock judging capabilities. After a tough selection process, Eoghan Mc Grenaghan from County Donegal and Aidan Kinahan from County Limerick were the two lucky winners. Read all about their incredible experiences below.



Eoghan Mc Grenaghan and Aidan Kinahan at the YDP conference in the United States

Eoghan Mc Grenaghan tells his story...

Firstly, I would like to start by thanking Nevan, the Irish Charolais Society and the Irish Charolais YMA for giving me this opportunity to represent Ireland at an International level, it was a great privilege and honour, and I will defiantly never forget the trip or experience!

We set off from Dublin on Tuesday the 26th of July on a long-haul flight to Kansas. When we arrived, we were met by Kaitlyn Chism, Manager of the Youth Activities and Foundation of the American Junior Charolais Association (AIJCA) and brought to our hotel. We had a good night's rest and got up in the morning to meet our fellow International Delegates and David Hobbs, Director of Activities for the American Inter-

national Charolais Association. There were delegates from Canada, Australia, Mexico and Scotland.

On the first day of our trip, we started out by going to Biozyme Incorporated, a business that offers a complete line of high-density feed additives and supplements for a tour of their facilities and a chance to see some of the products being made. Following the tour of Biozymes facilities we then went to Northwest Missouri State University, School of Agriculture Science. Met with farm manager Jim Husz who gave us a tour of their state of the art, centre for innovation and a tour of their farming facilities where they have a herd of pedigree Charolais and Angus cattle. We then made a stop at Wright's Charolais herd where we looked at maiden heifers for sale in their own on farm sale.

Thursday, we met with Dr. Clint Rusk, Executive Vice President of the American International Charolais Association. We visited a WW1 Museum and then travelled to Kansas State University for the AIJCA Charfocus Conference where we were all warmly welcomed by 40 AIJCA members. The conference lasted from Thursday evening until Sunday morning. We had various educational talks and demonstrations on Thursday evening including Animal disease traceability, nutrition talks and livestock evaluating.



Aidan and Eoghan at the American Charolais Association headquarters

Friday morning, we departed the University's Dorms where we stayed for the duration of the conference. We travelled up to Finks Beef Genetics who had various speakers there to speak to us and demonstrate on how to best calf cows, embryo transfer and grading of embryos and on IVF. After Finks brilliant educational sessions, we then travelled to NextGen Cattle C.O, a massive pedigree herd who also run a couple of feedlots. They explained to us about how they operate a pedigree herd, selling bulls to farmers and then buying the weanlings off the same farmers who purchased stock bulls to put into their feedlots for finishing in their own beef packing plants.

Saturday morning was spent at Rock Valley springs. It had all different types of activities such as archery, ziplining, group bonding wall climbs and more. In the afternoon after lunch, we headed on to Tiffany Cattle Co. Feedlots. A massive feedlot company who feeds anything from 10-20,000 cattle at any one time. After the tour of the feedlot, we made our way back to the university where we went bowling for the evening,

On Sunday morning, we had the closing session of the conference, where each of the countries gave a presentation on farming and the Charolais breed in your own country, we then departed the university and travelled back down to the hotel. Overall, the AIJCA Charfocus conference was a brilliant experience and I really enjoyed it.

Sunday afternoon was spent shopping and later that evening we were taken to T-Shotz Golf where we had a brilliant night.

Monday morning, we visited The University of Missouri's Agricultural Experiment Station where they showed us there dairy-beef cross experiments and a tour of there facilities. Afterwards Dr Robert Schnabel gave us a presentation/discussion on Genetics. Afterwards we were taken to Feedes Grain Inc., where they gave us a tour of their feed making plant.



Aidan and Eoghan outside Kansas State University

On Tuesday we got a tour of Bayer Agricultural Research and Development Centre, an extensive plant research facility. We then went to the gateway arch national park in St. Louis where we saw the tallest monument in the United States, The gateway arch. Afterwards we went to The Wild Indian Acres herd where we were shown cows and calves and some heifers for their upcoming on farm production sale.

Wednesday, we got a tour of the Springfield marketing Centre where we saw some of the feeder calves auction and got a tour of the facilities. Following the tour of the market, we travelled to two more herds where we saw bulls that was going to sales and some local summer shows.

Thursday, we had an early start and went to the Missouri Prime Beef Packers owned by NextGen Cattle co., who's farm and feedlot we visited a couple days before hand. We toured the facility and got a talk from the operations manager on how the operation works. After the beef packing plant, we went to Joplin Regional Stockyards, a massive market which houses 10 acres of land and sells 600,000+ cattle a year. We then travelled to two more farms where again we got to see more Charolais cattle.



Charolais International YDP members outside Bayer Agricultural Research and Development Centre

To finish the trip off, on Thursday night we went to a Kansas City Royals Major league baseball game. After the game we headed back to the hotel to relax and to say our goodbyes.

Overall, the whole 10 days were brilliant and was an experience of a lifetime. We made new friends from all over the world and met some incredible people. A special thank you must go to David Hobbs and Kaitlyn Chism for organising everything from hotels to farm visit to meals they couldn't have done a better job. Thank you also to all the breeders and owners of companies who welcomed us to tour their facilities and show us how they run their operations.

Another thanks to Nevan also at the Irish Charolais Society for again making this once in a lifetime trip possible for us. Its great to see the Society backing the young people of the breed so much and I will forever be grateful for this opportunity.

Aidan Kinahan tells his story...

Earlier this year, I was lucky enough to be selected alongside Eoghan McGrenaghan to travel to the USA to represent Ireland at the CharFocus International Youth Conference. I first heard about this competition when I began competing in Irish Charolais YMA events a number of years ago and have been anxiously waiting to be old enough to compete for this opportunity ever since. I vividly remember being in work and getting the email to say that I had been selected and trying to ring my parents to tell them.

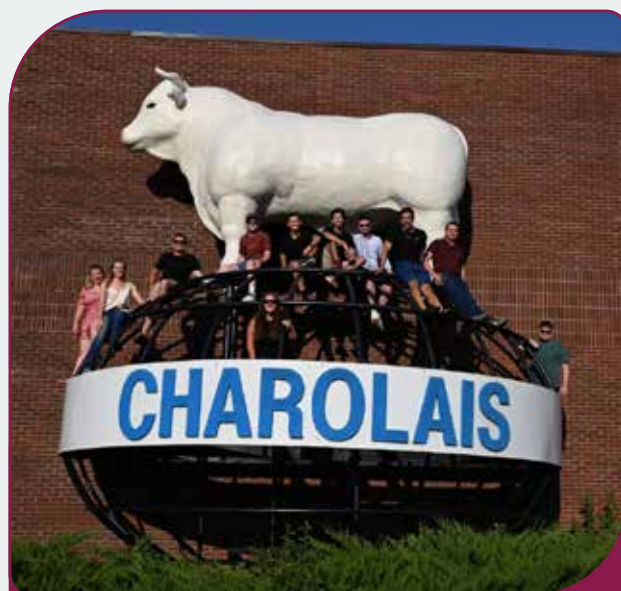


Typical Charolais cows in the United States

This trip was my first time travelling without my family and I was both nervous and excited. Despite a last minute change of plans regarding flights, we eventually got going, landing in Kansas City late at night on Tuesday the 26th of July. Upon arriving at Kansas City airport, we were met by the lovely Kaitlyn Chism, Director of Junior Activities and Foundation at the American-International Charolais Association, and Samantha Corn, a student at Texas A&M who was interning at the Charolais Office for the Summer. Wiped from travelling, we made our way to the hotel to bed down for the night.

The next morning, we met the other delegates and began our official trip. There were young people from the UK, Canada, Australia, Mexico as well as Eoghan and I. Although I was initially worried about how we would get along as a group, it wasn't long before we were talking like old friends. Our first trip was to the factory at BioZyme, a company located in St. Joseph, Missouri. We were given a tour of the facility and got the chance to see the production of their range of supplemented feeds and minerals, learning the different issues they face farming in what is a radically different climate to what we are used to and how they overcome these issues.

That same day we got the opportunity to visit the Northwest Missouri University where we shown around by the herdsman Jim Husz. At this university they run a small Charolais herd and one of their main objectives is to educate young people who have grown up in urban areas about agriculture and food production.



The group outside the American Charolais Office

That same day we got the opportunity to visit Wright's Charolais Herd, definitely one of the highlights of the trip. Herdsman Chris Peuster gave us a fantastic tour of the farm and in particular their sale barn and heifers for their renowned sale. At Wright's, we saw their prize winning genetics in full swing, spear headed by their 15 year old stockbull LT Rushmore. Wright's themselves have retained a number of his daughter's, having calved down over 100 of his daughters. There have been 1930 pedigree calves registered from this bull in the USA alone, with many more outside of the US due to the sale of semen. In addition to his pedigree registrations, there is over 12 thousand commercial calves registered from Rushmore. Wright's have opened a farm shop in recent years called Uppercuts in order to showcase the work they are doing and market Charolais beef as a premium product; this business model has been a huge success and shows the value of Charolais cattle to the beef production system.

Day two began with a rip to the American Charolais office and a discussion with Executive Vice President Clint Rusk about the contrast between Charolais in our own parts of the world versus America, and how regardless of the differences Charolais cattle were consistently noted for their profitability and ability to improve all other breeds.

That same day we made a pit stop at the National World War 1 museum, a fantastic facility with a memorial tower that offered a panoramic view of the city. Safe to say we were all suitably impressed!

That night, we made the long roadtrip to Kansas State University for the Vita Farm Char Focus Youth Conference. There was a huge turn-out of young Charolais breeders from all over the US, including their Junior Board, led by Molly Sloan Smith. The Junior Board was something that stuck out to me personally as a fantastic idea; essentially a Junior version of the main council, the Junior Board is tasked with organising the youth calendar for the Charolais breed, helping with main Charolais shows, and all the while getting the chance to learn about the mechanics of how a breed society operates and learning the skills needed to become the future Senior Board members.

The Youth Conference lasted three and a half days and we were all in awe at the quality of the event. Over the course of the conference we received presentations from some of the leading figures in the US agricultural market, learning about US beef production, grassland, genetics and many other things. For me personally, the highlight of the conference was our time at Fink's show barn. While here, we learned how to AI cows, how to sex calves during foetal scanning, skills needed for embryo transfer, as well as receiving talks on the new technology involved in IVF. We also got to see some of their highly impressive Charolais cows.



Sunset at Fink's

Other notable events from the conference included a butchering workshop where we all learned hands on how to break down a Charolais carcass, talks on judging cattle and managing herd health and our team-building trip to Rock Springs Ranch where we had an absolute blast zip lining, practicing archery and sweating like none of us knew was possible! What really stuck with us though was the hospitality we received. Throughout the conference our

American counterparts embraced us with open arms and took great pleasure in teaching us about American Charolais cattle and equally looked to learn from us. While at the conference we all gave presentations on how Charolais performed in our countries and the contrast was of great interest to all!

The four days following the end of the conference were an absolute whirlwind. Over the next four days, we saw a half dozen Charolais operations, had talks in two universities, saw a feed lot with thousands of cattle, an Angus AI Station with a record for excellence (Sydenstrucker Angus), had a tour of Bayer-the world's first BioTech company, saw one of the country's largest cattle sale barns, attended Ozark County Fair, a breeding bull wholesaler, a meat processing plant, visited a farm of Aka Ushi Cattle (which we had never even heard of before), called at the St. Louis Arch and saw my first baseball game! It was a crazy few days filled with fantastic memories and even better people. Time and time again I was struck by how welcoming people were and how willing they were to share their knowledge and experience with us.

A big word of thanks must go to Mr David Hobbs for all of this. David spent a lot of time and effort organising a programme of events for us to ensure we were as happy as we were tired by the end of our time in America! He worked tirelessly to keep us on track and keep us all on the straight and narrow – nothing was too much trouble and he managed to put a couple thousand miles up on the van over the course of the two weeks! Rarely have I met someone so passionate about Charolais cattle, a true servant to the breed.

Another thank you to Kaitlyn Chism, who worked alongside David to make this all possible. Kaitlyn had her hands full organising the CharFocus youth conference and still made time to make us all feel welcome and at home and teach us about her role in the Charolais Association.

Finally, to our own Irish Charolais Cattle Society and in particular our YMA. The opportunities this society has given me have genuinely changed my life; the support I was given over the past few years having thrived in their YMA afforded me the means to start my own pedigree Charolais herd last year. The skills I learned, memories I made and the connections I developed with people from all over the globe while on this trip will stay with me forever. I feel incredibly lucky to have had this experience and could not recommend it enough to other young members.

CHAROLAIS CROSS WEANLING SHOWS AND SALES

SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY

Once again the Society have invested heavily in Charolais cross weanling shows and sales through Marts across the Country. This in turn is putting money back in farmers pockets who have chosen Charolais as their breed of

sire. The reports from these sales tell their own story, with Charolais weanlings proving time and time again, that they are the breed in demand. Below is a recap of some of those sales.

Elphin Mart



First prize pen of CHX weanling bulls. Weighed 362kgs and sold for €1,250 at 7 months old. All sired by a Charolais stock bull



First prize pen of CHX weanling heifers. Weighed 347kgs and sold for €1,396 at 8 months old. All sired by a Charolais stock bull



This pen of CHX weanling heifers weighed 377kgs and sold for €1,350 at 8 months old. All sired by a Charolais stock bull.



This pen of CHX weanling heifers weighed 358kgs and sold for €1,378 at 7 months old. All sired by a Charolais stock bull.

Ballymote Mart



This CHX weanling bull weighed 480kgs and sold for €1,610.



This CHX weanling bull weighed 450kgs and sold for €1,480.

Tuam Mart



This CHX weanling bull weighed 345kgs and sold for €1,380 at just 6 months old.



These 7-month-old CHX weanling bulls weighed 397kgs and sold for €1,540.

Carrigallen Mart



This 7-month CHX weanling heifer was overall champion at the Show and Sale in Carrigallen Mart. She weighed 405kgs and sold for €1,500. She was sired by Fiston.

Other prices of CHX weanlings in Carrigallen included

500kgs - €1,700
480kgs - €1,540
370kgs - €1,380
380kgs - €1,420

Kilfenora Mart



There was a great show & sale of Charolais cross weanlings. Pictured above are some of the CHX weanlings on the night.

Prices included:

405kg - €1,300	390kg - €1,290
435kg - €1,470	395kg - €1,410
390kg - €1,330	390kg - €1,350
315kg - €1,120	310kg - €1,260
330kg - €1,210	435kg - €1,400
415kg - €1,250	375kg - €1,440
380kg - €1,140	378kg - €1,350
435kg - €1,320	350kg - €1,240.
405kg - €1,340	

Castlerea Mart



This Charolais cross weanling bull was awarded the Overall Champion. Sired by a Charolais stock bull, he weighed 395kgs and sold for €1,680

Balla Mart



CHX weanlings at the show and sale. Charolais cross weanlings crossed the €4/kg mark frequently, with a 390kg CHX weanling bull making €1,690, and a 315kg CHX weanling heifer selling for €1,550. Both were just 7 months old.

Clifden Mart



This 7-month-old CHX weanling heifer won the overall champion at the Show and Sale. She weighed 420kgs and sold for €1,720.

Carnew Mart



Charolais cross weanlings at the Show and Sale. They weighed 385kgs and averaged €1,430 at just 8 months old.

Mohill Mart



CHX weanling bulls at the Show and Sale. The calf on the right weighed 495kgs and sold for €1,710. The calf on the left weighed 420kgs and sold for €1,450.



A pen of Charolais cross weanling heifers. This pen weighed 365kgs and averaged €1,240 at just 7 months old.

Other prices of CHX weanlings included:

300kgs - €1,310
395kgs - €1,500
390kgs - €1,450

Donegal Town Mart



The Champion Charolais cross weanling bull at the Show and Sale. He weighed 390kgs and sold for €1,640 at just 7 months old.



A pen of CHX weanling bulls at the Show and Sale in Donegal Town Mart. They weighed 368kgs and averaged €1,231 at just 7 months old.

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.

All imported animals entering the Society's herd book must be tested for Progressive Ataxia before they can be accepted. The Progressive Ataxia results must be accompanied with the export certificate.

POLLED ANIMALS

All pedigree Charolais calves registered with Polled genetics must be Genotyped before a pedigree cert can be issued for them. This will allow the Society to identify the Polled status of each calf at birth and classify them accordingly. Homozygous polled calves will be classified as (PDP) Pedigree Polled. Heterozygous polled calves will be classified as (PDX) Pedigree Polled Cross. In order to request a genotype kit for animal, you contact ICBF on 023 88 20452.

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 Genotyped, to their sire and where possible their dam.

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 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 must be taken by the vet or Brendan Regan or John McCabe when carrying out the fertility test and recorded on the Vets fertility certificate or on Brendan Regan's and John McCabe'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 **2022**, you must use a name beginning with the letter **T**

For all calves born in **2023**, you must use a name beginning with the letter **U**

For all calves born in **2024**, you must use a name beginning with the letter **V**

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

CALF INSPECTIONS/CONTROL CHECKS

Rule 10 in the Society's Breeding Programme deals with calf inspections/control checks.

The Society reserves the right to check selected herds. The herd owner will be given 48 hours oral or written notice of the visit by the Inspector. A herd owner with a genuine reason may be allowed an extra 24 hours for the inspection, otherwise the herd owner cannot refuse admission to the Inspector unless in the most exceptional circumstances. If a herd owner refuses to co-operate in allowing an inspection within 5 working days from the date of notification, all calves in the herd under 90 days of age (at the time of the first notification) will not be eligible for entry into any Society run events for life. If any calves are moved out of the herd from the date of notification to the date of inspection, those calves will not be eligible for entry into any Society run events for life. All calves under 90 days of age and their dams must be penned for inspection and

weighing. All cows in the herd must be presented for inspection. The Inspector will take a hair sample from at least one calf and its dam for DNA/Genotype parentage verification during the inspection.

(b) The maximum weight gain permitted for MALE Charolais calves 1 – 90 days old is 2 kg per day along with their birth weight.

The maximum weight gain permitted for FEMALE Charolais calves 1 – 90 days old is 1.75 kg per day along with their birth weight.

(c) Herd owners must notify in writing the society's secretary within 5 working days, of any bull calf born with a 60 kg and over birth weight and any heifer calf born with a 55 kg and over birth weight. If the facility for weighing calves is not available to the herd owner, the society's secretary should still be notified in writing of a 'suspected' heavy birth weight within the said period. Unless such heavier birth weights (or suspected heavy weights) are notified to the society within 5 working days of birth, they will not be taken into account for the purposes of these rules.

(d) Unless notified to the Society within 5 working days of birth, any calf which is found to be exceeding the above weight gains at any time under 90 days of age, that calf will not be eligible for entry into any Society run events for life.

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 September 2022.

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
CH8169	Ballym Rocco	€35.00	Dovea Genetics
S590	Balmyle Vagabond	€38.00	Bova AI
CH8565	Balthayock Musketeer	€40.00	Ben Harman
CH7320	Battleford Panama (et)	€30.00	Elite Genetics
EPZ	Blakestown Esperanto	€60.00	Sligo AI
S956	Blelack Digger	€35.00	NCBC
CH2332	Blelack Immaculate	€40.00	Elite Genetics
CH7572	Bostonia Ringo (et)	€30.00	K Genetics
VAK	Bova Banker	€35.00	Bova AI
SLV	Bova Sylvain	€45.00	Bova AI
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
CH7473	Clenagh Picasso (et)	€30.00	Coney Island Genetics
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
CH4468	Deeview Major (et)	€35.00	Bova AI
DYE	Dolland Denny	€45.00	Kevin & Teresa Maguire
DWF	Doncamillo	€35.00	Bova AI
CH2354	Drumcullen JJ	€40.00	Worldwide Sires
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	Inverlochy Ferdie	€35.00	Dovea Genetics
GKA	Inverlochy Gurkha	€25.00	NCBC
372223933380260	Kinnard Ronaldo (et)	€30.00	Bull Bank
GHL	Leagaun Ghavana (et)	€25.00	Sligo AI
LSP	Liscally ETI (et)	€20.00	Dovea Genetics
CH7497	Melvin Piper	€30.00	K Genetics
CH4687	Mornity Nero	€40.00	Elite Genetics
CH6175	Neron P (Polled)	€25.00	NCBC
CH2303	Newhouse Bigal	€40.00	Elite Genetics
CH6373	Noble Prince	€40.00	Elite Genetics
CH6490	Orbi	€25.00	NCBC
CH7392	ReadyPP	€40.00	Bova AI
CH7476	Rubis	€40.00	Bova AI
CH5842	Sagesse Pierre	€40.00	Bova AI
CH4491	Scardaune Mark	€35.00	Bova AI
UK280857100664	Silver Oakman	€35.00	Ben Harman
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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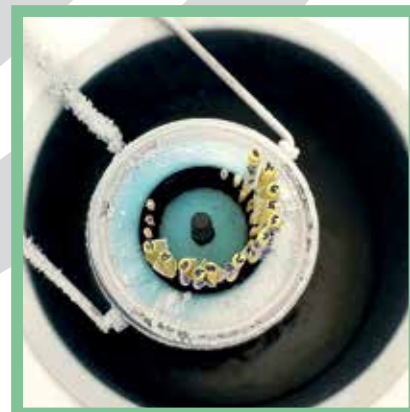
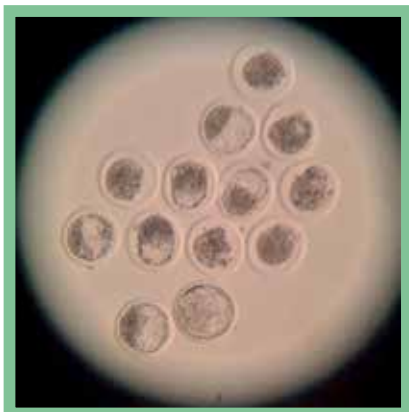
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If you are interested in joining, an entry form can be found on the Society website **www.charolais.ie**

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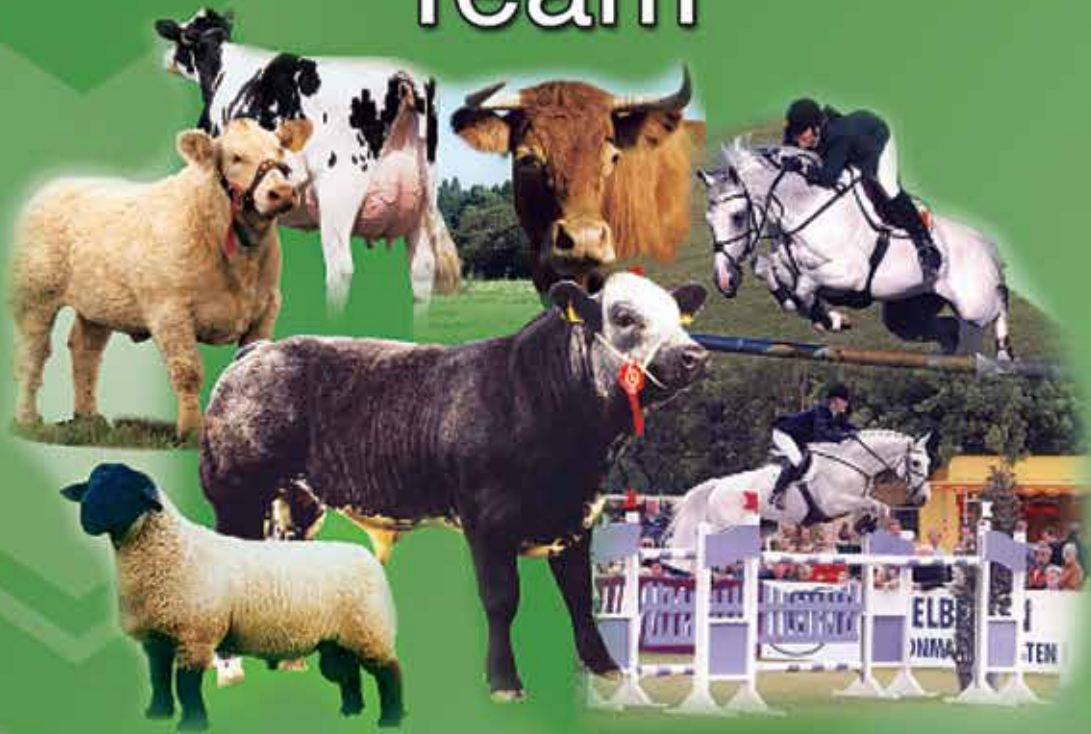
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