



Top price of 4,800 gns. at the Pedigree Charolais sale this week, went to Mrs. P. Fegan, of Moyglare House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, pictured here with the 18 month old female. Purchaser, Pat Kearns of Dunboyne is also in picture and his sister Paula.

Biggest sale of Charolais

FORTY SIX pure bred Charolais cattle were sold for a total of £118,000 at the special show and sale held at R.D.S. in conjunction with the 10th World Charolais Convention in Dublin last weekend.

Heifers made higher prices than bulls with the top female, a 1½ year old selling for 4,800 gns. This price was paid by Dunboyne butcher and farmer, P. Kearns to Mrs. P. Fegan, Moyglare House, Maynooth.

Top bull price of 3,200 gns. was paid by A. Bell, Alwick, Northumberland to Nancy, Countess of Dunraven, Adare, Co. Limerick for an animal 1½ years old.

In total 27 heifers were sold for an average price of 3,435 gns. and 19 bulls for an average of 1,558 gns.

Other prices obtained at the sale were 4,200 gns. paid by John Mooney, Ashbourne to Mrs. E. Gardiner, Laytown, Co. Meath for a 3½ year old incalf heifer. Alan Lillingston, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick sold two heifers both 2¾ year old for 4,500 gns. and 4,000 gns.

This was the biggest sale of pedigree cattle ever held outside France. Also it was the first time for Ireland to host the World Charolais Convention.

At the Conference the popularity of the Charolais breed was highlighted, this is especially true since the cattle trade to Europe re-opened.

Dr. Austin Mescal of the Department of Agriculture and Dr. Paddy Cunningham of the Agricultural Institute defended the licensing of half bred Charolais bulls for licensing in suckler herds. They said that it is only a temporary measure until sufficient three quarter bred become available.