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STIRLING FEBRUARY BULL SALE 18TH – 19TH FEBRUARY 2018

116 Bulls sold through the ring to average £5477, and a clearance rate of 82% was achieved, once again the breed sold the highest amount of bulls through the Stirling Spring sales fortnight.



ISLA VALE HESTON 16 - Reserve Junior Champion topped the day's trade, bred by W S Stronach, sold for 24,000gns to Richard McCulloch (Overhill House)



ISLA VALE HARVEST 16 - 2nd top price on the day, also bred by Mr W S Stronach, sold for 16,000gns to W H Robson & Sons (Kilbride Farm)



CAMUS HAROLD 16 - Intermediate Champion & 3rd top price bull, bred by Mr J Campbell, exhibited by Mr H C Stubbs & A A Burleigh, sold for 12,000gns to M/S J H & V G Wood (Popes)



ISLA VALE HUGO 16 - Senior & Overall Male Champion, bred by W S Stronach, sold for 10,000gns to W J Barclay



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KILBRIDE FARM HAKA 16 - bred by W H Robson & Sons, sold for 10,000gns to Mr W J & J Green (Corskie)



BLACKFORD HURRICANE 16 - bred by Mr W G MacPherson, sold for 9000gns to Mr & Mrs P B & J A Borlase (Sacombe)

ABERDEEN & NORTHERN MART SALE 28TH FEBRUARY 2018

All Breed average smashed; 100% clearance, 9 bulls sold to average £6615

BLACKFORD HERO 16 - Overall Champion, bred by WG MacPherson, sold for 13,000gns to Gavin Hayes (Haystar)



NEWARK SALE 10TH MARCH 2018

7 Bulls averaged at £3510, 78% Clearance



HEATHBROW INDIGO - bred by DA & LA Sapsed, Female & Reserve Overall Champion, topped the day's trade selling at 3800gns to Mr & Mrs Mee (Lancelot).

Second top price at 3400gns was Hemingford Horatio 16, bred by Mr J A Griffin & Mrs S Arkley and sold to Peter & David Harris of M J Harris Farming (Lawford)



PICTURED ON THE RIGHT IS THE RESERVE MALE CHAMPION & 3RD TOP PRICE OF THE DAY GRANGEWOOD HESTON 16 - bred by Mr & Mrs AS & YA Leedham, sold for 3300gns to James Knight Farms
On the left is the Male & Overall Champion **STORERSMITH HEART-THROB**, bred by Mr & Mrs R & L Storer-Smith

OFFICE UPDATES

- **DNA/SALES** - Please ensure when sending in DNA for a sale animal that you tick sale animal on the DNA bag so that samples can be prioritised. The turnaround time to get results back from the laboratory is approx. 6 weeks so please ensure we receive sale animals in plenty of time and before the closing date of entry. **Failure to do so may result in your animal/s being rejected.**

Please note: If the DNA fails its sire verification and the sample was only received close to the close of entry it is almost impossible to get this fixed in time for the catalogue being printed. We strongly advise that the DNA for sale animals is sent in plenty of time, in case of any issues.

With immediate effect an email will be sent once a DNA sample has arrived in the office and again once the DNA results are received. Please ensure the office has an up to date email address for you.

Pedigree certificates will no longer be re-issued following a DNA result, unless there is a change of parentage.

Please be aware of the following DNA charges:

DNA sample (including up to 3 sires on initial sample) £27.72
Additional Sire £9.60 each
Sire Search £12.00
DNA certificate £5.00
Freemartin test £42.00
Polled test £24.00

- **HEALTH DECLARATIONS** - Please ensure you send in your herd health declaration to the Society office and not the Market before the closing date of entry. **Failure to do may result in your animal/s being rejected.**
- **CONTACT DETAILS/INVOICES** - With immediate effect for all members who have an email address, invoices will be sent via email and only posted out to members when pedigrees are issued. Please ensure we have an up to date email address for you.
- To qualify for the semen testing for Society sales £50 credit. The semen test paperwork must accompany the animal post sale and a photocopy of the test paperwork must be sent to the Society office in order to receive a credit.

SUMMARY POINTS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING 10TH & 11TH DECEMBER 2017

- Office – The Society is ramping up the process of relocating the office. Robin Boyd, David Donnelly, Michael Barlow, Neil Shand and Julie Holmes will make up the sub-committee to drive this project forward.
- The Society is to be one of the main sponsors of this year's NBA Beef Events; Dungannon 26th February 2018 and Shrewsbury 25th May 2018.
- The Council have agreed that Young Members will be allowed to shadow Senior Judges at Stirling Bull sales, this will be introduced at the October 2018 Bull sales, providing that the Judge appointed is happy to be shadowed. Please contact the office to put your name down by no later than the 31st May 2018. The Young member will be picked at random and all other names on the list will be carried forward to the next sale at Stirling.
- Classification – Bulls over 3 years old can be classified.
- Scanning credits will be phased out at the end of this financial year and the 10K saving will be distributed between all classifying herds – Commencing 1st July 2018.
- Bull vendors at Society sales are asked to be fully aware of the meaning/consequence of a deferred NBA breeding warranty.
- Entropies are a genetic trait, any animal showing signs of an entropy will be rejected from a Society sale. Any animal who appears to have been operated on prior to a sale for an entropy will also be rejected from sale.
- Society vet will now carry out all pre-sale inspections at Society sales from the beginning of 2018 and will be available for member consultations on the evenings prior to the Newark sale and Worcester sale.
- The new breed plan committee is; Robin Boyd, Robert Macgregor, Michael Durno, Bridget Borlase and Neil Shand. Before the next Council meeting this team will meet and discuss the breeds direction in terms of genomics.
- The Elite Cow scheme will be phased out and superseded by classification.
- The Society will continue to operate unofficial locomotion panels at Society Sales and continue to give feedback to breeders as and when required.
- The Society will continue to take blood tests at Society sales. These tests will be tested for CHECS diseases.
- English National Show is confirmed to take place at the Great Yorkshire Show 10th – 12th July 2018.
- The Society has placed 25K in to a savings account in preparation for the 50th anniversary 2020.
- Failed SV for sale animals – please be aware that in the future if you have more than one animal entered into a sale and one of them fails his sire verification and there isn't time to fix this before the next BLUP run - all animals entered may be rejected as this would also affect their figures.
- New class at Stirling for 12-14 month-old bulls in October
- Denmark Trip 2nd – 6th July 2018 – There are still a couple of places available, if you are interested in attending please contact the office.
- **Data Protection – As of the 25th May 2018, NEW Data Protection Act rules will apply. Members will have to opt in to allowing the Society to publish their personal details, such as name, address, contact details on the Society website/online database/show and sale reports/ Facebook/Twitter etc. By the end of next year members who have not opted in will automatically have their details removed.**

UPCOMING SALES

CARLISLE SALE - including the Leading Ladies – 20th April

WORCESTER SALE - 5th May

STIRLING MAY SALE - 7th May

STIRLING OCTOBER BULL SALES - 21st – 23rd October

YOUNG MEMBERS TRIP 10TH – 12TH AUGUST 2018 - NORTHERN IRELAND

Are you a Young Member of the Society? If not, why not join, a non-registering Young Member can join for just £5.25 a year. It's a great way to get involved, meet new people, learn a great deal, attend Young Members stock

judging events and more.

For an application form or for more information contact the Society office on 02476 696513 or Emma McInnes 07920485059

YOUNG MEMBERS TRIP

10TH-12TH AUGUST 2018

Friday 10th August

- Arrive in Northern Ireland
– Farm visit, followed by NI Club Charity BBQ in the evening

Saturday 11th August

- Stockjudging to take place at Richard Rodgers (Hiltonstown Herd), followed by the presentation evening at the Cohannon Inn (TBC)

Sunday 12th August

- Depart home



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