

Briefing note
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Largest line-up of Aberdeen-Angus at Autumn Bull Sales

United Auctions is set to host the largest number of pedigree Aberdeen-Angus bulls and females forward at the Stirling Bull Sales in October.

Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers will welcome the bumper entry of Aberdeen-Angus bulls (98) and females (174) to Stirling Agricultural Centre where 771 pedigree bulls and females across eight breeds - including Beef Shorthorn, Limousin, Simmental, Charolais, Salers, British Blonde and Lincoln Red cattle - will be on show and sale from Sunday 21 October to Tuesday 23 October 2018.

The Stirling Bull Sales are supported by all-year sponsor Galbraith, the leading independent property consultancy.

The busy three-day programme begins on Sunday 21 October with the judging of Aberdeen-Angus in the morning and followed by Beef Shorthorn cattle and a parade of Salers, British Blue and Lincoln Red bulls in the afternoon. Their sales will be held on Monday 22 October.

The pre-sale show of Charolais bulls will be held on Monday morning followed by Simmental cattle in the afternoon with the sales of both breeds taking place the following day, on Tuesday 23 October.

Commenting on the significant increase of Aberdeen-Angus breed entries at the Autumn Bull Sales since the world-famous event relocated to Stirling Agricultural Centre, John Roberts, United Auctions' Group Sales Director, said:

"The number of Aberdeen-Angus bulls forward this October is testament to the breed gaining in popularity with demand for grass-fed beef continuing to grow as well as the increase in values that the Angus premium brings."

"It's also fantastic to see so many Aberdeen-Angus females being sold through the market system at Stirling, demonstrating the strength and importance of the sale ring."

In line with this, a feature in the Autumn Bull Sales' programme will be three dispersals of highly respected herds of Aberdeen-Angus and Simmental pedigree cattle.

Two dispersal sales of Aberdeen-Angus cattle will be held on Monday afternoon.

First in the ring will be the Moncur Aberdeen-Angus herd with 50 lots from GC Taylor (Farms) Ltd. This Perthshire-based herd, founded in 1992 by the late Mark Taylor, has a good history of selling at both Stirling and Perth and has seen success in both the sale and show ring as well as significant export trade with females and bulls.

Rounding up the Aberdeen-Angus sale will be the dispersal of the Ellon-based Schivas herd from Schivas Estates. With 101 lots, the sale is one of the largest staged by United Auctions at the Stirling Bull Sales in recent years and has been run on a commercial basis since it was established in 2001.

The Simmental female sale on Tuesday morning includes the dispersal of the renowned Mendick herd, totaling 38 lots. This long-established herd is run by The Dykes family at South Slipperfield, West Linton who featured in the popular BBC One series 'Lambing Live' in 2014.

David Brown, Sales Director at United Auctions will be wielding the hammer for the dispersals of the Moncur Aberdeen-Angus and Mendick Simmental herds. He said: The dispersal sales of pedigree cattle represent a great chance for buyers to source top class Aberdeen Angus and Simmental genetics."

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Notes to editor

Judges

Aberdeen-Angus - Noel Hooke, 10 Spirehill Road, Hillsborough, Co Down

Beef Shorthorn - John Scott, Fearn Farm, Fearn, Tain

Charolais - Will Short, Woodpark, Beragh, Omagh

Limousin - Michael Robertson, Mid Fodderletter, Tomintoul, Ballindalloch

Simmental - Norman Robson, 106 Cogry Road, Doagh, Ballyclare.

SHOW & SALE PROGRAMME

Friday 19 October

5pm Yard opens

Saturday 20 October

12 noon Aberdeen-Angus bull inspection

2pm Beef Shorthorn bull inspection followed by Lincoln Red bull inspection.

Sunday 21 October

8.30am Limousin bull inspection followed by British Blonde inspection

10am Charolais bull inspection

10.30am Show of Aberdeen-Angus females followed by bulls

12 noon Simmental bull inspection followed by Salers bull inspection

1.30pm Show of Beef Shorthorn females followed by bulls

2.30pm Show of Limousin bulls followed by parade of Salers, British Blonde & Lincoln Red bulls.

Monday 22 October

10am Show of Charolais bulls

10.30am Sale of Aberdeen-Angus bulls (98)

11am Sale of classes & drafts of Beef Shorthorn females (65) – including Chapelton (7), Glenisla (11), Dunsyre (10)

1pm Sale of Beef Shorthorn bulls (26) followed by Lincoln Red bull (1)

1pm Sale of classes & drafts of Aberdeen-Angus females (174 + 81 calves) including Gretnahouse (3), Glenhaven (10 + 10 calves), followed by dispersals from Moncur (50 lots) & Schivas (101 lots).

- 2pm Sales of Limousin bulls (66) followed by Limousin females (2 + 2 calves),
British Blonde bulls (2) and Salers bulls (11)
- 2pm Show of Simmental females followed by bulls.

Tuesday 23 October

- 10.45am Sale of Charolais bulls (142)
- 11am Sale of classes & drafts of Simmental females (72 + 34 calves) including
Boars Head (7), Kennox (4), Langalbuinloch (4), Cairnview (2), followed by
Mendick dispersal (38 lots)
- 1pm Sale of Simmental bulls (112).

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United Auctions are Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers and procurement specialists and operate a network of different auction markets across Scotland, including Stirling, Huntly, Lairg, Dalmally, Tiree, Islay, South Uist and Oban. The company conducts auctions of both commercial and pedigree livestock, including the world-famous Stirling Bull Sales, and provides farm-to-farm and farm-to-abattoir procurement services.