

Briefing note
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STRONG LINE-UP AT STIRLING BULL SALES

Numbers up on the year

A strong selection of no less than 968 pedigree bulls and females will be on show and sale at United Auctions' Stirling Bull Sales next month.

The biggest Bull Sales event in the UK will run over two weeks, from Sunday 3rd to Monday 4th February and from Sunday 16th to Tuesday 19th February at Stirling Agricultural Centre.

Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers expect to welcome around 12,000 Scottish, UK and international farmers, commercial buyers, pedigree enthusiasts visiting the City of Stirling with their families for the February event, which will feature ten pedigree breeds.

Going under the hammer in week one will be pedigree Aberdeen-Angus, Beef Shorthorn, Hereford, Limousin, Lincoln Red, Luining and British Blue breeds while week two features pedigree Charolais, Salers and Simmentals.

The Stirling Bull Sales are supported by all-year sponsors Galbraith, Scotland's leading independent property consultancy.

The February Sales sees an increase in numbers on the year with 107 head of Limousin bulls, the highest number forward for the breed since 2016.

Meanwhile, the number of pedigree Simmental females (59) and pedigree Beef Shorthorn females (53) forward are also up on the year.

The Sales also include a dispersal of the successful Alsnow herd of pedigree Charolais from the Northumberland-based Lawson family. Breeders and commercial buyers will have the opportunity to source good bloodlines that have produced high-selling bulls at the Stirling Sales when their 15 cows and 15 calves at foot will be knocked down by auctioneer Murray Rainnie on Tuesday 19th February.

John Roberts, United Auctions' Group Sales Director, said: "With high breed clearances through the Stirling rings in the last few years, there is an increase in numbers forward across the breeds with a great range of genetics on offer from the pedigree females forward, including the dispersal sales."

Full catalogue details for the Sales will be available on the Stirling Bull Sales' page of United Auctions' website along with access to the sale ring's live webcam. Opportunities for photographs are available from the Saturday of each week.

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Notes to editor

JUDGES

Aberdeen-Angus - Tom Arnott, Haymount, Kelso

Beef Shorthorn - James Playfair Hannay, Morebattle Tofts, Kelso

Charolais - Michael Minto, Pillbox Cottage, Loxwood, Billinghamurst

Limousin - James Thomson, Hilton of Beath, Kelty

Lincoln Red - Russell Taylor, Middlebank, Errol

Salers - James McDougal, Bassendean, Gordon

Simmental - Steven Sandison, Millburn, Harray, Orkney

SHOW AND SALE PROGRAMME

Week 1

Friday 1 February

5pm -- Yard opens

Saturday 2 February

7am -- Yard opens

11.30am -- Aberdeen-Angus bull inspection

2pm -- Beef Shorthorn bull inspection followed by Lincoln Red and Luig bulls

Sunday 3 February

9.45am -- Show of Aberdeen-Angus females followed by bulls

2pm -- Limousin bull inspection followed by British Blue bulls

2.30pm -- Show of Beef Shorthorn females followed by bulls and show of Lincoln Red bulls and females and parade of Luig bull

Monday 4 February

10am -- Show of Limousin bulls followed by parade of British Blue bulls

10.30am -- Sale of Aberdeen-Angus bulls (144) followed by females (20)

11am -- Sale of Beef Shorthorn females (53) to include the part-dispersal of the Wavendon herd (8 cows + 6 calves at foot), followed by sale of Lincoln Red females (4)

1pm -- Sale of Beef Shorthorn bulls (93) followed by Lincoln Red (8) and Luig (1) bulls

3pm -- Sale of British Blue bulls (4), Limousin bulls (107) followed by Limousin female (1)

Week 2

Friday 15 February

5pm -- Yard opens

Saturday 16 February

7am -- Yard opens

12 noon -- Simmental bull inspection followed by inspection of Simmental show females

Sunday 17 February

10am -- Salers bull inspection

10.30am -- Show of Simmental females followed by bulls

11.30am -- Charolais bull inspection followed by inspection of Charolais show females

2.30pm -- Show of Salers bulls

Monday 18 February

10.30am -- Sale of Simmental females (59 + 1 calf at foot)

11am -- Sale of Salers bulls (29) followed by Salers females (16)

12 noon -- Show of Charolais females followed by bulls

12 noon -- Sale of Simmental bulls (195)

Tuesday 19 February

10.30 am -- Sale of Charolais bulls (185) followed by females (27) to include the dispersal of the Alsnow herd (15 cows + 15 calves at foot)

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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.