Mayo Sligo Mart – Ballina, Co Mayo

**Report: Tuesday 12th March 2019.**

A large Spring sale on Tuesday with upbeat trade given the poorer weather conditions.

Customers for stock were plentiful with four exporters in the yard for stock and new customers from Donegal, Carlow & Meath.

There was great demand for light & forward store bullocks - examples of some prices –

a CH from a Westport farmer at 700kg/€1615, Ch from a Bonniconlon farmer 608kg/€1460, LM from a Ballina farmer 590kg/€1355, a Char from a Bonniconlon farmer 484kg /€1230 & LM from a Swinford farmer 460kg made €1100.

Heifers- a big sale of heifers with prices similar - Some examples a CH from Crossmolina farmer 690kg made €1500, CH from a Belmullet farmer 558kg /€1340, CH from a Knockmore farmer 486kg made €1275kg, a LM heifer from Castlebar farmer 475kg made €1265.

We had a bigger show of weanling bulls and heifers with similar demand for both - Some examples of Bulls, a BX from an Enniscrone farmer 384kg made €1050, a Ch from a Ballina farmer 318kg made €1070, a CH from a Ballycastle farmer 376kg made €1010, a LM from a Westport farmer 385kg/€1050, CH from Belmullet seller 300kg/€965

Weanling Heifers -- A BX from a Ardagh farmer 410kg made €1480 (€3.60 a KG) , Ch from a Lacken farmer 432kg/€1035, Ch from a Corballa farmer 324kg made €1015, a LM from a Laherdane farmer 290kg made €850 and a LM from a Balla farmer 288kg/€895.

Springers made from €1000 to €1625 with variations in prices depending on the time/ quality/colour – more farmers looking for quality star rating springers.

Cull cows were an improved trade making from €1.40 to €1.85 per KG – a heavy LM 808kg made €1270 whilst a feeding cow 660kg /€1160.

Good continental sucks are making from €270 to €550/ AA & HX from €190 -€300 whilst FR bulls are an improved trade making from €50 to €80 – we have farmers to buy the better-quality FR bulls.

Sheep prices show slight increase on last week with lambs making from €2.20 to €2.52 /kg.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE AGENTS AND FARMERS LOOKING FOR STORE CATTLE FOR THE COMING WEEKS.

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