



Mac Fleming presented the Fleming Cup for the Housewives Choice winning exhibitor Mark Breen from Augher



The Gary Pickering Memorial Cup for the Young Handlers competition age range 8 - 12 was presented to Sam Matchett, 11, from Portadown and was presented by Ralph Pickering.



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A record attendance and unprecedented prices at Allams

A RECORD attendance and unprecedented prices were the hallmark of Allams Christmas Show and Sale of beef cattle and spectacular calves held at Balmoral Showgrounds Belfast on Tuesday.

This event, which dates back to the 1920s, remains Ulster's premier beef event, with an outstanding entry of superb cattle from throughout Northern Ireland confirming this status.

The 24 classes of beef cattle were judged by Billy Glazbrooke, Lanarkshire who lost little time in selecting the various winners. Judging took place before a knowledgeable audience of cattle men and spectators. Throughout the day, with the crowd having swollen considerably by the time the breed champions were selected, inter breed rivalry helped ensure considerable vocal support for the winners of each breed.

After the breed champions were chosen Billy took a break, while Sam Milliken from



The Reserve Housewife's Choice Champion went to the Limousin owned by Bartley Finnegan from Finnegan Livestock, Dungannon and was sold to Corrie Meats, Netownards for £2400. Bartley was pictured with Will Corrie and sponsor Cormac McKervey, Ulster Bank Senior Agricultural Manager

Coleraine took over to select the Ulster Housewife's champion. With some 50 animals to choose from he had a daunting task. The

winner was a 590kg Angus heifer shown by Louise and Mark Breen, Augher.

The reserve ticket went to Finnegan

Livestock Dungannon with a 570kg Limousin heifer. Billy Glazbrooke returned to the judging of the supreme champion and awarded the ribbon to a superb British Blue heifer weighing 680kg exhibited by Stephen Williamson from Benburb, Co Tyrone. The reserve ticket went to Messrs Hempton and Hamilton from Gortin with a Charolais heifer weighing 430kg.

The auction began at 7pm with the 1,000 seated ring packed to overflowing, when the supreme champion entered the ring an air of expectancy was apparent. Brisk bidding quickly followed with many keen to purchase this excellent animal.

The hammer finally fell at £6,100 to the Meat Merchant, Moira, a provider of top quality beef to the leading hotels and restaurants in Ulster. The reserve champion sold for £3,700 for export to Eire.

As usual the Ulster Housewife's champion attracted keen interest finally securing a bid

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The Supreme Champion went to the British Blue Champion owned by Keith and Stephen Williamson from Benburb, Co Tyrone. The Champion was sold to Peter Hannan of the Meat Merchant, Moira for £6100. Keith was congratulated by Peter Hannan and sponsor Cormac McKervey, Ulster Bank Senior Agricultural Manager.



The Supreme Calf Champion went to the Limousin owned by Jack Smyth from Newtown Stewart who was congratulated by Noel Gill representing the sponsor Norbrook Laboratories and the judge David Clarke



The Housewife's Choice Champion went to the Aberdeen Angus owned by Louise and Mark Breen from Augher and was sold to Farmview Meats for £3100. Louise and Mark were congratulated by dad Maurice (right) and buyers Johnny and Jonathan McDowell and sponsor Cormac McKervey, Ulster Bank Senior Agricultural Manager



The Reserve Supreme Champion went to the Charolais Champion owned by Alan Hempton and Adrian Hamilton and was sold to Rodney Windrum and David Graham from Co Monaghan for £3700 who were congratulated by sponsor Cormac McKervey, Ulster Bank Senior Agricultural Manager

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Corby Rock Mill wish to Congratulate Stephen & Keith Williamson on winning the Belgium Blue class and also for winning the Supreme Championship with "Black Dynamite".

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