

Blonde wins butchers' heifer award at Moira

Progeny bred from British Blonde bulls featured strongly in the prize list at the Northern Ireland Commercial Cattle Exhibitors' Club's 6th annual show, held at Moira, County Armagh.



A Whistley Dollar daughter, exhibited by Nigel and Sandra Cochrane, Portadown, scooped the Dunbia Trophy, for the best butchers' heifer. (Below)



The competition was open to heifers weighing between 480 and 540 kilos, and was judged by suckler farmer and butcher, Willie Corrie from Newtownards. This home-bred entry also stood fourth in a strong class of light/midweight heifers. The weighed classes at the event were placed by Welsh fatstock producer, Arfon Jones.

Richard Beattie and Allister Crawford, Newtownstewart, County Tyrone, secured the Blonde championship with their fourth prize winning heavyweight heifer.



The reserve breed championship went to John Killen, and daughters, Shauna and Katrina from Crossgar. The breed championship classes were judged by Gene McCann from Julianstown, County Meath.

Full report and photographs from the event can be viewed on the NICCEC website:
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