

QUOYBRAE, Aberdeen & Northern Marts (August 10th) sold 4,384 prime and store sheep incorporating Dunbeath, Bettyhill, Forsinard and North West Sutherland areas.
The overall sale average was £62.66 (+ £10.90 on the year).

Ewe lambs (977) averaged £63.71 (+ £14.41) to £92 for Cheviots from 184 Armadale.

Wedder lambs (1,935) averaged £59.49 (+ £10.16) to £76 for Cheviots from The Ha' Auckengill.

Cross lambs (1,202) averaged £67.72 (+ £9.53) to £93 for Suffolks from Dounreay Post Office.

Prime lambs (220) averaged 198.5p and £90.54 gross to 212p for two 50kg Texels from Myrelandhorn (Mccarthy) and £108 gross for three 56kg Texels from 22 Laurie Terrace, Thurso.

Feeding ewes and rams (50) to £98 for Texels from Knockdee, Halkirk.

“An Excellent show of lambs was presented to a large ringside of buyers resulting in all classes selling to a very fast trade. With an abundance of grass this year and prime lamb prices way ahead of previous years, store lambs are experiencing one of the strongest demand on record.”

Leading prices per area

Bettyhill and Skerray

Ewe lambs: Chev – 99 Kirtomy £58; 8 Achina, 98 Kirtomy £55; 19 Lotts £52.

Store lambs: Chev – 98 Kirtomy £64; 99 Kirtomy £63; 19 Lotts £58.50.

Tex – 19 Lotts £63.50.

Halladale, Forsinard and Portskerra –

Ewe lambs: Chev – 50 Dalhalvaig £72; 146 Portskerra £63.

Store lambs: Suff – Kirkton £75; 218 Golval £67.50; Rye – 2 Holdings £63.50.

Chev – 62 Melvich, 218 Golval £63; Achumore £60.50; 50 Dalhalvaig, 2 Holdings £59.

Dunbeath –

Ewe lambs: Tex – Tacher £83; Dunbeath Farms £76; Braehillor £69.50. Chev – Braemore (McGonigill) £80; Torbeg £74; Tacher, Boultach (Black) £68. Blk – Tacher £80. Suff – Boulcrawford £63.50.

Store lambs: Tex – Braehillor £68. Suff – Dunbeath Farms £71.50; Boulcrawford £68.

Chev – Tacher, Torbeg, Achorn Sheep Stock Club £64.50; Boultach £64; Braemore £63.50.

Armadale and Strathy –

Ewe lambs: Chev – 128 Totiegan £78; 19 Baligill £76; Caberfeidh £71.

Store lambs: Suff – 128 Totiegan £75. Tex – 27 Brawl £73.50; Murray House £63.50.

B/F – 72 Strathy West £55; Murray House £54.50. Cont – 72 Strathy West £53.50; Chev – 184 Armadale £66; Greenburn, 128 Totiegan, 61 Strathy East £63; Caberfeidh £62.

Caithness –

Ewe lambs: Blk – Achaguie £86. Chev – Upper Puldagon £79.

Tex – Achaguie £74; Whiteleen £69. ChevX – Quoys of Reiss £65

Store lambs: Suff – Westerloch £77.50; 5 Upper Dounreay £69.50.

Chev – Dounreay Post Office, Lower Houstry £70.50; Lower Westerdale £70; 5 Upper Dounreay £69.

Tex – Achaguie £73; Balmore £70.50; Whiteleen £68.

Jac – 5 Upper Dounreay £69. ChevX – Quoys of Reiss £64.50, Kerryhill – Westerloch £64.

Prime Lambs

Suf- Achscrabster, Bridge of Westfield £99, Upper Geise, Janetstown 205p; **Tex** – Myrelandhorn £106, Achscrabster 207.9p; **TexX-** 22 Laurie Terrace, Thurso £105, Cruthni, Tofts 207.2p; **BDM** – Ha, Bowermadden £95, 203.5p; **SufX-** Ha, Durran £95, Quarryside, Castletown 205.2p.

Feeding Ewes & Rams

SufX- Quoybrae, Farmhouse £90; **Black** – Quoybrae Farmhouse £88; **Tex-** Hawkhill, Keiss £82; **Chv** - Quarryside, John of Groats £79; **HB** – Quoybrae £79