

QUOYBRAE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (2nd March) sold 410 sheep.

Old Season Prime lambs (75) sold to 238p per kg and £118 gross for a pen of 50kg Texels from D A Budge, Brae-edge, Castletown.

Old Season Store Lambs (238) averaged £69.41 and sold to £108 for Continentals from J Macdonald, West Brims, Forss.

Feeding Ewes and Rams (92) averaged £91.26 and sold to £140 for a Texel ram from W & G Coghill, Balnahard, Halkirk.

Breeding Ewes (5) sold to £116 for a 3 crop Zwartble from R Gotts, Geise Farm, Thurso.

Once again all classes of prime and store lambs were keenly bid for. Feeding ewes and rams met a fast selling trade with an average of £91.26 being achieved with prices being one of the dearest seen at this centre.

Leading prices per head and kg:

Old Season Prime Lambs: Hill Chev – 5 West Murkle £111, 227.5p; Tex – 22 Laurie Terrace, Tofts of Tain £107, 22 Laurie Terrace 234.1p; HB – Tofts of Tain £106, 207.8p; Leic – Osclay £106, Tofts of Tain 205.3p; Chev – Myrelandhorn (Mccarthy) £105.50, Westerloch 218.5p; Suff – Westerloch £94, 225p.

Old Season Store Lambs: Chev/Mule – Latheron Mains £106, Borrowstopn Mains £90; Tex – Mooredge £94, Bowertower Mains £91, Borrowston Mains £84; Suff – West Brims £85, Borrowston Mains £80; Rom – Gansclett £85; Shet – Borrowston Mains £79.

Feeding Ewes: Chev/Mule – Borrowston Mains £110, Pentland View (Mackenzie) £100, Newlands Geise £98; Mule – Pentland View £109; Hill Chev – Upper Latheron £100, 182 Armadale £98, Station Farm, 3 Borgie £88; Tex – Pentland View £100.

Feeding Rams: Tex – Balnahard £120; Hill Chev – 3 Borgie £108, 19 Baligill £98; Cross – Curlew, Mybster £98.