

QUOYBRAE, Aberdeen & Northern Marts (2nd October 2023) sold 4,375 prime, breeding, store & feeding sheep.

Prime lambs (1,035) averaged 235.8p per kg (+9.5p on the year) and sold to 257.3p for a 41kg Beltex from Upper Dounreay, Reay and £128.50 gross for a 53kg Beltex from Bardnaclavan, Bridge of Westfield .

Breeding sheep (179) sold to £155 for Cheviot Gimmers.

Ewe lambs (501) sold to £132 for Half-Breds from Overton, Mid-Clyth (Sutherland).

Store lambs (1,702) averaged £74.06 (+£8.85 on the year) to £103.50 for a Suffolks from Kirkton, Melvich.

Feeding ewes & rams (958) averaged £78.74 (+£4.14 on the year) to £164.50 for a Beltex Ram from Inkstack, Barrock.

“A quality show of 1035 prime lambs were sold today with well-presented finished lambs meeting a premium return whilst dirty lambs were of little interest to buyers. Store lambs were an easy commodity to cash with the best bred lambs easily being knocked down in excess of £80. Another fantastic entry of cast ewes were very keenly bid for with a real shortage of pure bred ewes forward.”

Leading prices per head and kg

Prime lambs:

Tex- Lythmore £125.50, Balmore, Dounreay (Gunn) 255.7p; **TexX-** West Watten (Thomson) £122.50, £120.50, Todholes 250p; **Cont-** West Watten (Thomson) £120.50, Backlass 242p; **Bel-** Bardnaclavan £120.50, Murza, Bower 256p; **Suff** – Lythmore, Bridge of Westfield £118.50, Backlass 244p; **SufX-** 2 West Watten (Campbell), Toftcarl, West Watten (Thomson) £117.50, Todholes 243p; **HB-** Lythmore, Bridge of Westfield £117.50, Myrelandhorn 233p; **Chv-** Bardnaclavan £116.50, Backlass, Watten 237.8p; **DownX-** The Smithy, Haster, Clachan, Mid-Clyth £116.50, Myrelandhorn 241.5p; **NCC-** Greenvale, Dunnet, West Watten (Thomson) £116.50, West Watten 228.4p; **ContX-** Bardnaclavan £115.50, Myrelandhorn 241.5p; **SufX-** Pentland View, Norland £114.50, Backlass 240.2p; **Black-** Norland, Lybster £114.50, 220.2p; **Cross-** Myrelandhorn £113.50, Brickigoe, Thrumster 236p; **BelX-** Quarryside, Castletown £111.50, Burnlea House, Lower Greenland 255.1p; **Cha-** Quarryside £107.50, Murza 236p; **ChvMule-** East End, John of Groats £107.50, 233.7p.

Leading prices per head

Breeding sheep:

Tex Gmrs – Quoybrae £150; **Suf Gmrs-** Bullechauch, Harpsdale £140; **Chv Gmrs-** Quoybrae £132; **Chv Corr Ewes-** West Greenland, Castletown £94, £80; **2Crop Cha Ewe-** Gansclett £85; **Mule Corr Ewes-** Thura Mains £115; **Tex Corr Ewes-** Perdu, North Watten £132, West Greenland £112.

Ewe Lambs

HB- Granton Mains £128; **SufXHB-** Granton Mains £119; **Chv-** Stroma Island £115, £92, Upper Puldagon £92.50; **Blk-** Upper Puldagon £95; **ChvMule-** Upper Geise £87; **NCC-** Hillside, Saclet £84, March Cottage £79; **Cha-** Upper Geise £89 **Tex-** Glencroft, Glengolly £95, Plover Inn £92.

Store Lambs

TexX- North Calder, Thurso £102; **HB-** Overton, Mid-Clyth £100.50; **Tex-** Seaview, Old Wick £98; **Suff** – Curlew £97, £89.50; **Bel-** Inkstack £96.50; **ChvX-** 35 Church Street, Halkirk £96; **Chv-** Gullen Lodge £90.50; **Cha-** Skirza Croft £89.50; **SufX-** Kirkton £89; **DownX-** South Head, Dunnet £88; **HampX-** Langskaill £86; **NCC-** Achairn, Stirkoke £87; **Blk-** Curlew, Mysbter £86; **ChaX-** Braehill, Dunbeath £86; **NCC-** Damside Castletown £85, £83; **Cont-** Brabsterdorrان, Bower £82, £79; **BlkX-** Langskaill, Roster £80; **Mule-** Brasbterdorrان £79; **ContX-** Knockinnon, Dunbeath £78; **MuleX-** Scrabster House £74.

Feeding ewes & rams:

NCC- Granton Mains, Bower £138.50; **Suff** – Lynegar, Watten £137.50; **Tex-** Skinnnet £137.50; **TexX-** Scarmclate, Halkirk, Seaview £133.50; **NCC-** Overton, Mid-Clyth £134.50; **SufX-** Sibmister £127.50; **BluTex-** Norland, Lybster £123.50; **Chv-** Lingland, £109.50; **Cont-** North Calder £106.50 **Mule-** Thura Mains £105.50; **MuleX-** Skinnnet, Halkirk £104.50; **ChvX-** Achvarsadale, Reay £105.50 **Bel-** Inkstack, Barrock (MacKenzie) £99.50; **ContX-** East Durrان £95.50; **Blk-** Sibmister £75.50; **BF-** East Durrان, Castletown £49.50.