

**THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October) Sold 3713 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.**

**New Season Prime Lambs (2231)** averaged 237p per kg (-14p) and sold to 307.3p per kg for 48kg Beltex's from Drumnahive, Kildrummy and £151 gross for 53kg Beltex Crosses from Shougle, Birnie.

**New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (674)** averaged 234.4p per kg (-24.1p).

**Feeding Ewes & Rams (1482)** averaged £75.53 and sold to £252 for Texel's from Logie Durno Farm, Pitcaple.

“Thainstone had their biggest sale of prime and cast sheep this season so far for when they sold 3713. 2223 prime lambs sold easier on the week to average 237p per kg or £110.85 per head. This is still 24p per kg or £15 per head dearer than the same day last year. Good well fleshed lambs are keenly bid for throughout the sale whilst leaner sorts were heavily penalised. 1482 cast ewes and rams sold at a similar trade to last week. With no fewer than 9 buyers present more numbers are required on a weekly basis.

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

**New Season Prime Lambs: Bel** – West Cairnhill, Culsalmond £150, Culhay, Forbes 297.9p; **Pure Bel** – Drumnahive £148, 296p; **BeIX** – Drumnahive £147.50, Birkenbower, Lumsden 288p; **BluTex** – Collieston, Fordoun £142.50, West Cairnhill 272.4p; **Cont** – Sunnybrae Lodge, Blackhills £141.50, Nether Drumallochie, Kildrummy 273.3p; **Tex** – Culhay £140.50, Muir Farm, Alford 268.4p; **TexX** – Culhay £140, Mapeview, Lumphanan 265.7p; **ContX** – Mains of Blackford, Rothienorman £139.50, Craigshowdie, Ardallie 261.1p; **Cross** – Shougle £137.50, 285.8p; **BluTexX** – Collieston £135.50, 268.4p; **Char** – Ferniebrae, Stonehaven £134.50, Birselasie, Midmar 263p; **CharX** – South Mains of Tillymorgan £133.50, Seats, Tough 262.5p; **SufX** – South Mains of Tillymorgan £130.50, Shougle 253.1p; **Rye** – Frostybrae, Maud £130.50; **Suf** – South Craighead, Skelmuir £128.50, Middle Muirden, Turriff 250p; **DutSptd** – Middle Muirden £126.50.

Leading Prices per Head

**Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex** – Logie Durno £250; **Tex** – Logie Durno £197.50; **TexX** – Auchorrie, Midmar £179.50; **Char** – Logie Durno £177.50; **Cont** – Logie Durno £171.50; **SufX** – Logie Durno £147.50; **Suf** – Logie Durno £141.50; **Bel** – Tillyboy, Echt £139.50; **Down** – Muirden of Cranna, Aberchirder £125.50; **ContX** – Logie Durno £125.50; **BluTex** – The Manse, Duncanstone £124.50; **Cross** – South Craighead £123.50; **Mule** – Dorsell, Alford £114.50

**Feeding Rams: BFL** – Overhil, Whitecairns £133.50; **Tex** – Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminstown £124.50; **Suf** – Drimmie Farm, Rescobie £119.50; **Chv** – Overhill £119.50; **BF** – Mains of Lurg, Nethy Bridge £117.50; **Cross** – North Retannach, Rothiemay £109.50; **TexX** – Mains of Lurg £107.50.