

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Tuesday 24th October) Sold 3429 Store and Breeding Sheep including Island Consignments.

Breeding Sheep (359) averaged £133.43 and sold to £190 for Mule Gimmers from Newton of Crathie, Crathie.

Ram Lambs (32) sold to £450 for a Texel from 2 Earlsfield Cottage, Kennethmont.

Rams (98) sold to £800 for a Texel Shearling Ram from West Cairnhill, Culsalmond

Ewe Lambs (48) averaged £115.95 and sold to £135 for Texel's from West Bogton, Dellavaire.

Store Lambs (2387) averaged £80.95 and sold to £123 for a pen of Suffolk's from Turfhillock, Gight.

Island Consigned Store Lambs (505) averaged £78.37 and sold to £98 for Mules from Neven, Dounby.

“Breeding sheep continued to see a fairly strong end of season demand selling at good rates. Best bred rams were in short supply with vendors returning home more than satisfied. The store lamb ring lacked the best top types but all classes were in excellent demand with long keep sorts also very keenly bid for. Numbers needed weekly to satisfy the buyers requirements.”

Leading Prices per Head

Breeding Sheep: Mule Gmr – Wardhead, Strichen £166; **MuleX Gmr** – Wardhead £165; **Cont Gmr** – Lost Farm, Strathdon £165; **Bel Gmr** – Tillyboy, Echt £155; **BelX Gmr** – Tillyboy £150; **Tex Gmr** – Mains of Corsegight, New Deer £145; **TexX Gmr** – Mains of Corsegight £140.

Ram Lambs: Pure Suf – South Tillydesk, Ellon £420; **Tex** - 2 Earlsfield Cottage £400; **Suf** – South Tillydesk, Milltown of Birness, Ellon £380; **Char** – Eastside Farm, Whitecairns £350.

Shearling Rams: Pure Suf – Tofthills, Clatt £780; **Suf** – Tofthills £750; **Pure Tex** – The Green, Raemoir £720; **Tex** – Tillyorn Corse, Lumphanan £700; **Bel** – Hillhead of Cannahars, Whitecairns £500; **Rou** – 2 Wood Cottages, Newmachar £380; **BluTex** – Odmoston, Laurencekirk £380; **BFL** – Newton of Hassiewells, Rothienorman £380.

Ewe Lambs: Mule - Mains of Glenbuchat, Strathdon £125; **Tex** – West Bogton £118; **Suf** – Turfhillock £118

Store Lambs: Tex – Woodend Farm, Birkenhills £113; **Cont** – Wester Micras, Crathie £109; **Suf** – Wester Wyndings, Stonehaven, Craigmancy, Bridge of Marnoch, Mains of Allanbuie, Keith £109; **SufX** – Mains of Allanbuie £108; **TexX** – Sunnybrae Lodge, Blackhills £105; **Zwar** – Mill of Strachan, Strachan £100; **Down** –

Prony Farm, Ballater £98; **Cross** – Todholes, Lower Cabrach £96; **ChvMule** – Knockyfin, Dunphail £95;

Island Consigned Store Lambs: **Tex** – Balfour Castle, Balfour £97; **Cont** – Quanterness, St Ola £95; **ContX** – Quanterness £90; **ChaX** – Garth Corston, Harray £89; **Suf** – Balfour Castle £89.