

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Tuesday 31st October) Sold 3011 Store and Breeding Sheep including Island Consignments.

Breeding Sheep (543) averaged £103.74 and sold to £215 for Texel Gimmers from Kennachy, Forss.

Ram Lambs (3) sold to £180 twice both for a Beltex X Suffolk from Bridgeton, Muir of Fowlis.

Shearling Ram (44) sold to £580 for a Texel from Veltigar, Tankerness.

Ewe Lambs (116) averaged £89.27 and sold to £125 for Beltex's from Bridgeton, Muir of Fowlis.

Store Lambs (1736) averaged £85.28 and sold to £160 for a Continental Lamb which was kindly donated by Mr Alex Gray Dunearn Farm, Nairn for the St Andrews Appeal.

Island Consigned Store Lambs (363) sold to £89 for Suffolks Crosses from Kergord.

West Island Consigned Sheep (206) sold to £170 for Texel Ewes from 1 Tong, Stornoway.

“Store Lambs easily maintained the recent very strong trade. An excellent average of £85.28 was achieved which was even more impressive considering there were more long keep lambs on offer.”

Leading Prices per Head

Breeding Sheep: SufX Gmr – Newton of Crathie £170; **Tex Gmr** – Kennachy £165; **TexX Gmr** – Veltigar £160; **Suf Ewe** – Isbister, North Roe £150; **Bel Gmr** – Largie £140; **Cont Gmr** – Newburgh Farm, Memsie £132; **Cont WM** – Parkieside, Rhyinie £130.

Breeding Rams: Pure Tex – Veltigar £550 (X2); **Tex** – Veltigar £520 (X3); **Bel** – Newton of Crathie, Crathie £450; **BFL** – Newton of Crathie £420; **Suf** – Stonyford, Tarland £350; **Char** – Hillhead of Cannahars, Whitecairns £220 (X2).

Ewe Lambs: Pure Suf – 2 Ballochview, Grange £122; **Suf** – 2 Ballochview £120; **Bel** – Bridgeton £114; **SufX** – Turfhillock, Gight £110; **Mule** – Newton, Tullynessle £108; **BelX** – Bridgeton £108.

Store Lambs: Suf – Midtown, Strachan £113; **Cont** – Mill of Largie £112; **Tex** – Mill of Largie £109; **TexX** – Midtown £108; **ChvMul** – Newton £105; **SufX** – 2 Ballochview £102; **ContX** – Delnabo, Glencairn, Turfhillock £99; **Chv** – Cormalet, Cairnie £98; **Mule** – Dunearn Farm £98; **Cross** – Allargue Estate, Corgaff £98; **GF** – Newton £97; **Down** – Upper Tillenhill, Midmar £97; **DownX** – Midtown £96; **Ker** – Newton £90; **Bel** – Clinterty, New Aberdour £90.

West Island Consigned Store Lambs - Bel - 2A Tong, Stornoway £90; Chv – Dell Farm, Isle of Lewis £87; Cont – 6A Brue, Barvas £80; ChvX – Dell Farm £73.

West Island Consigned Ewes – Bel - 2A Tong £128; Tex – Barvas, Glebe Farm £100; Chv Gmr – Dell Farm £95 ChvX – Dell Farm £88; TexX – 6A Brue £78.