

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 15th November) Sold 4085 Prime and Store Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (2216) averaged 256p per kg (-11p) and sold to 321.8p per kg for a pen of 39kg Beltex from Ashley Cottage, Greens and £168 gross for a Pure Texel's from Belnoe, Chapeltown.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1101) averaged 263p per kg (-7.6p).

Store Lambs (41) sold to £110.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1828) averaged £67.73 and sold to £274.50 for Texel's from Newton of Auchaber, Corse.

“A busy day at Thainstone saw 4085 prime and cull sheep sold. 2216 prime lambs sold at very satisfactory prices, all be it at slightly lesser rates than last weeks excellent trade. A mixed show were forward resulting in quality bred well finished lambs selling very well to a good ringside of buyers.

A large entry of 1828 ewes and rams were forward this week. Best pure types were short of supply will all classes selling well. A total of 444 blackface ewes averaging £45.97 are included in the respectable average of £67.73.”

“ANM Group are proud to support the IAAS lamb donation for St Andrew's Day. Over 30,000 pupils from across 180 Scottish schools will celebrate St Andrew's Day by cooking and enjoying Scotch Lamb, we would like to thank A & M Simpson, Mains of Leslie and A & N Keith, Blackmyre who generously donated a lamb to the campaign.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex – Ashley Cottage £149.50, Nether Drumallochie, Glenkindle 311p; **Tex** – Muirden of Cranna, Aberchirder £148, Renniehill, Newmachar 306.1p; **Suf** – Cummerton, New Aberdour £141.50, Mains of Kildrummy, Kildrummy 270.2p; **TexX** – Uppermill, Tarves £140.50, Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminstown 304.9p; **Bel** – Tillyboy, Echt £140, 297.9p; **SufX** – Uppermill £139.50, Mains of Kildrummy 267.9p; **BluTex** – Peattie, Inverbervie £138, 300p; **Cont** – Culhay, Forbes £137.50, Clayfords Cottage, Strichen 294.2p; **Char** – 48 High Street, New Aberdour £136.50, Meikle Haddo, Newburgh 258.3p; **Cross** – 35 Main Street, New Deer £136.50, Strath Farm, Watten 280.2p; **ContX** – Midhill of Seggat, Auchterless £135.50, Honeyneuk Farm, Maud 274.4p; **Down** – Muirden of Cranna £134.50, Mains of Kildrummy 267.9p; **DownX** – Uppermill £133.50, Hassiewell, Rothienorman 265.6p; **BelX** – Drumnahive, Kildrummy £131.50, 279.8p; **ChvX** – Newton of Auchaber, Corse £128.50; **DutSptd** – Little Rowater, Cornhill £125.50.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Trondheim, Rendal £251.50; **Tex** – Ashley Cottage, Ard Na Moy, Glassel £231.50; **Cont** – Ashley Cottage, 91 Main Street, Newmill £199.50; **ContX** – Newton of Greeness, Turrieff £194.50; **BelX** – Newton of Auchaber £184.50; **Bel** – Culhay £161.50; **BluTex** – Drumnahive £144.50; **BluTexX** – Mains of Tonley, Alford £141.50; **Suf** – Home Farm of Auchry £133.50; **SufX** – Craigiebrae,

Aberchirder £129.50; **Down** – Muirden of Cranna £128.50; **DownX** – Mains of Thornton, Bourtie £125.50; **ChvMul** – Greenmyres, Gamrie £124.50; **Cross** – Midtown, Glass £123.50; **Llyen** – Brodieshill, Alves £119.50; **BFL** – Pollowick, Cromdale £116.50; **ChvX** – West Balbithan, Kintore £115.50; **Chv** – West Balbithan £112.50; **Mule** – Craigiebrae, Aberchirder, Muirden of Cranna £88.50.

Feeding Rams: **Char** – Greenhill Farm, Lonmay £157.50; **Leic** – Woodhead, Cairness £147.50; **Chv** – Fersness £139.50; **ChvX** – Pittenkerrie £129.50; **Llyen** – South House Croft, Eday £118.50; **LlyenX** – Delnabo, Glencairn £117.50;