

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 2nd November) Sold 2578 Prime Sheep, Store Lambs and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

1592 Prime Lambs averaged 251p per kg (+14p) and sold to 289.3p per kg for 42kg Texel Crosses from Brenan, Laurencekirk and £151.50 gross for 63kg Texel's from Skelbister, Orphir.

495 Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg averaged 249.7p per kg (+15.3p).

Store Lambs (110) sold to £119.50 for Continental's from Bogharvey, Turriff.

876 Feeding Ewes & Rams averaged £77.16 and sold to £234.50 for a Pure Texel from Kennachy, Forss.

“ANM sold 1592 prime lambs at their weekly sale. The smaller show was reflected throughout the country today especially in the south, due to the continued adverse weather. However the upside of this was a marked lift in the trade with all lambs averaging £119.64 (+ £21 on the year) We are still witnessing a two tier trade with well fleshed lambs commanding premium prices over leaner sorts. 876 cast ewes and rams sold much dearer on the week with no fewer than 12 buyers round the ringside. All classes would be easily £10 to £15 up on the week.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex – Mains of Auchnagatt, Ellon £148.50, Uppermill Farm, Tarves 285.6p; **Tex** – Honeyneuk Farm, Maud £147.50, Uppermill Farm 283.7p; **Suf** – Cairndale, Sauchen £146.50, South Easterton, Hatton 261p; **ChvX** – South Easterton £146.50, 276.4p; **SufX** – Shougle, Birnie £141.50, South Byebush, St Katherines 258p; **TexX** – Shougle £140.50, Belniden, Strathdon 281.1p; **Cont** – Lenahowe, Sandwick £140.50, 275.5p; **ContX** – Burn of Aultmore, Newmill £139.50, 5 Quarryhill, Peterculter 261.5p; **BluTex** – North Retannach, Rothiemay £137.50, 278.9p; **Down** – Cairndale £137.50, Mains of Cranna, Aberchirder 257.8p; **CharX** – Shougle £137.50, 264.4p; **Bel** – Brenan £136.50, Foggieley, Craigievar 286.2p; **DownX** – Uppermill Farm £135.50, Mains of Cranna 256.1p; **BelX** – Foggieley, Honeyneuk Farm £134.50, Nether Drumallochie, Glenkindie 285.2p; **Chv** – Cormalet, Cairnie £127.50, Ballinloan, Croft House 253.6p; **Black** – Hilton Farm, Durriss £127.50; **ChvMul** – Roundhillock, Inverugie £126.50.

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Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Upper Kirkton, Dyce £209.50; **Tex** – Kennachy £200; **TexX** – Loanend, Lumphanan £189.50; **Cont** – Kennachy £179.50; **ContX** – Midtown of Barras, Stonehaven £155.50; **Suf** – West Balthangie, Cuminstown £143.50; **BluTex** – North Retannach £143.50; **SufX** – St Johns Wells, Fyvie £142.50; **Black** – Kennachy £139.50; **Cross** – Dykeneuk, Netherley £133.50; **Chv** – Standingstones, Dyce £131.50; **ChvX** – Loanend, Inverallochy £125.50; **Oxf** – Fowlis Cottage, Muir of Fowlis £117.50; **Down** – St Johns Wells £115.50; **DownX** – Bogharvey £114.50; **Mule** – Wartle, Lumphanan £103.50.

Feeding Rams: Tex – Bogharvey £187.50; **Cross** – Dunecht Home Farm, Westhill £177.50; **Chv** – Bogharvey £164.50; **Lleyn** – Bogharvey £157.50; **Suf** – Erinvale, Anguston £147.50.