

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 9th November) Sold 3873 Prime Sheep, Store Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (2376) averaged 267p per kg (+16p) and sold to 331.3p per kg for 40kg Beltexs from 4 Largue cottages, Forgue and £172 gross for a 78kg Texel from Mid Haddo, Fyvie.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1344) averaged 270.6p per kg (+20.9p).

Store Lambs (115) sold to £108 for Texels from Sunnyhill, Turriff.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1382) averaged £69.43 and sold to £174.50 for Texel's from Newton of Greeness, Turriff. .

"A greatly increased show of 2376 prime lambs met with an animated demand at Thainstone on Thursday selling to average 267p per kg or £120.60 per head. Well fleshed lambs once again were in great demand whilst leaner sorts continue to be hard to cash. Given the consistent inclement weather we are back to having to belly clip all prime sheep.

1382 cast ewes and rams sold in line with last week strong trade topping at £174.50 for pure Texel's. Despite a larger number of smaller ewes forward the average price levelled at a commendable £69.43"

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Bel – Sunnyhill £168, Quoymorehouse, Balfour 330.7p; **SufX** – Uppermill, Kintore £162, Little Muddy, Inverurie 287.2p; **TexX** – South Blachrie, Fyvie £160, Belnaboth, Glenkindie 314.1p; **BelX** – Netherhill, St Fergus £161.50, 329.6p; **Tex** – Hillcrest, Clola £154, Uppermill 307.8p; **Cont** – West Cairnhill, Culsalmond £152.50, Broomhill, Methlick 317.4p; **ContX** – Uppermill £150.50, Brokenwynd, Newmachar, Kinadie, Logie Coldstone 298.7p; **BDM** – Standingstones, Dyce £147.50, 296.6p; **CharX** – Newtonhill, Clatt £137.50, Lynemore, Glenrinnies 284.1p; **Black** – Sunnyhill £140.50, 285.6p; **Leic** – Crannabog, Rothienorman £140, 233.3p; **DutSpt** – Sunnyhill £126.50, 281.1p; **Dor** – Blackhall, Drumoak £135.50, 250.9p; **ChvMul** – Knavenside, Maud £134.50, 244.5p; **DownX** – Wester Coull, Tarland £133.50, 261.7p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: BluTex – West Cairnhill £174; **Tex** – Boghead, Drumblade £169.50; **Pure Tex** – Hestwall House, Holm £161.50; **Suf** – Dalbraidie, Monymusk £157.50; **TexX** – Boghead £164.50; **Bel** – Honeyneuk Farm, Maud £149.50; **BelX** – Quoymorhouse, Balfour £137.50; **Chv** – Gladhill, Garmouth £137.50; **ChvX** – Mossneuk, Ellon £135.50; **Cross** – Broomhill £133.50; **BDM** – Uppermill £131.50; **Down** – Drumancroy, Portmahomack £127.50; **DownX** – South Keithney, Burnhervie £121.50; **Dorset** – Woodlands, Dyce £111.50; **Mule** – Burnside of Tynet, Clochan £95.50.

Feeding Rams: Pure Tex – Balmoral Estate £154.50; **Tex** – Mossneuk £149.50; **TexX** – Ferniebrae, Meikle Wartle £139.50; **Chv** – Berry Farm, Scalloway £134.50;

Cont – Prony Farm, Ballater £119.50; **Lleyn** – Nether Toucks, Dunnottar £114.50;
Suf – Knockhall, South Ronaldson £104.50; **BluTex** – Uppermill £97.50.