

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 11th January) Sold 2880 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

Old Season Prime Lambs (2206) averaged 267p per kg (-6p) and sold to 329.1p per kg for 55kg Pure Texel's and £200 gross for 61kg Pure Texels both from Harestone Farm, Crathes.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1009) averaged 273.3p per kg (-7.5p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (674) averaged £95.72 and sold to £350 for a Pure Texel from Oldtown Farm, Peterculter.

“A larger entry of prime lambs followed the national trend selling at slightly lesser rates. However top end heavies and indeed best export weights would be dearer with a top price of £200 per head for Pure Texels from Harestone. The ewe ring saw a new record price achieved with a tremendous Pure Texel from Oldtown Farm, Peterculter reaching an excellent £350. All other types & breeds of ewes would also be much sharper on the week with a strong average of £95.72.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Old Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex – Oldtown, Peterculter £182, Harestone 327.9p; **Tex** – Harestone £181, Halley, Deerness 303.4p; **TexX** – Oldtown £180, Broomhill, Methlick 298.9p; **Pure Suf** – Cairnton, Techmuiry £145.50, West Manbeen, Elgin 281.9p; **Cont** – Gellybrae, New Deer £140, Bush of Muldearie, Keith 291.7p; **Cross** – 14 Balloch Road, Keith £139.50, Garvelside, New Pitsligo 292p; **Suf** – Wester Manbeen £138.50, Ledmacoy, Strathdon 279.3p; **SufX** – Berefold, Ellon £137.50, Harestone 291.2p; **Chv** – Harestone £135.50, Westerloch, Wick 279.8p; **Down** – Braeside, Tough, Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown £135.50, Standingstones, Dyce 278.4p; **ContX** – Townhead of Gight, Fyvie £135.50, Percy Horner, Fraserburgh 285.9p; **DutSptd** – Halley £134.50, 286.2p; **ChvX** – Skelbister, Orphir £134.50, 281.1p; **DownX** – Mains of Slains, Collieston £134.50, Wester Manbeen 277.7p; **Black** – Garvelside £132.50, Burnside of Whitefield, Forglen 306.1p; **Bel** – Bush of Muldearie £130.50, 318.3p; **BelX** – Loanend, Glenkindie £128.50, Bush of Muldearie 318.3p; **Mule** – Whinnyhaugh, Garmouth, Craigiebrae, Aberchirder £128.50.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Clinterty, New Aberdour £275; **Tex** – Clinterty £255; **Bel** – Mains of Allanbuie, Keith £234.50; **TexX** – Newton of Greeness, Turriff £200; **Cont** – Cairnton, Techmuiry £194.50; **ContX** – Little Howes, Holm £189.50; **Cross** – Gowanwell, Auchnagatt £184.50; **Pure Suf** – Cairnton £179.50; **Suf** – Cairnton £174.50; **BelX** – Mains of Allanbuie, Keith £167.50; **Blu Tex** – Newtack, Crossroads £157.50; **BFL** – Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown £144.50; **SufX** – Uppermill, Kintore £144.50; **Char** – Westerton, Echt £134.50; **Chev** – Westerton £129.50; **HB** – Greens of Middlehill, Cuminestown £127.50; **CharX** – Uppermill £127.50; **ChevX** – Greystone, Peterhead £121.50; **Mule** – Uppermill £117.50; **ChvMul** – Gowanwell £115.50; **GF** – Hawkden, Gamrie, Wairds of Alpity, Arbuthnott £114.50; **BF** – Burnside of Whitefield, Forglen £81.50.

Feeding Rams: Pure Tex – Glensaugh, Laurencekirk £179.50; **Chv** – Lower House, Hillwell £154.50; **Tex** – Lower House £137.50; **TexX** - Gowanwell £129.50; **Suf** – Wellheads, Huntly £127.50.