

**THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January) Sold 2387 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.**

**Old Season Prime Lambs (1663)** averaged 273p per kg (-3p) and sold to 335.7p per kg and £164.50 for 49kg Texel's from Uppermill, Tarves.

**Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (653)** averaged 280.8p per kg (-3.6p).

**Store Lambs (13)** sold to £122.50 for Cheviot Crosses from Auchenbreddie, Inch.

**Feeding Ewes & Rams (711)** averaged £78.37 and sold to £255 for a Texel Ram from Cairnbo, Gamrie.

"The prime lamb trade continues at excellent levels with all well finished sorts very keenly bid for. Heavyweights were particularly sought after with many in the £135-140 bracket. The ewe ring saw a large percentage of leaner and Blackface ewes forward. Trade remains strong with best meated ewes in big demand."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

**Old Season Prime Lambs: Pure Bel** – Ranna, Tarland £150, Muirfield, Everton of Auchry 335.1p; **Pure Tex** – Ard Na Moy, Glassel £150, Birselasie, Midmar 290.2p; **TexX** – North Quilquox, Ythanbank £149.50, Mains of Cowie, Stonehaven 290p; **Tex** – Cairnbo, Gamrie £144.50, 289p; **SufX** – Mains of Leask, Slains £143.50, Darnford, Durris 284p; **Cont** – South Easterton, Hatton £143, Foggieley, Craigievar 308p; **Cross** – South Craighead, Skelmuir, Uppermill, Mill of Gellan, Coull £142.50, Ranna 306.1p; **ContX** – Berefold, Ellon £139.50, Birkenbower, Lumsden 307.8p; **Suf** – South Craighead £139.50, Mains of Techmuiry, Fraserburgh, Auchenzeoch, Fordoun 285.6p; **Bel** – Birkenbower £138.50, 4 Large Cottages, Fergie 318.8p; **Down** – Darnford, Beinn Alvin, The Brae £137.50, Mains of Techmuiry 282.2p; **BelX** – Birkenbower £137.50, Dorsell, Alford 309.2p; **Black** – Mains of Techmuiry £137.50, Drumyell, Arbroath 296.2p; **DownX** – Clintery, New Aberdour £136.50, Pittenkerrie, Glassel 281.9p; **Char** – Middlehill, Rothienorman £136.50, Mains of Cowie, Stonehaven 291.9p; **BluTex** – Butlers Cottage, Haddo £134.50; **CharX** – Ankerville, Nigg Station £133.50, South Byebush, St Katherines 286.6p; **Chv** – Cloves, Alves £132.50, South Byebush 289p; **ChvX** – Shewglie, Glenurquhart £132, 281.1p; **Mule** – North Garmond, Turriff £129.50.

Leading Prices per Head

**Feeding Ewes: BluTex** – Ranna Farm, Tarland £197.50; **BluTexX** – Butlers Cottage, Haddo Estate £184.50; **Bel** – Ranna Farm £174.50; **Pure Tex** – Greystone, Peterhead £167.50; **Tex** – Auchenbreddie Farm, Inch, Berefold, Ellon £164.50; **Chv** – North Garmond £157.50; **TexX** – Auchenbreddie Farm £145.50; **Cont** – North Crannoch, Crossroads £140.50; **ContX** – Denhead of Muiresk, Turriff £139.50; **NCC** – Glenfinnan, Findon £135.50; **Suf** – Harestone Farm, Crathes £134.50; **HB** – Tillymauld, Garmond £129.50; **ChvMul** – Mains of Leask, Slains £127.50; **SufX** – Craigiewell, Woodhead of Laithers £125.50; **ChvX** – Little Barras, Fordoun £107.50; **Mule** – Berefold, Ellon £107.50; **BF** – Auchmair £82.50.

**Feeding Rams: Dor** – Glenfinnan £147.50; **BluTex** – Butlers Cottage £121.50.

