

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 29th February) Sold 4302 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

Old Season Prime Lambs (3712) averaged 329p per kg (+16p) and sold to 400p per kg for 40g Beltex from Craigiebrae, Aberchirder and £200 gross for 57kg Beltexs from Mains of Leslie, Leslie.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1451) averaged 347.4p per kg (+24.9p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (590) averaged £114.53 and sold to £298 for a Texel from Skelbister, Orphir.

“Prime hoggs saw a grand trade throughout the day with export weights at record levels. The SQQ weight up to 45.5kg averaged a tremendous 347.4p (+24.9p) on the week. Sale top was £200 for Beltex from Mains of Leslie. Demand was high for feeding ewes and rams with mule and blackface sorts seeing the biggest rise. The sale topped at £298 for a tremendous pure texel ewe from Skelbister, Orphir.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Old Season Prime Lambs: DutSptd – Overton of Ardo, Methlick £190, Mill of Auchlin, New Aberdour 317p; **Pure Suf** – Tofthills, Clatt £187.50, Raefin, Keith 372p; **Tex** – Mosshead, Whitehouse £185.50, 398.8p; **Pure Tex** – Longhill, Crimond £180, Newton of Lewesk, Old Rayne 377.9p; **Suf** – Tofthills £179.50, Caiesmill, Kinellar 364.6p; **SufX** – South Blachrie, Fyvie £175.50, Tillykerrie, Keith-hall 364p; **Pure Bel** – Standingstones, Dyce £173.50, Netherhill, St Fergus 389.3p; **Down** – Auquhirie, Stonehaven £173.50, Roundhome, Corse 362.5p; **TexX** – 35 Main Street, New Deer £172, Newton of Lewesk 375.6p; **Cont** - 35 Main Street £171.50, Mosshead 371p; **ContX** - South Blachrie £169.50, Roundhome 368.6p; **DownX** – Clashendamer, Fordyce £168.50, Brawliemuir, Drumlithie 362.5p; **Mule** – Wester Coull, Tarland £161.50, Mid Ord Farm, Easter Ord 348.7p; **BDM** – Standingstones Farm, Dyce £159.50, 354.4p; **Chv** - South Craighead, Skelmuir £158.50, Skeibhill, Aberchirder 345.3p; **ChvX** – East Brachmont, Durriss £158.50, 23 Bogbeth Rise, Kemnay 341.7p; **BF** – Achdregnie, Glenlivet £157.50, 352.3p; **Rye** – Hill of Dess Farm, Kincardine O’neil £155.50; **GF** – Upper Sauchen, Ordhead £151.50, 315.6p;

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Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Burnside, Newmachar £295; **Tex** – Skelbister £284.50; **TexX** – West Cairnhill, Culsalmond £251.50; **Cont** – Veltigar, Tankerness £227.50; **Cross** – 4 Large Cottages £221.50; **ContX** – Veltigar £217.50; **Bel** – 4 Large Cottages £191.50; **Pure Suf** – Auquhirie, Stonehaven, Westfield, Stromness £191.50; **Suf** – Beechlea, Cairnorrie £184.50; **SufX** – South Lasts, Milltimber £169.50; **Zwa** – Skelbister £153.50; **ChvMul** – Glenernie, Dunphail £139.50; **Lleyn** – Home Farm, Dunecht £137.50; **Mule** – Wester Cairnglass, Gollanfield £136.50; **GF** – South Lasts £135.50; **ChvX** – Blackmyre, St Fergus £134.50; **Chv** – 23 Bogbeth Rise, Kemnay £131.50; **BF** – Ruthven Farms, Kirkmichael £97.50;

Feeding Rams: BFL – Ruthven Farms £179.50; **Tex** – Dunecht Home Farm £169.50; **BluTex** – Dunecht Home Farm £169.50; **Pure Suf** – Ruthven Farms

£167.50; **Leic** – Scollays Cross, Strachan £141.50; **Cont** – East Carmont,
Stonehaven £139.50;