

**THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024) Sold 2,819 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.**

**Old Season Prime Lambs (2,115)** averaged 321.1p per kg (+27.1p) and sold to 373.7p per kg for 40kg Beltex crosses from Honeyneuk Farm, Maud and £184.50 gross for 58kg Continentals from Bush, Huntly.

**Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (869)** averaged 329.7p per kg (+28.9p).

**Feeding Ewes & Rams (704)** averaged £92.87 and sold to £207.50 for Continentals from Odinstone, Shapinsay.

“The prime hogg trade reached record levels with an astonishing average of 321.1p per kg and £148.45. Top price on the day was £184.50 for 58kg Continental Crosses from Bush, Huntly. Ewes were also dearer on the week with demand very strong and buyers plentiful.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

**Old Season Prime Lambs: Tex** – Mains of Ludquharn, Longside £184, Vinklin, Evie 356.3p; **Cont** – Lower Cotburn, Turriff, Loanhead, Inverallochy £181.50, Honeyneuk Farm 359.2p; **ContX** – Auchorrie, Midmar £179.50, Burnside of Whitefield, Forglen 354.9p; **Bel** – Muiryfold Farmhouse, Grange £174, Mosshead, Whitehouse 353.3p; **Dutch Spot** – Halley Farm, Deerness £171.50, 344.3p; **Blue Tex** – Gaitnip, St Ola £171.50, West Cortiecram, Auchnagatt 343.8p; **Suf** – Bush £171.50, Millbuie, Skene 334.5p; **SufX** – Brodieshill Farm, Alves, Slamptonhill, Auchnagatt, North Easterton, Hatton, Lower Cotburn £170.50, Tapiken, Tyrie 340.2p; **TexX** – Harestone Farm, Crathes, Broomhill Farm, Methlick, South Mains Balgaveny, Rothienorman, Tullywhanland Farm, Aberlemno £167.50, Ferniebrae, Meikle Wartle £354.7p; **Chv** – Harestone Farm £166.50, Mains of Leask, Slains 330p; **BF** – Gaitnip £163.50, St Johns Wells, Fyvie 316.6p; **Mule** – Harestone Farm £146.50, 298.9p.

Leading Prices per Head

**Feeding Ewes: Tex** – Birkenbower, Lumsden £184.50; **Suf** – Cadgerford, Kingswells £184.50; **Cont** – Towie, New Aberdour £178.50; **TexX** – Foggieley, Craigievar; **ContX** – Muir Farm, Alford £157.50; **BFL** – Nether Aucharnie, Forge, Brodieshill Farm, Alves £149.50; **GF** – Birkenbower £145.50; **Char** – Mains of Leask, Slains £139.50; **BluTex** – Coldhome, Dallas £135.50; **CharX** – Vinklin, Evie £133.50; **SufX** – Pittenkerrie £131.50; **Chv** – South Easterton, Hatton £130.50; **ChvMul** – South Easterton, Mains of Leask £129.50; **Down** – Brodieshill Farm £128.50; **ChvX** – Pittenkerrie, Ardimannoch, Keith, Coldhome £127.50; **DownX** – Parkhill, Greens £119.50; **Mule** – Towie £115.50; **BF** – Pittenkerrie £75.50.

**Feeding Rams: Tex** – Rickarton, Stonehaven £174.50; **BluTex** – Muiryfold Farmhouse, Grange £159.50; **Bel** – Cowford, Blairs £149.50; **TexX** – Upper Keithen, Greeness £139.50.