

QUOYBRAE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (5th February 2024) sold 242 Store & 1,516 Prime, Store, and Feeding Sheep.

Bullocks (143) averaged 318.8p per kg and sold to 379.2p for 385kg Limousin Crosses from West Clyth and £2,160 gross for a 723kg Brae Edge, Castletown

Heifers (99) averaged 291.2p per kg and sold to 367.4p for a pair of 313kg Charolais crosses from Brackside, Reay and sold to £1,780 gross for a 583kg Hoy Farm, Castletown.

Old Season Prime Lambs (543) averaged 281.3p per kg and sold to 303.6p for 42kg Texel's from and sold to £144.50 gross for 63kg Texel Crosses from Myrelandhorn, Kirk (McCarthy).

Old Season Store Lambs (625) averaged £103.70 to £119.50 for Suffolk Lambs Kirkfield, Castletown and Texels from Bardnaclavan, Bridge of Westfield.

Feeding Ewes and Rams (363) averaged £100.56 to £285 for Texel from The Shein, Hill of Forss.

“A Full ringside of buyers were in attendance and trade exceeded sellers expectations with bullocks topping at £2,160 an outstanding 732kg Charolais from D A Budge, Brae Edge and averaging 318.8p per kg whilst heifers topped £1,780 for an excellent 583kg Charolais Heifer from A & A Younger, Hoy and averaging 291.2p. An overall sale average of £1459.81 was achieved for the entire sale.

All classes of sheep were very easily cashed following recent trends.”

Leading prices per head and kg

Bullocks up to 300kg – March Cottage, Ulbster (Chax) £610, 242.1p; **301-350kg** – Winless Mains (Chax) £1,250, 376.5p; **351-400kg** – West Clyth (LimX) £1,460, 341.2p; **401-450kg** – Tongside, Scotscalder (Chax) £1,580, Granton Mains, Bower (Simx) 356.2p; **451-500kg** – Tongside, Scotscalder (Chax) £1,670, Granton Mains (BSHX) 342.8p; **501-550kg** – Carsgoe Farm, Halkirk (Sim) £1,675, Bylbster Farm, Watten (BSH) 321.8p; **551-600kg** – Ackergill Mains (ChaX) £1,770, 301.5p; **601-650kg** – Hoy, Castletown (Chax) £1,880, West Watten (Thomson) (AAX) 303.2p; 651-700kg- Brae Edge, (Chax) £1,990, 291.4p; 701-750kg- Hoy (Chax) £2,000, Brae Edge (Lim) 298.8p.

Heifers up to 300kg – March Cottage (Chax) £840, 303.2p; **301-350kg** – Brackside, Reay (Chax) £1,150, Winless Mains (ChaX) 356.5p; **351-400kg** – West Clyth (Limx) £1,260, West Clyth (Limx) 338.7p; **401-450kg** – Brackside, Reay (Cha) £1,420, Dunbeath Farms, Tormore (Chax) 330.9p; **451-500kg** – Dunbeath Farms (Chax) £1,575, 327.4p; **501-550kg** – Lower Thura, Bower (Limx) £1,640, South Keiss, Keiss (Chax) 310.9p; **551-600kg** – South Keiss £1,670, Hoy (Chax) 305.3p; **601-650kg**- Hoy (Chax) £1,725, 276.9p; **651-700kg** – Lower Thura (Limx) £1,760, 268.3p.

Old Season Prime Lambs per head and kg

Tex – Newlands of Geise, Janetstown £144.50, Myrelandhorn 303.5p; **Suf**- Sibmister Castletown (SufX) £144.50, Rose Cottage 301.2p; **NCC**- Myrelandhorn (McCarthy) £140.50, 296.6p; **SufX**- Kirkfield Castletown £139.50, Brickigoe 298.7p; **TexX** – The Antlers,

Occumster, Newlands of Geise £139.50, Bardnaclavan 303.3p; **Cont** – Sibmister, Ivordene £138.50, Rose Cottage, Atlast 301.2p; **DownX**- Sibmister £137.50, West Garty, Balnahard 294.3p; **Mule**- Lower Banniskirk, Halkirk £135.50; **Suf**- Bardnaclavan £134.50, Toftcarl 301.3p; **Chv**- Sibmister £131.50, Toftcarl 290.6p.

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Old Season Store Lambs:

Tex Ewe – Hoy & Braal £117.50; **TexX**-Bardnaclavan £117.50; **NCC**- West Point, Mid Keiss £116.50; **Cont** – West Durran, Castletown £115.50; **Suff** – Murza, Bower £115.50; **Cha**- Murza £115.50; **Tex**- Balnahard, Harpsdale £115.50; **Chev** – Sibmister £114.50; **ContX**- Lynegar £114.50; **Black**- West Durran £113.50; **DownX**- Hillhead, Lybster £112.50.

Feeding Ewes: **Tex** – Oldfield, Thurso £265; **Tex**- The Shein £250; **Cont** – Cruithni £171.50; **ContX**- Balnahard £169.50; **TexX**- Newlands of Giese £167.50; **BFL**- The Shein £157.50; **Chev** – Balnahard £137.50; **Suff** – Balnahard £134.50; **ChevX**- Achalone £129.50; **ChvMule**- Ivordene £118.50.

Feeding Rams:

Blu Tex – 2 Forss, Thurso £157.50; **Tex**- 2 Forss £149.50