

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 14th March 2024) Sold 5602 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

Old Season Prime Lambs (4990) averaged 387p per kg (+39.3p) and sold to 566p per kg for 53kg Pure Texels and £310 gross for 55kg Pure Texels both from Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (2801) averaged 392.8p per kg (+28.6p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (612) averaged £111.94 and sold to £275 twice firstly for Pure Texels from Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown and secondly for Texels from Inchbruich Farm, Cornhill.

“The prime hogg trade soared to new record levels with an outstanding sale average of 387p per kg and £174.37 per head for 4990 head sold. All classes met a ferocious frenzy of bidding at top rates. Ewes were very keenly sought after with mules and pure types reaping a premium.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Old Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex – Home Farm of Auchry £300, 563.6p; **Tex** – Home Farm of Auchry £280, 528.3p; **TexX** – Halley Farm, Deerness £230, Mains of Leslie, Leslie 472.9p; **Bel** – Broadwater, Skene £235, 476p; **BluTex** – Broadwater £235, 500p; **Cont** – Mains of Leslie £227, Inchbruich Farm, Cornhill 444.4p; **ContX** – Burnside, Newmachar £224, 2 Wood Cottages, Newmachar 435p; **Black** – Upper Sauchen, Ordhead £222, Mains of Thornton, Bourtie 393.9p; **Pure Suf** – Auchaber, Corse £212, Mosshead, Whitehouse 471.4p; **Suf** – Bruceland farm, Elgin £205, Aldie Farm, Cruden Bay 408p; **SufX** – Cockardie, Torphins £202.50, Newton of Lewesk, Old Rayne 406.1p; **Down** – Bruceland £201, Newton of Lewesk 405.8p; **DownX** – Overton of Bruxie, Maud £200, Caiesmill, Kinellar 403.7p; **BelX** – Mosshead, Whitehouse £195, Birkenbower, Lumsden 470p; **Chv** – Malt Croft, Kildrummy £190.50, Cormalet, Cairnie 394.2p; **Char** – Malt Croft £189.50, Mossneuk, Ellon 412.5p; **BluTexX** – Newton of Lewesk £188.50, Dorsell, Alford 401.2p; **BDM** – North Fornet, South Auchronie £187.50, 407.6p; **ChvX** – Hillside, Fetternear £187.50, Mains of Drumwhindle, Ellon 394p; **Lleyn** – Skail, Sandwick £186.50, Cloak Farm, Lumphanan 405.6p; **CharX** – Malt Croft £185.50, Home Farm, Rattray 394.7p; **ChvMul** – Westerton, Echt £183.50, Uppermill, Hatton 393.9p; **LleynX** – Skail, Sandwick £182.50, 372.4p; **Mule** – Upper Sauchen, Ordhead £179.50, Connagedale, Burnside Road 388p; **GF** – Connagedale £178.50, Pityot, Bridge of Muchalls 385.2p; **BF** – Goval Cottage, Main Street £177.50, Pityot 393.8p; **Goat** – Corehill Farmhouse, Cross of Jackson £148, 321.2p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Tillyorn Corse, Lumphanan, Cairnton, Techmuiry £250; **Tex** – Home Farm of Auchry, Inchbruich Farm £249.50; **Bel** – North Lurg, Midmar £240; **TexX** – Newton of Budgate, Cawdor £239.50; **BluTex** – Wrae Farm, Turriff £210; **Black** – Belnoe, Chapelton £201.50; **Cont** – Inchbruich £194.50; **ContX** – Netherton, Whitehouse £191.50; **Suf** – Davishill, Udney £191.50; **SufX** – Davishill, Cairnton £184.50; **Down** – Cairnton £169.50; **DownX** – Cranna Bridge, Aberchirder, Shaggart, Sauchen £161.50; **Cross** – Netherton £157.50; **ChvX** – Under Tullos,

Inverurie £137.50; **Dor** – Woolhillock, Skene £137.50; **Mule** – Tillyorn Corse £137.50; **GF** – Berefold, Ellon £136.50; **BluTexX** - Braigiewell, Echt £134.50; **Chv** – Dorsell, Alford £131.50; **Zwa** – Claymore House, Claymires £129.50; **ChvMul** – Whitebog, New Deer £129.50; **Goat** – Hillberry, Stonehaven £124.50; **BF** – Pittenkerrie, Glassel £94.50.

Feeding Rams: Tex - Tillyorn Corse £187.50; **Cont** – Biggings, Toab £171.50; **Chv** – Score Farm, Nairn £167.50; **Black** – Claymore House £147.50; **TexX** – Tillyorn Corse £147.50.