

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 28th March) Sold 4041 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (3187) averaged 398p per kg (+31p) and sold to 500p per kg for 45kg Beltexs from 14 Balloch Road, Keith and £230 gross twice, firstly for 63kg Continentals from Blackhouse, Methlick and for a 65kg Texel from Uppermill, Tarves.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1547) averaged 406.8p per kg (+33.3p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (854) averaged £121.69 and sold to £300 for a pure texel from Uppermill.

“Prime Lambs sold at new record levels with an astonishing sale average of 398p per kg and £182.28 per head for the 3,186 sold. Trade was electric from start to finish. A strong show of 854 feeding ewes and rams sold to average £121.69. Mules topped at £152.50 with blackface ewes reaching £123.50. The sale topped at £300 for a tank of a Texel ewe from Messrs McKerrow, Uppermill closely followed by Messrs Douglas, Woodhead of Cairness with a Texel ewe at £284.50.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex – Woodhead, Cairness £229, Hewan, Shapinsay 471.1p; **Tex** – Duncroft, Huntly £228, Hill of Muirden, Dunlugas 432.9p; **Pure Bel** – 14 Balloch Road £225, 468.1p; **Bel** – 14 Balloch Road £220, 431.1p; **TexX** – The Braes, Edingarioch £220, Mains of Leslie, Leslie, Newton of Lewesk, Old Rayne 430.5p; **Cont** – Netherhall, Premnay £218, Dipplebrae, Crimond 436.3p; **ContX** – Cockardie, Torphins £217, Kincairn House, Kirkton of Rayne, Hill of Muirden 428p; **Suf** – Woodhead £217, Mossneuk, Ellon 418.9p; **BeIX** – Mains of Concraig, Kingswells £210, Mains of Leslie 425p; **SufX** – Tewel Farm, Stonehaven £208.50, Norville, Norby 417.4p; **Down** – Blackhouse £203.50, Mossneuk 416.7p; **DownX** – Blackhouse £202.50, Ledmacoy, Strathdon 416.3p; **GF** – Blackhouse £198.50, Woolhillock, Skene 390.2p; **Lleyn** – Monellie Farm, Drumblade £195.50; **Chv** – Hewan £193.50, 439.8p; **ChvX** – Tewel Farm, Hillhead, Birnie £193.50, Tewel Farm 421.6p; **ChvMul** – Upper Sauchen, Ordhead £192.50, 401p; **BF** – Alvie Estate, Kincaig £189.50, 403.7p; **Char** – Tannachie, Stonehaven £189.50, Mains of Leslie 431.9p; **Mule** – Upper Sauchen £185.50, 412.2p; **CharX** – Mains of Leslie £184.50, 423.2p; **BDM** – Standingstones, Dyce £181.50, 403.3p; **BluTex** – Braigiewell, Echt £180, Upper Thainston, Fettercairn 408.8p; **Black** – Standingstones £171.50, 408.3p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Woodhead £284.50; **Tex** – Southbank, Skene £264.50; **Cont** – Woodhead £224.50; **Pure Suf** – Woodhead £217.50; **Suf** – South Tillydesk, Ellon £214.50; **TexX** – Uppermill £214.50; **Chv** – Headiton, Bonnykelly £209.50; **Char** – Skirza Croft, Freswick £204.50; **SufX** – South Tillycroft £199.50; **Cross** – 5 Blair Cottages, Altyre £195.50; **ContX** – Uppermill, 5 Blair Cottages £194.50; **Down** – Adziel, Strichen £191.50; **Bel** – Wester Biffie, Maud £184.50; **ChvX** – Meikle Rowater, Cornhill £179.50; **BeIX** – Nether Tillylair, Lumphanan £179.50; **ChvMul** – Concraig House, Mains of Concraig £174.50; **Mule** – North Crannoch, Crossroads

£152.50; **GF** – Home Farm, Straloch £151.50; **Blu Tex** – Tannachie, Stonehaven
£140; **BF** – Whiteknowes, Craigievar £123.50;

Feeding Rams: Pure Tex – North Crannoch £209.50; **Tex** – Uppermill £187.50;
Chv – Skirza Croft £184.50; **Cont** – Largie, Kinneff £174.50; **Bel** – Braigiewell, Echt
£147.50; **BF** – North Crannoch £119.50.