

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 1st August) Sold 1455 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (906) averaged 312p per kg (+14p) and sold to 361.9p per kg for 42kg Texels from Shougle, Birnie and £180 gross for 69kg Texels from Oldtown Farm, Peterculter.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (676) averaged 315.4p per kg (+15.4p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (549) averaged £112.08 and sold to £224.50 for pure Texel Ewes from North Bethelnie, Oldmeldrum.

“The Prime Lambs trade saw another grand increase with all classes very well bid for. The 906 sold averaged a strong £137.61 per head with an average weight of 44.1kg. Feeding Ewes and Rams would sell at similar rates on the week. Heavy well fleshed sorts again reaping a premium.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex – Oldtown Farm £158, Little Lediken, Inch 353.6p; **Suf** – Harestone Farm, Crathes £154.50, Kinknockie, Mintlaw 332.1p; **Tex** – Milltown of Birness, Ellon £154, Home Farm, Rattray 343.2p; **SufX** – Cadgerford, Kingswells £154, Uppermill Farm, Kintore 325p; **TexX** - Harestone £153.50, Stonefolds, Fyvie 337.5p; **Char** – North Quilquox, Ythanbank £152.50, Meiklebogs, Gordonstown 327.4p; **Down** – Tullo of Garvock, Laurencekirk £152, Roundhome, Corse 316.7p; **DownX** – Uppermill £151.50, Meiklebogs 323.2p; **Cont** – Uppermill £151.50, Home Farm Rattray, Harestone, Wardford, Methlick 333.7; **BeIX** – North Quilquox £149.50, Balthayock, By Perth 334.5p; **Black** - Easter Knock, Stuartfield £149.50, 311.5p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Suf – Milltown of Birness £194.50; **Tex** – North Bethelnie, Tullo of Garvock, Laurencekirk £189.50; **TexX** – North Bethelnie £187.50; **Black** – Hillhead of Cauldwells, Longhaven £184.50; **SufX** – Windsor Park, Muir Farmhouse £177.50; **Hamp** – Little Flobbitts, Drumwhindle £177.50; **Chv** – Eastside of Shevado, Brucklay Estate £165.50; **Cont** – Boghead of Cobairdy, Fergie £164.50; **Suf** – Hinmaist, Auchenten £159.50; **Bel** – North Lurg, Midmar £159.50; **ContX** – North Bethelnie £159.50; **ChvMule** – Tillyfour, Cushnie £149.50; **Mule** – Bruxie House, Mains of Bruxie £140.50; **ChvX** – Mains of Cairnborrow, Glass £137.50; **BF** – Scollays Cross, Strachan £93.50.

Feeding Rams: Cha – Mains of Arnage, Ellon £207.50; **Cont** – Wardford, Methlick £177.50; **Easy** – East Gowhill, Maud £149.50; **Suf** – Newmill, Crathes £145.50; **Tex** – Oldtown Farm, Peterculter £144.50; **Bel** – Newmill £137.50.