

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 22nd August) Sold 2563 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1458) averaged 289p per kg (-2p) and sold to 327p per kg for 42kg Texel Crosses from Newton of Logierait, Pitlochry and £163 gross for 72kg Suffolks from North Chapelhouses, Oldmeldrum.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (979) averaged 295.3p per kg (-6p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1105) averaged £97.74 and sold to £250 for Pure Texels from Belnoe, Chapeltown.

“A good number of 1458 Prime Lambs continued to meet a top trade averaging 289p per kg or £128.05 per head, which is up £25 on the same week last year. Once again well fleshed heavier lambs got premium trade. Given the recent weather some consignments were penalised for dirty tails.

A much larger show of 1105 Cast Ewes and Rams met a strong demand with big heavy continental ewes being easier to sell. With 327 Blackface ewes sold the sale average levelled at £97.74.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Tex – Gaval Farm, Fetterangus £157, 320.4p; **TexX** - Heads of Auchinderran, Aultmore £154, Burnside of Tynet, Clochan 311.8p; **Cont** – Bogiefeulach, Tornaveen £146.50, 311.7p; **ContX** – Muir Farm, Alford £146.50, Burnside of Tynet 309.2p; **Bel** – Logie Durno Farm, Pitcaple £146, 324.4p; **BelX** – North Quilquox, Ythanbank £143.50, Nia-Roo, Gott 322.5p; **Cha** – North Quilquox £141.50, Corefeidly, Glassel 303.3p; **ChaX** – North Quilquox £140.50, 8 South Road, Rhynie 303.3p; **Suf** - Bogentassie, Lumphanan £140, Newton of Logierait 317p; **SufX** – Newton of Logierait £139.50, Carinya, Sandwick 310p; **Dor** – South Raedykes, Rickarton £137.50, 8 Elphin Street, New Aberlour 287.5p; **Chv** - Newton, Tullynessle £135.50, Netherthird, Rothienorman £301.3p; **ChvX** – Heads of Auchinderran £134.50, East View, Burnside 296.3p; **Black** – Peace Cottage, Ardglassie £134.50, 292.4p; **Mule** – Ruthven Farms, Kirkmichael £118.50, Dunphail, Forres 301.4p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Belnoe £247.50; **Tex** – Wester Biffie, Maud £239.50; **TexX** – South mains of Balgaveny, Rothienorman £235.50; **Cont** – Kingswells Croft, Oyne £227.50; **Pure Suf** – Newton of Balquhan, Pitcaple £214.50; **Suf** – Newton of Balquhan £199.50; **ContX** – South Mains of Balgavney £192.50; **Cross** – Little Howes, Holm £191.50; **BelX** – Mains of Cowie, Stonehaven £184.50; **SufX** – Wester Biffie £181.50; **Char** – Bridges, Kinnoir £181.50; **Down** - Wester Biffie £179.50; **DownX** – 18 Illeray, Lochmaddy £173.50; **Mule** – Belnoe £157.50; **ChvMule** – Glenernie, Dunphail £153.50; **Chv** – West Quoscies, Newtonhill £147.50; **ChvX** – The Sheiling, Daviot £145.50; **BluTex** – Bridges £144.50; **BFL** – Muce, Birsay £143.50; **Zwa** – Auchinhove, Soutra £141.50; **Lleyn** – Wards of Boyndlie, Fraserburgh £141.50; **GF** – Brae of Coynach £140.50; **Dor** – Raedykes, Rickarton £131.50; **Bel** – Newton of Logierait, Pitlochry £131.50; **Black** – Newton of balquhan £129.50; **Oxf** – Longcroft, Oyne £124.50; **BF** – 22 Lower Barvas, Barvas £104.50.

Feeding Rams: BluTex – Collieston, Fordoun £191.50; **Tex** – Towie, New Aberdour £187.50; **TexX** – Logie Durno, Pitcaple £177.50.