

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 20th February) Sold 3607 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (2752) averaged 317p per kg (-10p) and sold to 409.8p per kg for a 41kg Beltex from Westerton, Echt and £174 gross for 55kg Texel's from Braeside, Tough.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (968) averaged 338.1p per kg (-17.5p).

Store Lambs (216) Sold to £134 for Texels from Glentone, Monymusk.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (639) averaged £156.80 and sold to £294.50 for Texel's from Veltigar, Tankerness.

"Prime Lambs were a more mixed entry and best sorts with a good finish continued to sell at strong rates. Feeding ewes & rams were short of buyer's requirements. A very strong average of £156.80 was achieved with the sale topping at £294.50 for Pure Texel's from Veltigar, Tankerness."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: BelX – Clayfords Cottage, Strichen £172, 400p; **Tex** – Gowanwell, Auchnagatt £170, Hillhead, Fetternear 367.9p; **Suf** – Blackhills Farm, Collieston £168.50, Caisemill, Kinellar 368.6p; **Cont** – Little, Lediken, Inch, Westerton, Auchorrie, Midmar £168, Darnford, Durris 366.3p; **SufX** – South Easterton, Hatton £167.50, Mains of Allanbuie, Keith 344.9p; **Bel** – Towie, New Aberdour, Westerton £166, Westerton 360.9p; **ContX** – Sheep Park, Bridge of Mannocho £165.50, Caiesmill 364p; **TexX** – Newton of Lewesk, Old Rayne £160.50, 364.8p; **Cross** – Mains of Leslie, Inch, Shougle, Birnie, Wester Rora Farm, Longside £160; **DutSptd** – Croftbain, Tomnavoulin £158.50, 360.2p; **Cha** – Ankerville, Nigg Station £157.50, 335.1p; **Mule** – Netherton of Logie, Crimond £155.50, 313.5p; **Chv** – East Brachmont, Durris £155.50, Sebay Farm, Tankerness 350p; **Black** – Bishopston Bungalow, Portlethen £155; Odmoston, Laurencekirk 333p; **ChvX** – Birkenbog Home Farm, Cullen £153.50, Wester Rora Farm 356.9p; **ChaX** – Croftbain, Tomnavoulin £153.50, 348.9p; **GF** – Blackhouse, Methlick £152.50, Dorsell, Alford 301.1p; **BF** – Achdregnie, Glenlivet £151.50, 314.8p; **BDM** – Standingstones, Dyce £144.50, 333.3p

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Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Veltigar £279.50; **Tex** – Veltigar £269.50; **TexX** – Bogton, Corse £249.50; **Pure Suf** – Beechlea £244.50; **Suf** – Netherton, Tarland, Tapiken, Tyrie £239.50; **Cont** – Towie, New Aberdour £237.50; **ContX** – Bishopston, Portlethen £234.50; **Cross** – West Quoscies, Newtonhill £224.50; **SufX** – Berefold, Ellon £207.50; **Chv** – Trondheim, Rendall £204.50; **ChvMul** – Bogton, Corse £194.50; **BL** – Bishopston £194.50; **ChvX** – Turfhillock, Drummur £191.50; **Zwa** – West Quoscies £189.50; **Down** – Drum, Keith £189.50; **Char** – Drum, Mains of Ludquharn, Longside £187.50; **DownX** – Netherton £185.50; **Black** – Greens of Middlehill, Cumminestown £181.50; **Mule** – West Quoscies £175.50; **GF** – Wester Cairnglass, Gollanfield, Lower Inchcorsie, Rothiemay £173.50; **Goat** – Tillieglens, Dunphail; **BF** – Followsters, Newmill £139.50.

Feeding Rams: Tex – West Quoscies, Meikle Kirkhill, Maud £199.50; **TexX** – Towie, New Aberdour £197.50; **Dor** – Meikle Kirkhill £194.50; **Cross** – West Quoscies £189.50; **Char** – Tombain, Dunphail £171.50.