QUOYBRAE, Aberdeen & Northern Marts (August 11th) sold 7,562 prime and store Lambs, Feeding Ewes & Rams incorporating Dunbeath, Bettyhill, Forsinard and North West Sutherland areas.

The overall sale average was £92.21.

Cheviot Ewe lambs (966) averaged £86.36 (-£2.90) to £140 for Cheviots from Braemore, Dunbeath.

Cheviot Wedder lambs (3,727) averaged £86.55 (+£2.57) to £150 from Ballachly, Dunbeath.

Cross lambs (2,560) averaged £108.41 (+ £7.10) to £240 for Beltex from Taldale, Forss.

Prime lambs (188) averaged 334.3p sold to 367.4p per kg for 46kg Beltexs from Mill Farm, and £192 gross for 60kg Suffolks from Oldfield, Thurso.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (121) averaged £135.39 and Sold to £345 for Texels from Briart, Inkstack.

"The opening sale of store lambs saw a great number sold. Top draw cheviots and continental bred lambs were very easily sold with smaller long keep lambs proving slightly harder to cash."

Overall Breed Averages

Cheviots – Avg £87.02 Top £150 (+£1.89 on the year) Texels- Avg £104.47 Top £147 (+£5.07 on the year) Suffolks Avg £122.02 Top £153 (+£11.12 on the year) Beltex Avg £117.44 Top £240 (+£16.84 on the year) AOB Avg £80.86 Top £165 (-£5 on the year)

Leading prices per area

Dunbeath

Ewe lambs: Chev – Tacher, Rhemullen £130; Knockally Croft £122; Braemore £120; Torbeg £100; Tacher £98. **Tex-** Tacher £124, £116. **Blk-** Torbeg £115 **Suf-** Boulcrawford £106:

Store lambs:

Chev – Ballachly £150, £131; Dunbeath £143; Braemore £124; Knockally £120; Hilton £119; Upper Smerral £107. **Tex-** Braehillor £144; Welbeck £142; Achalone Croft £138, £119; Tacher £130; Rheamullen £121; Boultach £120; Caberfeidh £115. **Suf-** Boulcrawford £130. **ChvX-** Ballachly £115.

Bettyhill & Skerray

Ewe lambs:

Tex- 6 Borgie £147. **Chev –** 6 Borgie £125, £118; 18 Strathnaver £108; 120 Newlands £100; 66-78 Farr £94; 47 Crask £85. **Suf-** 110 East Kirtomy £112.

Store lambs:

Chev – 6 Borgie £129, £112; 5 Achina £113; 66-78 Farr £112; 183 Strathtongue £109; 120 Newlands £103; The Green £102; 5 Achina £99; 47 Crask £96; 5 Borgie £95. **Tex**- 110 East Kirtomy £129; £112. **Suf**- 110 East Kirtomy £120.

Halladale, Forsinard and Portskerra

Ewe lambs:

Bdg face- Blarmhor £165. **Chv-** Blarmhor, Trantlebeg £125; 170 Trantlemore £116; Thistle House, Trantlebeg £112, 62 Melvich £92; Achumore £84.

Store lambs:

Suf- Kirkton £153, £139, £122; Melvich Hotel £125; Achumore £110. **Chev –** Melvich £144; 47 Dalhalvaig £129; 170Trantlemore £117; Trantlebeg £113; 146 Portskerra £108; Thistlehouse £105; Upper Bighouse £103. **Tex-** Trantlebeg £126; 170Trantlemore £114; Trantlebeg £108. **Blk-** Melvich Hotel £102.

Armadale and Strathy

Ewe lambs

Chev – 184 Armadale £138, £120; 19 Baligill £110; Rivendale £86. **BF-** Murray House £70.

Store lambs:

Chev – 184 Armadale £134; 19 Balgill £130, £119; 61 Strathy East £98; 97 Strathy Point £95; 14 Balgill £94. **Suf-** Murray House £130; £103. **Tex-** 27 Brawl £125; £90 **BF-** Murray House £81, 72 Strathy West £74.

Caithness

Ewe lambs:

Bel- Taldale £158. **Tex-** The Ha £135. **Blk-** Burnthill £98. **Chev –** The Hirsel £125, £100:

Store lambs:

ChevMule – Winless Mains £154. **Suf**- Dounreay Post Office £143, £135; Taldale £140; Olrig Mains £136. **ChvX**- Taldale £140, £138. **Tex**- The Ha £142; Winless Mains £134; Balmore £133. **Chv**- Lower Westerdale £130, £107; The Hirsel £129; Middleton of Brims £120; Lybster, March Cottage £109. **Bel**- Glengolly £127, £112. **Blk**- Sibster Farm £116

Prime Lambs

Blk- Oldfield £191.50, 319.2p. HB- Overton, Mid-Clyth £184.50, 335.5p. TexX-Oldfield £182, Ochnigh 341.1p; Sibmister £170, Knockdee 338p; Knockdee £155.50, Mill Farm 337.8p. Bel- Mill Farm £169, 345.7p. SufX- Thirdpart £177.50, 341.3p. Suf- Kirkfield £175.50, 358.2p; Granton Mains £159.50, Kirkfield 337.5p; Kirkfield £155.50, Granton Mains £335.9p. Easy- Murza £144.50, 321.1p. Dor- Knockdee £143.50, 318.9p. Cha- Murza Farm £144.50, 336p. NCC- Knockdee £139.50, 310p.

Feeding Ewes & Rams:

TexX- Briary £345, £310, £270. ChvX- Ham Farm £187.50, Briary £167.50. Easy-Murza Farm £179.50. Chv- Sordale £167.50, £131.50. Mule- Briary £161.50 Bel- Mill Farm £139.50. Cha Ram- Murza Farm £191.50. Tex Ram – Thirdpart £279.50