

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 7th August) Sold 1675 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (951) averaged 347.5p per kg (+3.9p) and sold to 389.8p per kg for 44kg for Beltex's from North Lurg, Midmar and £235 gross for 72kg Texels from Mid Haddo, Fyvie.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (420) averaged 338.7p per kg (-2.4p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (724) averaged £119.04 and sold to £275 for a Beltex from Plewlands, Duffus.

"Heavy weight lambs continue to sell at record levels for the month of August with numerous pens either side of the magical £200 barrier. Andrew Connon and family, North Quilquox, Ythanbank sold an outstanding run of 26 Texel Cross and Suffolk Cross lambs averaging 53kg and £195.21 per head. With almost half the sale of ewes consisting of small hill bred sorts, a respectable average was achieved. The sale topped at £275 for a Beltex Cross ewe from Smallburn Farm, Plewlands."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Bel – North Lurg £217, £215, 377.2p; **Tex** – Mid Haddo £214.50, Clinterty, New Aberdour 377.4p; **Suf** – Drumwhindle Mains £210, North Quilquox, Ythanbank 360.9p; **Black** – Monellie Farm, Drumblade £208, 367.9p; **Bel** – Plewlands, Duffus, North Quilquox £206, Birkenbower, Lumsden 373.9p; **SufX** – Mid Muirton, Forgue £205, The Parks, Kinaldie 361.4p; **Cont** – Muiryfold Farmhouse, Grange £204, Newton of Inshewan, Memus 369.3p; **TexX** – North Quilquox, Tillyorn Corse £202, Tillyorn 374.1p; **ContX** – Wellheads, Huntly, Hillcrest, Clola, Monellie Farm £200, North Quilquox 374.1p; **Cross** – Dycehill, Corse £195.50, Hillcrest 371.9p; **BelX** – Bogiefeulach, Tornaveen £190, 369.8p; **Mule** – Wellheads £170.50, 355.2p; **Rye** – Braeside Park, Auchnagatt £167.50; **BluTex** – Muiryfold Farmhouse £164.50, 357.6p; **Rou** – Bogiefeulach £163.50, 355.4p; **Cha** – Bridges, Kinnoir £162.50, Springburn, Kintore 330.7p; **DutSptd** – Beechlea, Allathan £143.50, 333.7p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: ChaX – Hillcrest £251.50; **Suf** – Cairnton, Techmuiry £249.50; **Pure Suf** – Adziel, Strichen £244.50; **Cross** – Woodhead £241.50; **SufX** – Cairnton £239.50; **Tex** – Mid Haddo £234.50; **Bel** – Muiryfold Farmhouse £229.50; **BDM** – Bridges £217.50; **Mule** – Campdalmore, Tomintoul £185.50; **GF** – Little Chapelton £179.50; **Cont** – The Parks £173.50; **Goat** – Upper Thainstone, Fettercairn £159.50; **Cross** – 91 Mains Street, Newmill £157.50; **Chv** – Bridges £128.50; **BF** – Easterton of Melgund £111.50; **Shc** – Upper Thainstone £52.50.

Feeding Rams: Cont – Nether Tillylair, Lumphanan £201.50; **Tex** – The Cottage, Wardes £184.50; **BluTex** – Hillcrest £169.50; **Chv** – Middlehill £164.50; **TexX** – The Cottage £164.50; **Suf** – Adziel £164.50.