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"The prime lamb trade continued at recent strong rates with all classes well bid for. A larger entry of ewes was forward with all classes selling at extreme rates for the time of year, more could have been sold to meet buyers demand."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Suf – Harestone £138.50, Backhill of Thornton, Bourtie 257.1p. **SufX** – Harestone £130.50, Mains of Blackford, Rothienorman 253.5p. **Tex** – Feurdies £130, Welton of Creuchies, Alyth 267.1p. **Cha** – Shougle, Birnie £128, North Bethelnie 259.8p. **Cont** – Newton, Kincardine O'Neil, Harestone £126.50, Wairds of Alpity, Arbuthnott 265.1p. **ChaX** – Shougle £125.50, 255.4p. **ContX** – Shougle £124, North Bethelnie 262.5p. **TexX** – Lismore House, Sauchen £122.50, Cotbank, Drumlithie 266.3p. **Down** – Shougle £121.50, Vikdarian, West Haughs 257.6p. **DownX** – Mains of Drumwhindle, Ellon £120.50, West Balbithan, Kintore, Ayr-Lea, Skene 252.3p. **Badger** – Upper Drakemyres Farm, Keith £115.50, 262.5p. **Dutch Tex** – Newton of Carnaveron, Alford £114.50, 266.3p. **Blue Tex** – North Retannach, Rothiemay £111.50, 265.5p; **Mule** – Newton of Hassiewells £114.50, Mains of Glenbuchat, Strathdon 239.1p.

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Feeding Ewes: Tex – Ayr-Lea £167; **Pure Tex** – Mains of Orchardtown, Udney £165; **Cont** – Harestone £160; **ContX** – Mains of Orchardtown £156.50; **Suf** – North Bethelnie £150.50; **Blue Tex** – North Retannach £150; **SufX** – Harestone £147; **Blue TexX** – Harestone £140; **BDM** – Upper Kirkton, Dyce £139; **Down** – Mains of Orchardtown £135; **Chv** – Dorsell, Alford £129; **ChvX** – Raich, Forgue £128.50; **Mule** – Lower Inchcorsie, Rothiemay £125.50; **DownX** – Harestone £124.50; **GF** – 91 Main Street, Newmill £120.50; **Lleyn** – Mosshead Aquithie, Kemnay £120.50; **BF** – Brae Farm, Kintore £80.50.

Feeding Rams: Tex – Gellan Farms, Aboyne £145.50; **Cha** – Upper Cuttlehill, Ruthven £111.