

QUOYBRAE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (12th April 2021) sold 731 Prime, Store and Feeding Sheep.

Old Season Prime lambs (114) averaged 289p to 315.9p for 44kg Beltex from Ackergill Mains, Wick and £152 gross for 53kg Beltex from Brae-edge, Castletown.

Ewe lambs (103) averaged £113.97 to £168 for Cheviots from West Point, Mid-Keiss.

Old Season Store Lambs (281) averaged £90.34 to £142 for Texels from Strath Farm, Watten.

Feeding Ewes and Rams (233) averaged £109.27 to £191 for Texels from Hill of Forss, Forss, Thurso.

“The firm sold 731 head of prime, store and feeding sheep at record levels for the Quoybrae Centre. Ewe lambs were in excellent demand selling to £168 for a pen of grand N C Cheviots from West Point, Mid-Keiss.

Prime lambs peaked at £152 with a very strong average of 289p per kg and £125.63 per head. Store lambs also excelled reaching £142 per head with long keep lambs also keenly bid for. The Feeding ewe section topped at £191 for Texels from Hill of Forss with the entire offering averaging an impressive £109.27.

Trade for all stock sold at rates well in excess of sellers expectations and many more are required for our next sale on 3rd May to satisfy ongoing demand.”

Leading prices per head and kg:

Old Season Prime Lambs: Tex – Upper Milton Farm £150, Ackergill Mains 314p; **Suff** – Milton Farm, Halkirk £146, 3 Skaill 306.5p; **Cont** – Milton Farm £145, Ackergill Mains 307p; **HB** – Lythmore £142, 278.4p; **Chev** – Oldfield Farm £141, Upper Milton Fram 305.4p; **Bel** – Ackergill Mains £139, Brae-edge 286.8p.

Leading prices per head

Ewe lambs: HB – Lythmore £144; **Tex** – Ackergill Mains £140; **Chev** – Winless Mains £124; **Cont** – Winless Mains £116.

Old Season Store Lambs: Chev – West Point, Mid-Keiss £142; **Suff** – Toftcarl and Gerston £136; **Tex** – West Catchery £134; **ChevX** – Gerston £120; **Black** – Quoybrae Farm £110; **Cont** – Whitefield, Reiss £110; **Char** – Gansclett £102; **B/F** – Ha’ Bowermadden £92.

Feeding Ewes: Tex – Strath Farm and Stainland and Sibmister Farms £170; **NC Chev** – Overton, Mid-Clyth (Sutherland) £169; **Suff** – Milton Farm £155; **Cont** – Stainland and Sibmister Farms £148; **BDM** – Thura Mains £142; **Chev/Mule** – Stainland and Sibmister Farms £133; **Mule** – Thura Mains £120.

Feeding Rams: Tex – Nybster £148; **Suff** – Thurdistoft £138; **NC Chev** – March Cottage, Ulbster £128.