

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 3rd October) Sold 2650 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1629) averaged 266p per kg (-5p) and sold to 322p per kg 36kg Texels from Glenisla, Gulberwick and £205 gross for 72kg Texels from Oldtown Farm, Peterculter.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (750) averaged 271.5p per kg (-2.5p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1021) averaged £92.75 and sold to £245 for a Texel from Kennachy, Forss.

“In line with the national trend prime lamb prices eased back slightly on the week. Well finished sorts remained the top selling article with lean lambs knocking back the average. All classes of Feeding Ewes & Rams sold dearer on the week with more continental sorts forward.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Tex – Oldtown Farm £192, Blackmyre, St Fergus 304p; **Suf** – Milltown of Birness, Ellon £150, Cluseburn, Inverbervie 271p; **SufX** – Pitprone, Glenkindie £148, Birkenburn, Keith 272p; **TexX** – Mains of Slains, Collieston £140.50; Glenisla 300p; **BluTex** – Bishopton Bungalow, Portlethen £140, North Retannach, Rothiemay 291p; **Bel** – 4 Largue Cottages, Forgue £139.50, 317p; **BelX** – Mosshead, Whitehouse £136.50, Piperwell, Cragievar, 303p; **Down** – Kirkton of Kingoldrum, Kirriemuir £136.50, Ranna Farm, Tarland 295.3p; **Cross** – Belniden, Strathdon, Nether Kinmundy, Longside £135.50, Nether Tillylair, Lumphanan 287p; **Cont** – 1 Cottage, West Mains £135, Loanend, Glenkindie 283p; **BDM** – Mosshead £134.50; **ContX** – Blackmyre £133.50; **Cha** – Middle Drimmie, Rattray, Kirkton of Kingoldrum £130.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Bel – North Lurg, Midmar £231.50; **Pure Tex** – Kennachy £211.50; **Tex** – North Quilquox, Ythanbank £199.50; **TexX** – Nether Tillylair, Lumphanan £197.50; **Cont** – East Toon, Lunning £189.50; **ContX** – Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminstown £180; **Chv** – Home Farm, Kininmonth £180; **Pure Suf** – Home Farm of Auchry £177.50; **BluTex** – Kennachy £171.50; **Black** – Home Farm of Auchry £167.50; **Suf** – East Toon £164.50; **SufX** – Newton of Balquhain, Pitcaple £161.50; **GF** – Home Farm of Auchry, Garvelside, New Pitsligo £159.50; **Cross** – The Braes, Edingarioch £157.50; **Bel** – Newton of Balquhain £147.50; **ChvMul** – Home Farm of Auchry £145.50; **BelX** – Home Farm of Auchry £141.50; **BDM** – South Law, New Pitsligo £140; **ChvX** – The Neuk, Kinmundy £139.50; **Down** – South Law, Middle Drimmie, Rattray £131.50; **Mule** – 1 Pitairlie Cottage, New Bigging £129.50; **Lleyn** – Kinbate, Turriff £127.50

Feeding Rams: Tex – Millburn, Catfirth £179.50; **Chv** – Home Farm, Kininmonth £174.50; **Cross** – Milltown of Birness £174.50; **TexX** – North Quilcox £169.50; **Bel** – Newton of Balquhain £159.50; **Suf** – Milltown of Birness £154.50.