

**THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December) Sold 2876 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.**

**New Season Prime Lambs (2317)** averaged 301.2 p (+3.2) per kg and sold to 354.5p per kg for a Beltex and £195 gross for a Blue Texel and also for a Beltex from Mains of Tonley, Alford.

**New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1177)** averaged 310.8p per kg (-2.6p).

**Feeding Ewes & Rams (559)** averaged £133.65 and sold to £269.50 for Texels from Little Howes, Holm.

“Prime lambs met a very strong demand with 2317 averaging £140.13. Numerous heavy lambs sold in excess of £150 per head.

Ewes and rams sold dearer on the week with less smaller sorts forward. More could have been sold to the seller’s advantage.

The next sale for Prime & cull stock is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

**New Season Prime Lambs: Suf** – Newton, Lower Cabrach £170, 323.3p; **Cont** – Mains of Cranna, Aberchirder £163.50, Craigiewell, Woodhead of Laithers 336p; **Bel** – Newton £162.50, Kirkton of Kingoldrum, Kirriemuir 347.6p; **Tex** – Culhay, Forbes £161, Downies, Inverkeithny, Mains of Elrick, Auchnagatt (x2) 338.4p; **SufX** – Wester Coull, Tarland 160.50, Fawside, Kinneff 325p; **Cross** – East Brachmont, Durriss £159.50, Mains of Elrick 338.4p; **TexX** – Lost Farm, Strathdon, Mains of Cranna £158.50, Hillhead, Newmachar 333.7p; **ContX** - Mill of Gellan, Coull £157.50, Mains of Thornton, Bourtie 331.4p; **BelX** – Burnside of Lethenty, Lethenty £155.50, 330.7p; **Cha** - Croftbain, Tomnavoulin £146.50, Bankhead, Portlethen 325.6p; **Black** - Croftbain £145.50, 330.7p; **Mule** – Newton £143, Tormore Estates 301.1p; **BF** – Achdregnie, Glenlivet £138.50, 301.1p

Leading Prices per Head

**Feeding Ewes: Tex** – Parkside of Greens, Cuminestown £239.50; **BluTex** – 2 Yokieshill Cottage, Mintlaw £234.50; **TexX** – Foggieley, Craigievar £233.50; **Cont** – Foggieley, Little Howes £229.50; **Cross** – South Mains Balgaveny, Rothienorman Inverbrie, Ellon £219.50; **Chv** - South Mains Balgaveny £211.50; **BelX** – South Mains Balgaveny £199.50; **Bel** – Culhay £184.50; **Chv** - Denhead of Muiresk, Turriff £179.50; **ChvMul** - Castlehill, Rhynie £171.50; **BFL** - Brencher House, Birsay £168.50; **Mule** - Altdargue, Corse £153.50; **BF** – Whitestone, Echt £118.50;

**Feeding Rams: Cont** - Turfhillock, Gight £159.50; **Tex** – Rowanhill, Kininmonth £150; **Suf** – Renniehill, Newmacher £141.50