

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Monday 30th December) Sold 2573 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (2016) averaged 322p per kg (+20.8p) and sold to 377.9p per kg for 43kg Texels from East Fingask, Oldmeldrum and £176 gross for 66kg Texels from Berefold, Ellon.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (884) averaged 334.3p per kg (+23.5p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (557) averaged £130.07 and sold to £285 for a pen of 6 Texels from Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown.

“The final prime and cast sheep sale of the year certainly did not disappoint with trade in all sections flying high. The prime lamb average of 322p per kg and £150.66 reached record levels for December.

Feeding ewes and rams sold very well with all breeds sharper on the week. Entries for all classes are invited for our first sale on the 9th of January 2025.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Bel – Uppermill Farm, Tarves £175, Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown 372.1p; **Cont** – Berefold £168.50, Standingstones, Dyce 364.8p; **Suf** – Tofthills, Clatt £168, Whitehills Farm, Whitecairns 367p; **Cha** – Mains of Leask, Slains £166.50; 302.7p; **SufX** – Tofthills £165.50, Mains of Thornton, Bourtie 357.6p; **ContX** – Mains of Pronie, Tarland £165, Dorsell, Alford 360.2p; **BelX** – Shougle, Birnie, North Quilquox, Ythanbank £164.50, Standingstones 372p; **Tex** – Kirkton of Kingoldrum, Kirriemuir, Mains of Thornton £163.50, Kirkton of Kingoldrum 377.4p; **TexX** – Mapleview, Lumphanan £162.50, East Fingask 364.8p; **Chv** - Mains of Pronie £157.50, Standingstones 332.2p; **Black** – Mapleview, Lumphanan £157.50, Mains of Thornton 338.4p; **Mule** - Achdregnie, Glenlivet £147.50, 313.8p; **BF** - Achdregnie £140.50, 312.2p

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Tex - Home Farm of Auchry £267.50 £259.50; **TexX** – Newton of Greeness, Turriff £244.50, 239.50; **Suf** – Tofthills, Clatt £239.50; **Bel** – South Mains Balgaveny, Rothienorman £227.50; **Cont** - Uppermill Farm, Tarves £221.50; **SufX** – Tofthills £219.50; **Cross** - South Mains Balgaveny £211.50; **Cha** – Heldonside Farmhouse, Pluscarden £207.50; **Mule** – Little Lediken, Inch £177.50; **GF** – Berefold £151.50; **BF** – Heldonside Farmhouse £109.50

Feeding Rams: Suf – Cormalet, Cairnie £194.50; **Chv** – Cormalet £191.50; **Cont** - Cormalet £169.50; **SufX** – Cormalet £161.50; **Chv** – Cormalet £151.50