

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 5th December) Sold 2972 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (2006) averaged 299.2p per kg (+1p) and sold to 382.4p per kg for 34kg Beltex from Kirkton of Kingoldrum, Kirriemuir and £180 gross for 54kg Texel from Hewan, Shapinsay.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1103) averaged 309.3p per kg (-0.3p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (966) averaged £117.72 and sold to £249.50 for Suffolks from Tillyeve, Udny.

“The prime lambs trade remained strong with more buyers at the ring side. Top price of the day was £180 for a pen of 3 excellent texel crosses from Messrs Johnston, Hewan, Shapinsay. A strong consignment of 966 ewes & rams sold dearer on the week with the whole sale averaging £117.72.”

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Tex – Shougle, Birnie £168, Followsters Farm, Newmill 353.6p; **TexX** – Burnside of Whitefield, Forglen £166, Holmhead Farm, Bucksburn 335.4p; **Suf** – South Craighead, Skelmuir £162.50, Breckowall, Westray 322.6p; **Cont** – South Easterton, Hatton, Chapel of Seggat £162.50, Kirkton of Kingoldrum 340.5p; **Cross** – Burnend, Forglen £160, Balthayock, Perth 333.7p; **SufX** – Chapel of Seggat £158.50, South Byebush, St Katherines 305.8p; **Bel** – North Quilquox, Ythanbank £157.50, Greystone, Kingsford 363.8p; **Black** – Chapel of Seggat £155.50, Standingstones, Dyce 309.8p; **BeIX** – Pittenkerrie, Glassel £154, Balthayock 340.2p; **ContX** – Burnend £153.50, Turfhillock, Drummuir 333.3p; **BluTex** – North Retannach, Rothiemay £151, 314.6p;

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Feeding Ewes: Pure Suf – Quoy Belloch, Deerness £239.50; **Pure Bel** – North Lurg, Midmar £239.50; **Bel** – 4 Largue Cottages, Fergie £234.50; **Char** – Meiklebogs, Gordonstown £229.50; **BeIX** – 4 Largue Cottages £229.50; **Pure Tex** – Halley, Deerness, 4 Largue Cottages £224.50; **Tex** – Hillcrest, Clola £214.50; **TexX** – Newton of Budgate, Cawdor £204.50; **Suf** – Smallburn, Duffus £197.50; **Cont** – Turfhillock, Drummuir £194.50; **SufX** – Quoy Belloch £189.50; **Cross** – Smallburn £189.50; **ContX** – Halley Farm, East Carmont, Stonehaven £187.50; **ChvMul** – Castlehill, Rhynie £187.50; **Down** – Smallburn £184.50; **DownX** – Meiklebogs £177.50; **Chv** – Mains of Leask, Slains £174.50; **ChvX** – Turfhillock, Drummuir £167.50; **BFL** – Westburn Croft, Balmedie £149.50; **Mule** – West Quoscies, Newtonhill £143.50; **GF** – North Easterton, Hatton £135.50; **Zwa** – 76 Logie Drive, Crimond £124.50; **BF** – Wester Clune, Finzean £99.50.

Feeding Rams: Tex – Newton of Budgate, Cawdor £199.50; **TexX** – Black Castle, Gollanfield £191.50; **BFL** – East Lediken, Inch £177.50; **Lleyn** – Dunecht, Westhill £169.50; **Dor** – Skelbister, Orphir £144.50.