

THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Tuesday 5th May) Sold 1718 Store and Breeding Sheep.

Ewes with Lambs at Foot (1567) averaged £111.72 and sold to £200 for a Pair of Suffolk Cross Ewe Hogs with Single Lambs at foot from Plewlands, Duffus.

Store Lambs (151) averaged £130.70 and sold to £164 twice for a Pen of Twenty Texel Cross Ewe Lambs from Ledmacoy, Strathdon.

“Ewes with lambs at foot continue to meet an excellent demand with well mothered outfits reaping a premium. Top of the day was £200 per life for a pair of home-bred Suffolk cross ewe hogs with single Beltex lambs from Smallburn Farms. Mr Alister Taylor, Kirkhill, Alves kindly donated the proceeds of a Zwartble ewe with twins to the SCAA Air Ambulance Chairty realising £110 per life and purchased by Joshua Dalton, Shevado.”

Leading Prices per Head

Ewes with Lambs at Foot:

Singles: Suf Hgts – Plewlands, Duffus £180; **Bel BM** – Plewlands £170; **Tex WM** – Lost Farm, Strathdon £142; **Suf WM** – South Camaloun, Fyvie £142; **Mule 2 Crop** – Thorax Farm, Cornhill £138; **Chv BM** – Drodland, Newmill £132; **Tex Mixed Age** – Lost Farm £128; **Mule BM** – South Camaloun £126; **Suf Reg Age** – Greystone, Cushnie £125; **Cont Ewe** – East Cowbog Farm, New Aberdour £124.

Lamb and a half: Mule Gmr – Mains of Tollo, Turriff £158 (x2); **Suf Hgts** – Plewlands £155; **Suf Reg Age** – Inchbruich Farm, Cornhill £135; **Black WM** – Plewlands £130; **ChvMul 2-4 Crop** – Cranna Bridge, Aberchirder £128; **Suf 2-4 Crop** – Cranna Bridge £128.

Twins: Pure Bel BM – Plewlands £160; **Cont Reg Age** – Kirkhill £160; **Tex Gmr** – Plewlands £158; **Mule Gmr** - Mains of Tollo £155; **Suf 2 Crop** – Plewlands £155; **ChvMul Gmr** – Kirkhill £140; **ChvMul WM** – Plewlands £130; **Mule 2 Crop** – Thorax Farm £130.

Store Lambs: SufX – Kirkhill, Alves £158; **BF** – Newlands Farm, Auchlunies £153; **Cont** – Kirkhill £151; **Suf** – Mains of Allanbuie, Keith £150; **Black** – Kirkhill £140; **BF** – Ballogie Estate £133; **Easy** – Ballogie Estate £130; **Mule** – Kirkhill £127; **TexX** – Miry Park, Sanday £120.