

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts, (April, 5th) sold 5,066 sheep of all classes including the annual spring sale of ewe lambs.

Ewe lambs (3,426) averaged £69.82 and sold to £138 gross for a pen of Beltex crosses from Simpson's Croft, Scotsburn.

Wedder lambs (1,293) averaged £58.88 and sold to £103 gross for a pair of Zwartbles from Druid Temple Farm, Inverness.

Ewes (267) averaged £47.81 and sold to £148 gross for a pair of Texel crosses from Burnside Croft, Jamestown.

Breeding (12) sold to £110 gross for a pen of in lamb ewes from the dispersal of 12 Airdens, Bonar Bridge.

Rams and feeding sheep (68) sold to £100 gross for a Zwartble ram from Druid Temple Farm.

"Strong & well-bred ewe hoggs met a firm trade for all breeds while well fleshed other types were easily sold"

Other leading prices per head:

Ewe lambs: SuffX – Carn Raineach, Applecross, £126, £125; **Chev** – Tighnahinch, Alcaig, £113, Cairnlea, Edderton, £104, £100, Shieldaig, Strathcarron, £98; **TexX** – Clachan Farm, Ullapool, £101, Balnabruich, Ardgay, £100, 3 Balnabeen, Conon Bridge, £96; **Mule** – Gaich Farm, Grantown on Spey, £91; **BeltX** – Mid Gruinards, Ardgay, £88; **BF** – Mid Gruinards, £82, 13 Peinchorran, Portree, £80; **Cross** – 9 Sasaig, Sleat, £80.

Wedder lambs: Chev – 186 Migdale, Bonar Bridge, £100, Bogburn Farm, Duncanston, £82, **BeltX** – Braes of Coulmore, North Kessock, £99, 6 North Brager, Isle of Lewis, £81; **TexX** – Essich Farm, Inverness, £90, 3 Camusnagaul, Dundonnell, £88; **SuffX** – Lochlait, Abriachan, £89, Upper Bogrow, Edderton, £85, Ballone, Abriachan, £85; **Cross** – Newhall House, Balblair, £80, Pitmain Estate, Perth, £80, Allanglach, North Kessock, £77.

Ewes: BDM – Tighnahinch, £130; **Chev** – Tighnahinch, £104, 186 Migdale, £89, Kintail, Mulbuie, £81; **TexX** – 12 Airdens, £93; **BeltX** – Braes of Coulmore, £89.

Rams & feeding sheep: TexX – Ardgayhill, Ardgay, £90; **Chev** – Ardgayhill, £80, 13 Lochside, Lairg, £78; **SuffX** – Katewell, Evanton, £68; **BF** – 37 Vatisker, Isle of Lewis, £68.