

DINGWALL, Dingwall & Highland Marts, (January, 13th) sold 2,782 store sheep including the annual sale of 128 cast rams.

Lambs (1,690) averaged £61.83 and sold to £155 gross for a Cheviot ram lamb from Ousdale, Berriedale.

Ewes (878) averaged £70.72 and sold to £148 gross for Texels from The Cloy, Fortrose.

Rams (128) averaged £89.52 and sold to £230 gross for a Cheviot from Davoch, Rogart.

Feeding sheep (75) averaged £49.81 and sold to £81 gross for a Cheviot from Sandside Estate, Thurso.

“Due to adverse weather conditions, numbers were well back on the corresponding sale of last year. In line with the prime sheep trade throughout the country all classes met an extremely strong demand, with sale averages almost double on last year.”

Leading prices per head

Lambs: SuffX – South Balkeith, Tain, £91; **TexX** – South Balkeith, and 15 Balnadelson, Lairg, £87; **Chev** – Brabster Farm, Canisbay, £85.50; **BeltX** – Achanalt Farm Partnership, Achnasheen, £81; **MtIX** – Crakaig Estate, Helmsdale, £75; **Zwb** – Towerhill, Thurso, £74.50; **Cross** – South Balkeith, Tain, £74; **Tex** – Brabster Farm, £73.50; **BF** – Drumgask, Laggan, £70; **Rye** – 116 Knockarthur, Rogart, £67.

Ewes: TexX – Lower Seafield, Portmahomack, £144; **Tex** – Woodside, Muir of Tarradale, £138; **CHM** – Milton of Culloden, Inverness, £130; **SuffX** – Lower Seafield, £130; **Chev** – South Balkeith, £118; **Char** – Allanglach, North Kessock, £115; **Mule** – Lower Seafield, £112; **HB** – Lochdhu, Nairn, £100; **Cross** – Viewbay, Munloch, £99; **BF** – Drumgask, £84; **Lyn** – Corrimony, Glen Urquhart, £83.

Rams: Chev – Davoch, £220; **Tex** – Ballachraggan, Kildary, £140; **BF** – Stromecarronach, Lochcarron, £118; **Zwb** – Muirton, Munloch, £110; **Suff** – Balintore Farms, Fearn, £92; **Swl** – Orbost, Skye, £82.

Wedders: BF – Shewglie, Glenurquhart, £78; **Cross** – Corriebheinn, Portree, £77; **Chev** – 2 Digg, Staffin, £71.