THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 23rd May 2024) Sold 2727 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (156) averaged 413.5p per kg (+6.9p) and sold to 462.5p per kg for 44kg Texels from Newton of Carnousie, Forglen and £214 gross for 62kg Suffolks from Exnaboe, Virkie.

Old Season Prime Lambs (1389) averaged 355.3p per kg (-23.7p) and sold to 426.1p per kg for 44kg Texel Crosses from Templefold, Skene and £208 gross for Texel Crosses from Newton of Greeness.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (809) averaged 358.8p per kg (-28p).

Sheep Over 1 Year Old (145) sold to £200 for 64kg Texel Crosses from Harestone Farm, Crathes.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1037) averaged £114.65 and sold to £214.50 for a Suffolk Ram from Tillyeve, Udny.

"New season Lambs met an excellent demand at increased rates. The Hogg trade was very much two-tier, with good well fleshed sorts still selling at top levels. Lean types at less money. A large entry of over 1,000 Ewes and Rams were sold at Thainstone this week. Smaller, export type ewes remain best to sell with all other classes similar on the week."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Suf – Wester Biffie, Maud £213, Exnaboe 453.4p; Suf – Ruthven, Kirkmicheal £205.50, Cairndaie, Sauchen 451.1p; PureTex – Newton of Carnousie £203.50, Nether Beanshill, Milltimber 442p; SufX – Davishill, Udny, Milltown of Birness, Ellon, Uppermill, Tarves £203.50, South Easterton, Hatton 438.9p; Tex – Mains of Cowie, Stonehaven £199.50, Wellheads, Huntly 441.7p; TexX – West Teuchan, Cruden Bay £197.50, Uppermill 429.3p; Cont – Uppermill £197.50, Mains of Cowie 424.5p; Char – Barnyards, Clola £191.50, 407.4p; Black – Mains of Thornton, Bourtie £189.50, 430.7p.

Old Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex – Crichneyled, Fyvie £200, Muirden of Cranna, Aberchirder 421.6p; BluTex – Drumnahive, Kildrummy £193.50, 420.7p; Tex – Culhay, Forbes £191.50, 407.4p; TexX – Craigshowdie, Ardallie £190.50, Nether Toucks, Dunnottar 403.4p; Cont – West Middlemuir, Methlick, Craigshowdie, Newton of Greeness £189.50, West Middlemuir 403.3p; Suf – Odmoston, Laurencekirk £189.50, West Middlemuir 421.6p; ContX – Newton of Greeness £188.50, 403.2p; Chv – Easthill of Crimond, Keithhall £187.50, 398.9p; Pure Suf – South Easterton, Hatton £187.50, Crichneyled 398.9p; SufX – Netherton, Tarland £186.50, Heads of Auchinderran, Aultmore 381.1p; Black – Tillyeve, Udny £181.50, 370.4p; ChvX – Longhill, Crimond, Pityot, Bridge of Muchalls £179.50, Upper Glasslaw, New Pitsligo 386.9p; BF – Barns, Crathes £177.50, Ardivot, Lossiemouth 354.7p; Mule – Bush of Muldearie, Keith £175.50, 365.6p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: PureTex - Drumnahive, Kildrummy £209.50; TexX - Newton of

Greeness, Turriff £199.50; **PureSuf** - Tillyeve £197.50; **Suf** - Tillyeve £187.50; **PureBel** - Stripeside, Aberlour £184.50; **Tex** - Wester Biffie, Maud £181.50; **SufX** - Wester Biffie £179.50; **Cross** - Raefin, Keith £177.50; **Cont** - Ladysford, Boyndlie £177.50; **ChvMule** - South Easterton, Hatton £175.50; **BluTex** - Tannachie, Stonehaven £174.50; **Bel** - 17 Bellfield Road £174.50; **ContX** - Corbanchory Farm, Kildrummy £164.50; **Char** - Tannachie £161.50; **Chv** - The Manse, Duncanstone £151.50; **ChvX** - Glenfinnan, Findon £150.50; **Zwa** - Cauldwells, Craigston £147.50; **Black** - Gilbraes Hus,Twatt £147.50; **Mule** - Wester Tulloch, Midmar £143.50; **BFL** - Newton of Hassiewells, Rothienorman £139.50; **GF** - Coxton, Cornhill £137.50; **BF** - Achavandra, Dornoch £117.50;

Feeding Rams: Tex – Wester Biffie £199.50; **Char –** South Byebush, St Katherines £191.50; **TexX –** Hillview, Brae of Scurdargue £184.50; **SufX –** Lower Mill of Tynet, Buckie £174.50; **Chv –** Tillydesk, Ellon £159.50; **Cont –** Mosshead Aquithie, Kemnay £157.50; **BluTex –** Muirden of Cranna, Aberchirder £149.50;