THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 30th May 2024) Sold 3050 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (171) averaged 361.7p per kg and sold to 406.5p per kg for 46kg Beltex Crosses from The Bothy, Rivehill and £200 gross for 58kg Texels from Cairnton, Forgue.

Old Season Prime Lambs (1720) averaged 342.1p per kg (-13.2p) and sold to 405.8p per kg for 43kg Beltexs from Muirton, Corse and £215 gross for Blue Texels from Drumnahive, Kildrummy.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (860) averaged 330.8p per kg (-28p).

Sheep Over 1 Year Old (147) sold to £189.50 for 53kg Texels from Newton of Clunie, Turriff.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1012) averaged £126.10 and sold to £231.50 for a Texel Ewe from Cairnton, Forgue.

"New season lambs followed the national trend and sold at lesser rates. The hogg trade was again strong for all well finished types. Top consignment of the day came from Newton of Clunie with 253 hoggs averaging £193.27 or 374p per kg. A Beltex hogg from Jimmy Young at Muirton was sold for £220 with the proceeds going to Friends of Anchor adding to the Colin Slessor Edinburgh Marathon Fund. Ewes and Rams sold sharper on the week with export weights, Mules and Blackface Ewes seeing the biggest rise."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Char – Gaval, Fetterangus £188, Meiklebogs, Gordonstown 390.2p; Pure Suf – Brodieshill Farm, Alves, Dunscroft, Huntly £188, Cairndaie, Sauchen 404.8p; Suf – The Bothy, Rivehill, Brodieshill £187, South Blachrie, Fyvie 385.4p; SufX – South Blachrie £185, Dunscroft 383.7p; Pure Tex – 1 Upper Pirriesmill, Brodieshill £182, The Bothy 400p; Tex – East Backburn, Netherley £180, Brodieshill 395.7p.

Old Season Prime Lambs: Pure Bel – Newton of Clunie, Turriff £211.50, 399p; Bel – Newton of Clunie £203.50, Muirton 393.8p; BelX – Newton of Clunie £200.50; Pure Tex – Auquhirie, Stonehaven £200, Newton of Greeness, Turriff 403.1p; Tex – East Sandend, Cruden Bay £198.50, 396.7p; TexX – East Sandend £197.50, Newton of Clunie 394.8p; Cont – Newton of Clunie £196.50, Newton of Greeness 390.4p; ContX – East Sandend £195.50, Kilcoy, Muir of Ord 388.3p; Chv – Cloves Farm £187.50, Newton of Clunie 373p; ChvX – Newton of Clunie £186.50, Freefield House, Old Rayne 350p; Suf – Wester Badentyre, Turriff, Berefold, Ellon £181.50, Wester Badentyre 363p; Black – Wester Bleaton £180, Clashendamer, Fordyce 367.9p; GF – Briggs of Criggie, Stonehaven £180, Cowiehillock, Echt 362.5p; SufX – Netherton, Tarland £177.50, Coralhill, Lonmay 361.8p; Dor – Ironhill, Rosehearty £174.50.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Newton of Greeness, Turriff £230; Tex – Tullo Farm, Garvock £219.50; Suf – Leys of Drummuie, Drumblade £197.50; DownX – South Blachrie, Fyvie £194.50; TexX – East Sandend, Cruden Bay £194.50; Cont – Mosshead, Whitehouse £187.50; SufX – Brodieshill Farm, Alves £187.50; Char – Meiklebogs, Gordonstown £177.50; Cross – Meiklebogs £177.50; Mule – Troup Home Farm, Gamrie £172.50; Chv – 42 Oldhall, Watten £171.50; ContX – Mains of Slains, Collieston £161.50; Black – Tapiken, Tyrie £159.50; HB – South Blachrie, Fyvie £159.50; ChvX – Gaval, Fetterangus £157.50; CharX – Gaval £157.50; Dor – Springburn, Kintore £154.50; Chv Mule – Boganlea, New Byth £149.50; GF – Wester Coull, Tarland £140.50; BF – Wester Coull £134.50; Jac – Craigmancy, Bridge of Marnoch £127.50; Zwa – East Thunderton, Longside £115.

Feeding Rams: Tex - Mains of Slains, Collieston £214.50; Suf - Mains of Slains £207.50; Tex - Tullo Farm £204.50; Bel - Loanend, Glenkindie £200; Char - Mapleview, Lumphanan £197.50; Zwa - Millburn Cottage, Ironhill £177.50; Chv - Hillhead, Birnie £169.50; ChvX - East thunderton, Longside £169.50; BluTex - Drumnahive, Longside £167.50; SufX - Wester Rora, Longside £159.50; BF - Moss Side, Dunphail £127.50.