THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 12th September) Sold 3093 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1972) averaged 278p per kg (-8p) and sold to 325p per kg for 42kg Beltex from Birkenbower, Lumsden and £160 gross for 67kg Texels from Bogiebrae, Rhynie also for 73kg Texels from Mid Haddo, Fyvie

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (880) averaged 286p per kg (-7.4p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1121) averaged £94.61 and sold to £219.50 for Texels from Black castle, Gollanfield.

"A large entry of prime lambs met a firmer trade than the early week markets. Quality well fleshed sorts continue to excel. All classes of ewes & rams easily matched the recent strong trade with buyer's keen for stock. A good entry of 1121 were sold at sound rates."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Cont – Cairnhill, Culsalmond £150, South Ardoyne, Oyne 321p; Bel – Stonefolds, Fyvie £145.50, 316p; ContX – Mid Haddo £145, Mosshead, Whitehouse 308p; Tex – Nether Tillygarmond, Finzean £144, Little Gight, Methlick 305p; Char – Little Clinterty, Kinellar £142, Bogallie, Botriphnie 298p; BelX – Muir Farm, Alford £140.50, Govals, Kincaldrum 310p; Suf – Davishill, Udny, Govals 289p; TexX – Easter Cardno, Fraserburgh, Berefold, Ellon £140, Upper Tillenhilt, Midmar, £140, Burnside of Tynet, Clochan 304p; ChaX – Bankhead, Portlethen, Newwells, Oldmeldrum £139.50, Loanend, Glenkindie 298p; SufX – Berefold £138.50,8 South Road, Rhynie 291p; DownX – Mains of Slains, Collieston £138.50, Down – North Crannoch, Crossroads £137.50.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Suf – Davishill, Udny £207.50; Pure Tex – Drumburn, Keith £189.50; Bel – Keera, Middlehill £184.50; Tex – 91 main Street, Keith £179.50; TexX – Birkenburn, Keith £177.50; Cont – Bogiebrae, Rhynie £174.50; ContX – Keera, Raich, Forgue £171.50; BluTex – West Cairnhill, Culsalmond £169.50; BelX – South Tarwathie, Strichen, Glastullich, Nigg Station £167.50; Lleyn – Stonefolds, Fyvie £165.50; Suf – Glastullich £164.50; Char – Uppermill, Kintore £159.50; SufX – Doonbye, Auchry Road, Cadgerford, Kingswells £159.50; Down – Ardlaw Mains, Tyrie £157.50; Chv – Bankhead, Portlethen £154.50; ChvX – Mains of Concraig £151.50; DownX – Drumburn, West Knock, Mintlaw, Erinvale, Anguston £149.50; Rou – Bogiebrae £143.50; BDM – Tillylodge, Newe, West Cairnhill £139.50; Mule – Uppermill £136.50; BFL – West Cairnhill £135.50; ChvMul – North Retannach, Rothiemay £129.50; GF – Mains of Elrick, Auchnagatt £125.50.

Feeding Rams: Pure Tex – North Crannoch £209.50; **Tex –** Kurkigarth, Weisdale, Bogton, Corse £154.50; **TexX –** North Crannoch £149.50.