THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 26th of September) Sold 4073 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (2747) averaged 271p per kg (-4) and sold to 325p per kg for 42kg Beltex from Birkenbower, Lumsden and £150 gross for 65kg Texels from Mid Haddo, Fyvie

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1121) averaged 274p per kg (-9p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1326) averaged £78.23 and sold to £249.50 for Texels from Rowland, Holm.

"A Large entry of 4073 Prime Sheep & Cull Ewes continue to sell at strong rates. With the cold seasonal weather kicking in vendors are encouraged to give concentrate feed to their stock to achieve maximum returns. 1326 Cast Ewes & Rams were sold at Thainstone this week. With a large proportion of the sale consisting of smaller hill bred types, a respectable average was achieved. Top ewes still achieving a premium."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: DutchSptd – Collieston, Fordoun £142.50, 268p; TexX – North Quilquox, Ythanbank, Drumsleed, Fordoun £140, Concraig House, Mains of Concraig 301p; Tex – Mapelview, Lumphanan £137.50, Little Clinterty, Kinellar 295p; Cha – Kirkton of Kingoldrum, Kirriemuir £136.50, 290p; Bel – Birkenbower £136.50, 312p; Cont - South Easterton, Hatton, Upper Tillenhilt, Midmar £135.50; Leic - Upper Tillenhilt £135.50, 276p; BelX – Westerton, Echt, Seats, Tough £135.50, Seats 301p; Suf – Ledmacoy, Strathdon £135, Mains of Pronie, Tarland 285p; ChaX – North Quilquox, Kirkton of Kingoldrum, Kirriemuir 290p;

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Larach, East Fiddie £239.50; Tex – Ledmacoy, Strathdon £194.50; Bel – North Gardie, Aith £184.50; TexX – Downiehills, Blackhills £179.50; Cont – Newton Auchaber, Corse £170; Char – Newton Auchaber £169.50; SufX – Chapel of Seggat, Auchterless £167.50; ContX – Grunnafirth £164.50; Suf – Dorsell, Alford £161.50; Cross – Downiehills, Cottown of Gight, Methlick, Rowland £159.50; BluTex – North Retannach, Rothiemay £149.50; Down – Mid Haddo, Fyvie £149.50; BluTexX – Collieston, Fordoun £147.50; Black – Chapel of Seggat £144.50; Chv – Binscarth, Finstown, South Mains of Balgavney, Rothienorman £137.50; ChvMul – Chapel of Seggat £135.50; ChvX – Grunnafirth, Brettabister £129.50; CharX – Mains of Ludquharn, Longside £129.50; Mule – Upper Tillenhilt, Midmar £120.50; Goat – Mill of Garvock, Garvock £119.50; GF – Downiehills £117.50; BF – Tillypronie, Tarland £72.50

Feeding Rams: DutSptd – Mossclair, Tankerness £214.50; **Pure Tex** – South Mains Balgavney £204.50; **Suf** – Upper Tillenhilt £174.50; **Tex** – Mid Haddo £167.50; **TexX** – East Carmont £151.50; **Bel** – North Lurg, Midmar £134.50.