THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 10th October) Sold 2568 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1491) averaged 274p per kg (+8p) and sold to 331p per kg for 47kg Dutch Texel from The Neuk, Nether Kinmundy and £168.50 gross for 69kg Texel from Beech Croft, Logie Pert.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (752) averaged 275.2p per kg (+3.7p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1077) averaged £81.18 and sold to £239.50 for a Texel Ram from Bogside, Fyvie.

"All classes of prime lambs were dearer on the week with heavyweights showing the greatest increase numerous pens sold between £140 - £150 per head. Pure and heavy ewes were in short supply, all classes remain a good strong trade to a competitive ringside of buyers."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: BelX –The Neuk £155.50, Bogside, Fyvie 328p, Suf – Berefold, Ellon £155.50, Fortrie Farm 294p; Bel – Balcraig, Kintore £155.50, Birkenbower, Lumsden 326p; SufX – Mains of Slains, Collieston £153.50, Bransburn Farm, Strichen 289p; Tex – Bogiebrae, Rhynie £150.50, The Neuk 317p; Cont – Mains of Slains, Fortrie Farm, Fortrie £150, Eldonbrae, Forres 310p; TexX – Beech Croft, Logie £149.50, Bogiebrae 314p; Cross – Berefold £147.50; Bogside 306p; ContX – Mains of Slains £146.50, Eldonbrae 304p; Cha – Sunnybrae Lodge, Blackhills £146.50, Bankhead, Portlethen 296p; ChaX – Philorth, Fraserburgh £143.50, Bankhead 296p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Muir Farm, Alford £199.50; Tex – Muir Farm £194.50; Chv – Rumblie, Craigievar £191.50, Bel – Knowehead, Aberchirder £190; TexX – Rumblie £183.50; Cont – Shenval, Ballindalloch £181.50; Suf – Newton, Lower Cabrach £174.50; ContX – Broughnamary, Mulben £171.50; Cross – Westerton, Echt £169.50; ChvX – Rumblie £167.50; SufX – North Gardie, Aith £163.50; ChvMul - Newton £161.50; BelX – Honeyneuk, Maud £159.50; Mule – Brodieshill, Alves £141.50; GF – Newton £140.50; Char – Gaval, Fetterangus £129.50; CharX – Gaval £127.50; BF – Belnoe, Chapeltown £95.50.

Feeding Rams: Chv – Upper Keithen, Greeness £191.50; **DutSptd** – Mossclair, Tankerness £191.50; **Lleyn** – Drumgesk, Dess £169.50; **Suf** – Findlins, Hillswick £147.50; **Tex** – Shenval £140.