THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 24th October) Sold 2965 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1837) averaged 261p per kg (-7p) and sold to 296.2p per kg for a 39kg Texel from Kylieford, Duncanstone and £156.50 gross for a 59kg Suffolk from 35 Main Street, New Deer.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (621) averaged 265.6p per kg (-12.2p).

Store Lambs (28) averaged £78.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1100) averaged £100.93 and sold to £237.50 for a Pure Texel from Culhay, Forbes.

"Well fed, fleshy lambs were easily cashed whilst leaner sorts witnessed little demand. Feeding ewes and rams were dearer on the week with buyers plentiful."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: BluTex – Collieston, Fordoun £152.50, £151.50, Kylieford 284.9p; Tex – 35 Main Street £150, Kylieford 287.5p; SufX – Berefold, Ellon £147.50, South Blachire, Fyvie 274.5p; TexX - 35 Main Street £146.50, Culhay, Alford 286.7p; Bel - Wester Biffie, Maud £145.50, Tillyboy, Echt 292.6p; Cont – Berefold £144.50, The Braes, Edingarioch 277.6p; Suf – Belnoe, Chapelton £140.50, Berefold 278.3p; BelX – Culhay £140.50, Honeyneuk Farm, Maud 287.2p; ContX – Culhay £139.50, Stonefolds, Fyvie 284.5p

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Feeding Ewes: Tex – Ferniebrae, Meikle Wartle £209.50; Cont – Wester Biffie £207.50; Pure Tex – Hestwall House, Holm £199.50; Pure Suf – Woodhead, Cairness £199.50; Cross – Culhay £197.50; Suf- Cranna Bridge, Aberchirder, South Tillydesk £197.50; ContX – Mid Haddo, Fyvie £191.50; SufX – Woodhead, Cairness £189.50; TexX – Lawfolds, Durno £189.50; Cont – Glack, Sauchen £184.50; ChvX – Glack £174.50; Bel – Drumnahive, Kildrummy £161.50; ChvMul – Cranna Bridge, Aberchirder £145.50; Mule- Mains of Allanbuie, Keith £131.50; DutSptd – Smiddy Croft, Pitgairn £129.50.

Feeding Rams: Pure Tex – Tillyboy, Echt £224.50; **Tex –** Belnoe, Chapeltown £151.50; **Bel –** Netherton, Glassel £149.50; **TexX –** Mayfield, Rathen £149.50; **DutSptd –** Smiddy Croft, Pitgain £129.50; **Chv –** Hestwall House £129.50.