THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday) Sold 3421 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (2304) averaged 268p per kg (+7p) and sold to 338p per kg for 45kg Beltex from Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown and £162 gross for 68kg Texel from Bu of Orphir, Orphir.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (946) averaged 273p per kg (+7.4p).

Store Lambs (41)

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1076) averaged £102.93 and sold to £285 for Texels from Quoymorhouse, Balfour.

"Prime lambs were dearer on the week; however, the average was badly affected by dirty tailed and lean sorts. Well fleshed and properly presented stock are essential. Again, feeding ewes & Rams were very keenly bid for with a strong average of £102.93 being achieved for 1076 head."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Suf — Floors Farm, Grange £158.50, Muirfield House, Auchnagatt 296.6p; Tex — Uppermill Farm, Tarves £158, 301p; Bel- Home Farm of Auchry £152, Birkenbower, Lumsden 310.5p; SufX — Upper Weetingshill, Maud £150, Bransburn Farm, Strichen 294p; TexX — Uppermill Farm £147.50, 2 Yokieshill Cottage, Mintlaw 296.8p; ChvX — Nether Tillygarmond, Finzean £147.50, £146.50, Ardhuncart, Kildrummy 319.7p; Cont — Shougle, Birnie £146.50, Home Farm of Auchry 303.2p; Down — Davishill, Udny £145.50, South Mains of Tillymorgan, Culsalmond 296.6p; BelX — Quoymorhouse, Balfour £144.50, 309.8p; ContX — Home Farm of Auchry £142.50, Trondheim Farm, Rendall 291.9p

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – North Quilquox, Ythanbank £254.50; Tex – Harestone, Crathes £240; TexX – Harestone £239.50; BluTex – West Cairnhill, Culsalmond, £221.50; Cont – Quoymorhouse £219.50; ContX – West Cairnhill £211.50; Cross – Ardhuncart, Kildrummy £199.50; Pure Suf – Davishill, Udny, Harestone £177.50; BluTexX – Standingstones, Dyce £174.50; Suf – Erinvale, Anguston £173.50; BL – East Lediken, Insch £159.50; SufX – North Lurg, Midmar £159.50; ChvMul – Ardhuncart £155.50; Down – Mains of Arange, Ellon £155.50; ChvX – Clochtow, Collieston £153.50; Lleyn – Anniston, Inverbervie £151.50; Mule – Deskie, Glenlivet £151.50; Chv – West Cranloch, Ythanwells £149.50; GF – West Cranloch £147.50; BF – Mill of Delgaty, Turriff £106.50.

Feeding Rams: Chv – Glenfinnan, Findon £197.50; **Tex** – The Braes, Edingarioch £191.50; **Cross** – Newton of Begshill, Drumblade £174.50; **BFL** – Glenfinnan £174.50; **Suf** – Erinvale £141.50; **Dor** – Glenfinnan £141.50