THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 21ST November) Sold 2328 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1794) averaged 307p per kg (+14p) and sold to 352p per kg for a 41kg Beltex Cross from Milton of Finnercy, Echt and £176 gross for 56kg Beltex from Southbank, Skene.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (752) averaged 322.2p per kg (+19.9p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (534) averaged £106.23 and sold to £239.50 for Texels from Uppermill, Tarves.

"The prime lamb trade continues to rise with less numbers forward due to the adverse weather. Export weights in particular met a tremendous demand. The sale average per head was a strong £143.64.

ANM Group are proud to support the IAAS lamb donation for St Andrew's Day. Over 30,000 pupils from across 180 Scottish schools will celebrate St Andrew's Day by cooking and enjoying Scotch Lamb, we would like to thank, Balthayock Farms and S & C Bichan, South Coldstream who generously donated a lamb to the campaign."

"A small show of Feeding Ewes & Rams sold sharper on the week, many more could have been sold."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: BelX – Southbank, Skene £160.50, Nether Drumallochie, Glenkindie 340.7p; Chv – Hilton of Clush, New Deer £160, Birkenbog Home Farm, Cullen 293p; Cont – Tillyboy, Echt £160, Nether Drumallochie 340.7p; Cha - Balloan, Culbokie £156.50, South Byebush, St Katherines 340.7p; Tex – Southbank £155.50, South Breck, Burray 341.2p; TexX – Tillyboy £153.50, Cott of Holland, Tankerness 341.2p; ContX – Craskins, Tarland £153.50, Ballinloan 340.2p; Bel – Goval, Dyce £153.50, Birkenbower, Lumsden 340.7p Suf – Southbank £152.50, Essich Farm, Dores 335.4p; ChvX – Hilton of Clush £152, Brae Farm, Kintore 339.7p; SufX – Southbank £148.50, Mains of Leslie, Insch 333p; ChaX – Mains of Leslie £148.50, Daies, Wardhouse 333.7p

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Mid Haddo £229.50; Char – Netherhill, St Fergus £214.50; Tex – Uppermill £199.50; TexX – Mid Haddo £197.50; Cont – Uppermill £189.50; ContX – Lost Farm, Strathdon £184.50; Suf – Clinterty, New Aberdour £174.50; SufX – Mid Haddo £169.50; CharX – Netherhill £154.50; Cross – Mains of Lurg, Nethy Bridge £147.50; Down – Tillypronie, Tarland £145.50; Chv – Uppermill £144.50; BluTex – Mains of Lurg £141.50; ChvX – Schusan, St Margrets Hope £140.50; Mule – Auchinove, Lumphanan £119.50; ChvMul – Calrossie, Nigg Station, Knockhourn, Knockando £118.50; BF – Calrossie £109.50.

Feeding Rams: Bel – Veltigar, Tankerness £151.50; **Cont –** Clinterty £144.50.