THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 12th December) Sold 3895 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (2442) averaged 298p per kg (-1.2p) and sold to 391.3p per kg and £180 gross for 46kg Texels from Odinstone, Shapinsay.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1135) averaged 313.4p per kg (+4.1p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1453) averaged £91.55 and sold to £254 for a Texel from Millburn, Catfirth.

"A good entry of 2441 prime lambs maintained the recent strong demand with export weights very keenly bid for and heavies dearer on the week. The sale average per head was £140.10.

A large show of 1453 ewes and rams were forward this week. With no fewer than 918 Blackface, Cheviot or Shetland Cheviots included in the consignment, a very respectable average of £91.55 was achieved. This class of ewe was the easiest cashed."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex – Nistagar, Harray £175.50, Odinstone 367p; Pure Bel – Auchorrie, Midmar £175.50, Mosshead, Whitehouse 384.5p; Tex – Oldtown, Peterculter £175, Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown 362.2p; Pure Suf – 35 Main Street, New Deer £175, Ledmacoy, Strathdon 327.4p; TexX – East Brachmont, Durris £171, Mosshead 358.9p; Cont – Nistagar, Harray £168.50, Birkenbower, Lumsden 350p; ContX – East Brachmont, Auchmaliddie Mains, Maud £166.50, Garvelside, New Pitsligo 338.4p; Suf – East Brachmont, 35 Main Street £163.50; Bel – Home Farm of Auchry £163, Auchorrie, Midmar 344.1p; BelX – Mosshead £161.50, Nether Drumallochie, Glenkindie 343p; SufX – Berefold, Ellon £157.50, 2 Broynach Farm, Thurso 326.7p; Down – Berefold £156.50, Netherhill, St Fergus 323.3p; BluTex – Hillside, Fetternear £149.50, Netherhill 335.2p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: : PureTex – Little Howes, Holm, Tullo of Garvock, Laurencekirk £249.50; Bel – Odinstone, Shapinsay £234.50; Suf – South Tillydesk, Ellon £229.50; Tex – Millburn £214.50; BelX – Odinstone £194.50; Cross – Auchmaliddie Mains, Maud £191.50; Cont – St Johns Wells, Fyvie £189.50; SufX – North Boddam, Insch £187.50; TexX – Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown, Tullo of Garvock, Wester Allathan, New Deer £184.50; Black – Crossbrae, Delgaty £184.50; BDM – St Johns Wells £181.50; BFL – Whiteknowes, Craigievar £169.50; ChaX - Sunnyhill Farms, Clayson House £167.50; Lleyn - 35 Main Street, New Deer £154.50

Feeding Rams: Cont – 7 Tigharry, North Uist £179.50; Tex – Blackpots, Auchnagatt £177.50; Suf – Cormalet, Cairnie £174.50; TexX – Rowland, Holm £169.50; ContX – Perkhill House, Lumphanan £167.50; Chv – Wester Cairnglass, Gollanfield £164.50; Lleyn – Blackpots £151.50