THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 23rd January) Sold 3492 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

Old Season Prime Lambs (2398) averaged 298.1p per kg and sold to 381p per kg for 42kg Beltex from Home Farm, Auchry, Cuminestown and £182 gross for 70kg Continentals from Easter Bogieside, Rhynie.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1690) averaged 309.7p per kg.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1094) averaged £118.25 and sold to £285 for Texels from Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown.

"The prime lamb trade was easier on the week following the national trend. A large show of 1094 feeding ewes and rams continued to be in strong demand"

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Old Season Prime Lambs: BlueTex – Collieston, Fordoun £173.50; 295.3p; Chv – Cormalet, Cairnie, Karma, Durno £168; Standingstones, Dyve 303.5p; Tex – Foggieley, Craigievar £167.50, Ferniebank, Meikle Wartle 327.5p; ChvX – Cormalet £166.50, Pittenkerrie, Glassel 312.5p; BelX – Foggieley £165.50, Birkenbower, Lumsden 343.3p; TexX – Piperwell, Craigievar £161.50, Tapiken, Tyrie, Standingstones 322.6p; Black – Little Tulloch, Durris £160, Drumyellow Farm, Arbroath 297.9p; Bel – Home Farm of Auchry £160, Kirkton of Kingoldrum, Kirriemuir 339.2p; Cont – Tillyorn Corse, Lumphanan £158, South Breck, Firth 330.3p; Suf – Berefold, Ellon £155.50, Parkside of Greens, Cuminestown 307.8p; SufX – Berefold £150.50, Tapiken 314.8p; ShcChv – Burnend, Forglen £147.50, 301p; ChvMul – Coralhill, Lonmay £143.50, Belnaboth, Glenkindie 298.9p; Mule – Belnaboth £140, Crossburn Farm, Keith 303.7p

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Belnoe, Chapeltown £275; Tex – Newton of Greeness, Turriff £264.50; Suf – Meikle Whiterashes, Turriff £260; Cont – Mains of Leask, Slains £239.50; ContX – Skelbister, Orphir £234.50; SufX – Bilboa, Daviot £229.50; TexX – Belnoe, Mains of Allathan, New Deer £224.50; BelX – Keera, Cumiestown £219.50; Down – Whiterashes £219.50; Cross – Newton of Carnaveron, Alford £217.50; DownX – Tillyboy, Echt £191.50; BFL – Whiteknowes, Craigievar, Scollys Cross, Strachan £169.50; ChvMul - Home Farm of Auchry £167.50; Mule – Newton of Carnaveron, Alford, Elrick Farm, Alford £148.50; Cha – Crossburn Farm £147.50; GF - South Tarwathie, Strichen £145.50; BF – Bowiebank, King Edward £117.50

Feeding Rams: Bel - Newton of Carnaveron, Easter Bogieside £169.50; Tex – Skelbister, Orphir £167.50; TexX – Mains of Allathan £159.50; BlueTex – Nia-Roo, Gott £154.50; Chv – South Collafirth, Ollaberry £154.50; Cont – Miltonbank, Tannadice £151.50; ContX – Miltonbank £149.50; Suf – Scollays Cross, Strachan £149.50; Cha – Crossburn Farm, Keith £147.50