THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 30th January) Sold 2069 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

Old Season Prime Lambs (1513) averaged 315.3p per kg (+17.2p) and sold to 383.3p per kg for 36kg Beltex from Kirkton of Kingoldrum, Kirriemuir and £186 gross for 62kg Texels from Redhouse, Fraserburgh.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (552) averaged 335.1p per kg (+25.4p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (556) averaged £143.85 and sold to £340 for Texels from The Cottages, Wardes.

"Prime lambs saw a substantial increase on the week with all classes in very keen demand. Feeding ewes also sold dearer on the week with the sale topping at £340 for a pure Texel from Messrs Stewart, The Cottage. Demand is high for all classes of sheep at our Thursday sale."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Old Season Prime Lambs: Cont – Mill of Auchlin, New Aberdour £178.50, Kinaldie, Logie Coldstone 360.3p; **Bel –** Tillyboy, Echt 378.3p; **BelX –** Mosshead, Whitehouse £173.50, Nether Drumallochie, Glenkindie 376.1p; **Tex –** Tullywhanland Farm, Aberlemno £170, Gaitnip, St Ola 363.8p; **Suf** - Mill of Auchlin £167.50, North Bethelnie, Oldmeldrum 343p; **BluTex –** Gaitnip £167, 319p; **ContX** - Nether Drumallochie £165.50, Mosshead 358.9p; **Cross –** Mid Haddo, Fyvie, South Craighead, Skelmuir £164, Cairnton, Kemnay 345.8p; **SufX** - Wester Coull, Tarland £163.50, Kinaldie 256p; **TexX –** Mapleview, Lumphanan £163.50, Netherhill, St Fergus 363.1p; **Easycare** - Monellie Farm, Drumblade £160, 307.4p; **ChvMul** -Pitfancy, Forgue £158.50, Skeibhill, Aberchirder 318.9p; **Chv** - Cormalet, Cairnie £157.50, Darnford, Durris 338.2p; **ChaX –** Whitehills Farm, Whitecairns £149.50, Sundayswells Farm, Torphins 338.4p; **ChvX –** North Bethelnie £149.50, Kinaldie 356p; **Mule** - Wester Coull, Tarland £146.50; **Cha** - Whitehills Farm £144.50, 301p; **BF** - Odmoston, Laurencekirk £140, 297.9p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: PureTex – The Cottage £300; **Tex** – Oldtown Farm, Peterculter £284.50; **TexX** – The Cottage £279.50; **Cont** - West Cairnhill, Culsalmond £269.50; **ContX** – Nistagar £265; **Cross** - Nistagar £264.50; **BFL** – Syde Cottage, Brechin £201.50; **Suf** - Nistagar £199.50; **SufX** - Kinaldie £194.50; **BluTex** - West Cairnhill £194.50; **Chv** - Newwells, Oldmeldrum £191.50; **Black** – Woodside, Strichen £184.50; **Bel** – Mosshead, Whitehouse £187.50; **Llyen** – Woodside; £179.50; **ChvMul** - Elrick Farm, Alford £177.50; **ChvX** – Glenernie, Dunphail £175.50; **Mule** – Glastullich, Nigg Station £164.50; **GF** – Elrick Farm £161.50; **EasyCare** - Monellie Farm £139.50; **Zwa** – Glenernie £127.50; **BF** - Knockhourn, Knockando £105.50

Feeding Rams: Tex - Mains of Orchardtown, Udny £300; **TexX** – Mains of Orchardtown £254.50; **Suf** – Tillyboy, Echt £221.50; **Cont** – Mains of Orchardtown £204.50; **SufX** – Cormalet £204.50; **BluTex** – West Cairnhill £204.50; **Oxf** – Mains

of Orchardtown £199.50; **Chv** – Cormalet £194.50; **DutSptd** – Meikle Tillyeve, Udny £149.50; **Rye** – Glenview, New Byth £139.50.