Thainstone - Aberdeen & Northern Marts (Thursday 29th February 2024) A total of 70 Cast Cows, Bulls, Prime Cattle and 83 Sheep were forward from Orkney consignors with leading prices as follows.

Beef Cows

Sold to £1,870 gross for a 910kg Saler from J & E Miller, Nigley, Evie and to 250p per kg for a 636kg Charolais from H G & M Stout, Linksness, Stronsay.

Leading Prices per Head

Sax – Nigley £1,870; Hindatoon £1,330. **Sim** – Cauldhame £1,770; Westness £1,730; Cauldhame £1,670; Backakelday £1,670; Maesquoy £1,550; Nigley £1,530; Diamonds £1,530; Westness £1,490; Midland £1,355, **AA** – Cauldhame £1,770; Backakelday £1,605; Quanterness £1,510, £1,490; Diamonds £1,390; Heathercow £1,325; Sandwick House £1,255. **Sho** – Backakelday £1,670 & £1,570. **Lim**- Ingsay £1,605; Linksness £1,550. **BB** – Maesquoy £1,590 & £1,550. **Char** – Linksness £1,590 & £1,570; Diamonds £1,530; Sandwick House £1,410; Nearhouse £1,310. **Bax** – Maesquoy £1,350.

Leading prices per kg

Linksness 249.1p & 246.4p; Maesquoy 227.1p; Backakelday 222.6p; Sandwick House 221p;Ingsay 219.8p; Quanterness 218.5p; Diamonds 217.3p; Nigley & Backakelday 216.3p; Westness 215.7p; Diamonds 209.4p; Cauldhame 208.7p;Maesquoy 207.7p; Quanterness 207.4p; Sandwick House 206.1p; Nigley 205.5p; Hindatoon 201p; Heathercow 194.3p; Midland 191.4p.

Mature Bull

Sold to £1,610 gross for a 1035kg Aberdeen Angus from E SH Harcus, Quanterness, St Ola.

Leading prices per head

Skelday (Sax) £1,470; Whitehall (Cha) £1,440.

Prime Cattle 30-48mths

Sold to £1,642.55 gross and 247p per kg for a 665kg Aberdeen Angus Heifer from S J & L Foubister, Diamonds, Deerness.

Young Bulls

Sold to £2,046.10 gross and 259p per kg for a 790kg Simmental from K Mackay, Ingsay, Swannay.

Leading prices per head and kg

Heathercow (AA) £1,543.60, 227p.

Prime Sheep (83)

Old Season Lambs

Sold to £153.50 gross for 55kg Suffolks and 52kg Cheviots from Glebe Farm, Firth and to 347.4p per kg for 39kg Texels from Backakelday Farms, Holm.

Leading Prices per Head

Suff – Glebe £152.50. **Tex –** Feolquoy £146.50, 340.6p; Backakelday £135.50.

Feeding Ewes & Rams

Sold to £298 gross for a cracking Pure texel ewe from K W Hourston, Skelbister, Orphir.

Leading prices per head

Pure Tex - Skelbister £284.50 & £231.50; Veltigar £227.50 & £217.50.

Tex - Veltigar £211.50; Skelbister £199.50.

Suff – Westfield £191.50. **Zwar –** Skelbister 153.50.

Cont - Skelbister £133.50; Backakelday £129.50. BL - Skelbister £127.50.

Chev - Westfield & Backakelday £124.50; Skelbister £117.50.