THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 15th February 2024) Sold 4,716 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

Old Season Prime Lambs (4055) averaged 307.5p per kg (-13.6p) and sold to 351.3p per kg for 40kg Beltex's from Burnside Croft, Lethenty and £205 gross for 64kg Texel's from Harestone Farm, Crathes.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1766) averaged 315.9p per kg (-13.8p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (661) averaged £87 and sold to £262 for a Texel from Cairnbo, Gamrie.

"A very large show of 4055 Prime Hoggs saw a strong trade for all classes, albeit at slightly lesser rates than last weeks record figure. The whole sale still averaged a very respectable £143.13 per head. Pure and heavy continental ewes were in short supply. Quality considered all types would be dearer on the week."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Old Season Prime Lambs: Rou - Balnagarrow, Kirriemuir £187.50, 313.4p; Pure Tex - Balcairn, Oldmeldrum £179.50, Westerton, Echt 340.9p; Chv - Cormalet, Cairnie £177.50, Harestone Farm 315.5p; Suf - Ankerville, Nigg Station, Tofthills, Clatt £176.50, Nether Savoch, Longside 327.4p; **Tex –** Auchtydonald, Longside £175.50, East Fingask, Oldmeldrum 339.8p; RouX - Balnagarrow £175.50; DutSpt - Belnoe, Chapelton £175, 330.2p; **TexX** - Harestone Farm £173.50, Lost Farm, Strathdon 337.5p; **Cont –** Boganlea, New Byth £172.50, Hillhead, Newmachar 336p; Black - Newton of Forgie, Keith £170.50, 310p; SufX - Kirkland, Forgue £169.50, Harestone Farm 326.7p; ContX - North Quilquox, Ythanbank £169.50, Harestone Farm 336.7p; **Down –** Newton of Forgie £167.50, Harestone Farm 324.4p; **DownX –** Clackriach, Maud £165.50, Gibston, Huntly 323.3p; Char - Kirkland £163.50, 327p; CharX - Kirkland £161.50, East Fingask, Oldmeldrum 326.1p; ChvX - Harestone Farm £160, 308.1p; **Bel –** Nether Savoch £155.50, Lhaid Croft, Occumster 337.2p; Easy - Monellie Farm, Drumblade £154.50; BelX - Viewfield, Glenkindie £154.50, Nether Savoch 324p; **BDM** – Bridges, Kinnoir £152.50, 334.5p; **Lleyn** – Clackriach £152.50, Newton of Auchaber, Corse 314.4p; Mule - Freefield House, Old Rayne £148.50, Middlehill, Rothienorman 305.7p; **Dor –** South Raedykes, Rickarton £145.50, 246.6p; **ChvMul** – Harestone Farm £143.50, 281p; **Bf** – Cloves Farm, Alves £143.50, 287p; **GF –** Loanend £143.50, Fawside, Kineff 301.2p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Newton of Budgate, Cawdor £234.50; Tex – Belnoe, Chapeltown £217.50; TexX – Milltown of Birness, Ellon £212.50; Cont – Milltown of Birness £207.50; ContX – Cairnbo £197.50; Pure Suf – South Tillydesk, Ellon £172.50; Suf – Tofthills, Clatt £169.50; Cha – Backley, Pitcaple £168.50; Rou – Balnagarrow, Kirriemuir £168.50; Down – South Tillydesk £165.50; ChaX – Broadwater, Skene £160; SufX – Milltown of Birness £158.50; BluTex – Newton of Budgate £154.50; Cross – Broadwater £145.50; ChvMul – Bogmill, Pitcaple £139.50; Mule – Bogiebrae, Rhynie £118.50; BF – Belnoe £100;

Feeding Rams: Chv – Cormalet, Cairnie £150; **TexX** – Tullo of Garvock, Backley, Boganlea £149.50; **Rou** – Balnagarrow, Kirriemuir £137.50; **Tex** – Balnagarrow £134.50; **SufX** – Backley £129.50;