THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 22nd February 2024) Sold 3'575 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

Old Season Prime Lambs (2909) averaged 313p per kg (+5.5p) and sold to 403.8p per kg for 39kg Beltex's from Quoymorhouse, Balfour and £193.50 gross for 66kg Beltex's from Clashendammer, Fordyce.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1526) averaged 322.5p per kg (+6.6p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (666) averaged £95.05 and sold to £270 for Pure Texels from Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown.

"The Prime Hogg trade was once again very buoyant with another strong average of 313p per kg and £142.41 per head. Numerous pens of best quality and heavy hoggs exceeded £150. All classes of ewes sold dearer on the week. Blackface ewes were in particular demand with a pen of 29 reaching £102.50 from Messrs Hay, Bush, Huntly."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Old Season Prime Lambs: Pure Bel – Quoymorhouse £188, 390.2p; Pure Tex – Wester Badentyre, Turriff £175, Ferniebrae, Meikle Wartle 359.2p; Cont - Hillside, Fetternear £172, North Quilquox, Ythanbank 347.7p; SufX - Berefold, Ellon £171.50, Newton of Lewesk, Old Rayne 333.7p; Bel – Midhill of Seggat, Auchterless £168.50, Drumnahive, Kildrummy 350p; BelX – Heads of Auchinderran, Aultmore £167.50, Midhill of Seggat 367.8; Tex - Wester Badentyre £166.50, Harestone, Crathes 357p; Cross – Clashendammer £166.50, Cairntack Farm, Belhelvie 338.2; ContX – Hillhead, Fetternear £164.50, Cowiehillock, Echt 341.1p; TexX - Inchgreen, New Deer £163.50, Auchorrie, Midmar 350p; Suf - Craighead, Skelmuir £157.50, Corse House 342p; Down - Clashendamer £156.50, Tapiken, Tyrie 333p; Chv -Tillyeve Cottage, Ellon £155.50, Cuttlebrae, Clochan 347.3p; Black - Balvack Farm, Monymusk £154.5, Heads of Auchinderran 347.6; DownX - South Craighead £154.50, Muldearie Mains, Keith 330p; Char – Braeside, Tough £153.50, Clashendammer 338.9p; ChvX – Birkenburn, Keith £152.50, Cuttlebrae, Clochan 343.1p; BF - Achdregnie, Glenlivet £152.50, 333.7p; CharX - Clashendamer £152.50, Midhill of Seggat 315p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Home Farm of Auchry £200; **Tex** – Ros Cillala, Glassel £197.50; **TexX** – Muirden of Cranna, Aberchirder £195.50; **BluTex** – Gaitnip, St Ola £187.50; **Cont** – Denberry Cottage, Cushnie £179.50; **ContX** – Ros Cillala £177.50; **Cross** – Muirden of Cranna £174.50; **Char** – Clackriach, Maud £167.50; **Pure Suf** – Muirden of Cranna £165.50; **BluTexX** – Gaitnip, Yokieshill, Mintlaw £164.50; **Suf** – Boghead of Cobairdy, Forgue £155.50; **SufX** – East Cowbog Farm, New Aberdour £149.50; **Down** – Harestone Farm, Crathes £148.50; **DownX** – Bilboa, Daviot £147.50; **Bel** – Eastside Farm, Whitecairns £147.50; **Chv** – Braehead, Cairston £139.50; **ChrX** – Dykeneuk, Netherley £135.50; **BelX** – Drumnahive, Kildrummy £135.50; **ChvX** – Denberry Cottage £131.50; **Zwa** – Newton of Forgie, Keith £125.50; **ChvMul** – Muirden of Cranna £123.50; **Mule** – Hillhead, Fetternear, Gaitnip

£119.50; **GF** – Goukswells, Culsalmond, Culhay, Forbes £117.50; **BF** – Bush, Huntly £102.50.

Feeding Rams: BluTex – Hebrides, Oldmeldrum £174.50; **Lleyn** – Belniden, Strathdon £164.50; **Cont** – Tillymauld, Garmond £157.50; **Chv** – East Tilbouries, Maryculter £154.50; **BL** – East Lediken, Insch £128.50.