THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 11th April 2024) Sold 4289 Prime Sheep, Store Lambs and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (3) averaged 440.3p and sold to £204 for Suffolk Crosses from Drum Farm, Keith.

Old Season Prime Lambs (3649) averaged 403p per kg (+12.3p) and sold to 468.8p per kg for 40kg Texel crosses from Gerriesford, Cuminestown and £288 gross for 78kg Texels from Harestone Farm, Crathes.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (2183) averaged 411.1p per kg (+14.5p).

Store Lambs (93)

Feeding Ewes & Rams (544) averaged £124.31 and sold to £272 for Pure Texels from Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown.

"Prime hoggs set a new record trade with the entire sale averaging a staggering 403p per kg and £183.33 per head. Top of the day was £288 for a pure Texels from Harestone. The ewe ring saw numbers tight and demand very strong with all classes dearer on the week."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Old Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex - Harestone Farm £280, Newton of Lewesk, Old Rayne 437.5p; **TexX** - Harestone Farm £260, Mains of Leslie 440.7p; **Cont** - 35 Main Street, New Deer £230, 12 Vale Meadows Vale, Oldmeldrum 433.7p; Pure Suf - Wellheads, Huntly £229.50, Mains of Leslie, Leslie 441.7p; **Suf** - Wellheads £220, Millbuie, Skene 437.5p; ContX - Standingstones, Dyce £220, Bankhead, Clatt, Mains of Leslie 431.4p; BluTex - Odmoston, Laurencekirk £211.50, North Retannach, Rothiemay 426.3p; BelX - Clashendammer, Fordyce £209.50, Whitelums, Gartly 423.5p; **Tex –** Clashendammer £208.50, Mains of Leslie 436.9p; Bel - Whitelums £207.50, Clashendammer 427.6p; SufX - Whitelums £207.50, Mains of Leslie 441.1p; **Down –** Clashendammer £205.50, Millbuie 436.7p; **DownX** 12 Meadows Vale £204.50, Drum Farm 434p; BDM - Standingstones £197.50; Char - Corfeidly, Glassel £197.50, 438.9p; Black - South Breck, Burray £195.50, Greens of Gardyne, Forfar 409.3p; **CharX –** Corfeidly £194.50, Bogburn, Auchenblae 414.4p; **Chv –** East Brachmont, Durris £193.50, Howe of Rora. Longside 433p; ChvX - Sauchentree, New Aberdour £193.50, 430p; Mule -Freefield House, Old Rayne £192.50, 392.9p; BF - Quarryburn, Rosehearty £189.50, 426.1p;

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Home Farm of Auchry £270; Tex – Home Farm of Auchry, Wellheads, Huntly £254.50; Pure Bel – South Breck, Burray £241.50; Bel – The Mall, Cormalet £234.50; TexX – Home Farm of Auchry, Harestone Farm £219.50; Suf – Drimmie Farm, Rescobie £209.50; BelX – Raich, Forgue £194.50; SufX – Bilboa, Daviot £189.50; Cont – Drumnahvie, Kildrummy £189.50; Cross – Craigley, Corvichen £186.50; Chv – Home Farm, Kininmonth £185.50; ContX –

Headiton, Bonnykelly, Mosshead, Whitehouse £184.50; **BelX** – Craigley £179.50; **Char** – Mosshead £179.50; **ChvX** – 35 Main Street £179.50; **Down** – Drimmie Farm £179.50; **DownX** – Bilboa £174.50; **Mule** – Concraig House, Kingswells £162.50; **BF** – 1 Nether Comisty Cottage, Forgue £113.50;

Feeding Rams: BluTex – North Retannach £157.50; Tex – Raich £151.50; TexX – Nether Kirton, Barthol £145.50; Cont – West Stonyhill, Netherley £144.50; Chv – North House, Setter £139.50; Cross – Burnbank, Sandwick £139.50; Suf – North House £131.50; BF – Glenfinnan, Findon £129.50;