THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 18th April 2024) Sold 4398 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (21) averaged 458.8p per kg (+18.5p) and sold to 538.1p per kg and £226 gross for 42kg Charolais from Meiklebogs, Gordonstown.

Old Season Prime Lambs (3835) averaged 389p per kg (-14p) and sold to 459.3p per kg for 43kg Beltexs from Pitgersie, Ellon and £240 gross twice firstly for a 77kg Texel from Longhill Crimond and secondly for a 70kg Texel from Clinterty, New Aberdour.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1802) averaged 394.2p per kg (-16.2p).

Store Lambs (17)

Feeding Ewes & Rams (525) averaged £130.75 and sold to £284.50 for a Pure Texel from Clinterty, New Aberdour.

"New season lambs at record levels. Prime Hoggs continues to sell at top rates with a more mixed show for quality forward. A very strong average of £180.80 and 389p. A decent show of cast ewes and rams would be slightly sharper on the week. All classes very keenly bid for and many more could have been sold to the seller's advantage."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Suf – Knowehead, Sinnahard £216,469.6p; Char – Meiklebogs £214, 432.7p; Cross – Uppermill, Kintore £214, 436.7p; CharX – Meiklebogs £212; Suf – Bilboa, Daviot £210, 446.78p.

Old Season Prime Lambs: Bel - Muirton, Corse £232, Shoreton Farm, Culbokie 453.4p; **Pure Tex –** Newton of Greeness, Turriff, Harestone, Crathes, Gibston, Huntly £230, West Knock, Mintlaw 425.6p; SufX - Gibston, Huntly £225.50, Tillykerrie, Keithhall 414.8p; Black - Upper Clochforbie, Fisherie £224, North Easterton, Hatton 408.2p; TexX - Stonefolds, Fyvie £221.50, Gibston 428.1p; Tex -Auchmaliddie Mains, Maud, Hilton of Clush, New Deer £220, Drum Farm, Keith 425.6p; **Zwa –** Overton of Ardo, Methlick £220; **Pure Suf –** Newburgh Farm, Memsie £217.50, Doonby, Glassel 409.8p; Cross - Gibston £216.50, Drum Farm, Kirkhill, Alves 425.6p; **Suf –** Mains of Drumwhindle, Ellon £216, Caiesmill, Kinellar 413.1p; Cont - Collieston, Fordoun £216, Aldie Farm, Cruden Bay 426.1p; Down - Gibston £213.50, Caiesmill 407.6p; **DownX –** Wester Badentyre, Turriff £210.50, Backley. Pitcaple 405.4p; ContX - Lower Cotburn, Turriff £210, Tavelty, Kintore 412.2p; Chv - Harestone £210, Shoreton Farm 413.1p; ChvX - Hilton of Culsh £207.50, Pitgersie 408.1p; BluTex - Odmoston, Laurencekirk £200, Mains of Tonley, Alford 413.6p; BelX - Shoretone Farm £199.50, Dukeston of Brux, Kildrummy 414.9p; Mule -Strathbogie Farm, Rhynie £189.50; **BF –** Harestone £183.50.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: TexX – North Quilquox, Ythanbank £274.50; **Tex -** Veltigar, Tankerness £270.50; **Pure Suf –** West Teuchan Farm, Cruden Bay £227.50;

Pure Bel – Muirton, Corse £204.50; ChvX – West Teuchan Farm £194.50; BluTex – Collieston, Fordoun £191.50; BelX – Muirfield, Everton of Auchry £191.50; Suf – North House, Bixter £191.50; SufX – West Teuchan £189.50; Cont – Midhill of Seggat, Auchterless £189.50; Cross – Tillyboy, Echt £187.50; Bel – Tillyboy £184.50; ContX – Quarryside, Castletown £179.50; Oxf – Mains of Orchardtown, Udny £169.50; Black – Overton of Ardo, Methlick £159.50; Chv – Cottown of Gight, Methlick £157.50; Mule – South Easterton, Hatton £154.50; Dor – 49 Eider Road, Newburgh £151.50; Zwa – Quarryside £149.50; ChvX – South Easterton £147.50; Ber – Overton of Ardo £144.50; BFL – Mains of Craignell, 17 Bellfield Road £137.50; GF – Auchaber, Corse £134.50; BF - Wester Coull, Tarland £124.50;

Feeding Rams: Char – Blackpool Farm, Millbrex £181.50; **Tex** – Quarryside £179.50; **Black** – West Teuchan Farm £179.50; **Suf** – West Teuchan Farm £179.50; **TexX** - Cauldwells, Craigston £174.50; **Bel** – Stonefolds, Fyvie £151.50; **Chv** - 43 Newton Crescent, Carnoustie £137.50; **BF** - Overton of Ardo £104.50.