THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Tuesday 23rd April) Sold 1373 Breeding Sheep, Ewes with Lambs at foot and Store Sheep.

Ewes & Gimmers with Lambs at foot (525) averaged £103.29 per life and sold to £150 for Texel Cross Gimmers with Twins from Wester Biffie, Maud.

Store Hoggs (848) averaged £108.88 and sold to £190 for Texels from Mormond Prop, New Pitsligo.

"Ewes with Lambs at Foot met a very strong demand with all classes selling at top rates to an eager ringside of buyers. The average of £103.29 included a number of Blackface & Shetland ewes with lambs.

Store Hoggs easily maintained recent prices with an end of season show on offer."

Leading Prices per Head

Ewes with Lambs at foot:

Singles: ContX 2 Crop – Smallburn, Duffus £148; TexX Gmr – Wester Biffie £136; Bel 2 Yr Old – Leys of Dummie, Huntly £130; SufX WM – Mains of Auchmedden, Pennan £116; Cont WM – Mains of Auchmedden £114; Black WM – Mains of Craignell £100;

Lamb & Half: ChvMul 2 Crop – Smallburn £140; BelX Gmr – Leys of Dummie £128; Cont WM – Everton of Auchry, Cuminestown £117; Chv 3 Crop – West Cranloch, Ythanwells; Cont 3 Crop – West Cranloch £110; Cont 2-4 Crop – Mill of Inverarity, Forfar £106; Mule WM/BM – Meikle Ardrone, Keith £99; Mule 2 Crop – Mains of Craignell £90; SufX WM – Mains of Auchmedden £90; BF WM – Mains of Auchmedden £80;

Twins: SufX 2-4 Crop – Mill of Inverarity £134; TexX WM – Wester Biffie £132; TexX 2-4 Crop – Mill of Inverarity £132; Cont 2-4 Crop – Mill of Inverarity £126; SufX WM – Wester Biffie £120; TexX Gmr – Mains of Craignell £120; Chv WM/BM – Meikle Ardrone £112.

Store Hoggs: Bel – Cockardie, Torphins £175; Tex – Meikle Kirkhill, Maud £171; Suf – Cockardie £170; BelX – Mormond Prop £160; SufX – Little Chapelton, Leslie £159; Zwa – Glenlea, Lumphanan £156; TexX – Newells, Oldmeldrum £154; Cont – Newmill, Crathes £150; Down – Ledmacoy, Strathdon £146; Chv – Diamonds, Deerness £146; ChvX - Oskamull Farm, Ulva £145; ContX – 104 Abbotswell Crescent, Kintore £143; DownX – Balcraig, Kintore £141; Black – Newmill, Crathes £139; Dor – Blairindinnie, Gartly £134; BF – Knockhourn, Knockando £126.