THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Tuesday 9th April) Sold 2281 Store and Breeding Sheep including Island Consignments.

Ewes with Lambs at Foot (258) averaged £87.52 and sold to £114 for Black 2 Crop Continental Ewes with lamb and half at foot from Braigiewell, Echt.

Store Lambs (1791) averaged £120.29 and sold to £195 for Texels from Rennieshill, Newmachar.

Island Consigned Store Lambs (232) averaged £107.26 and sold to £146 for Texel Crosses from Cott of Holland, Tankerness.

"The First ewes with lambs at foot of the season sold very well to an eager ringside of buyers. Store hoggs met an excellent demand selling at record levels."

Leading Prices per Head

Ewes with Lambs at Foot:

Single: BM Mule – Braehead, Tarland £100; 2/3 Crop Tex – 4 Clinton Drive £88. Lamb & Half: 2/3 Crop Cont – Mains of Craignell, 17 Bellfield Road £104; 2/3 Crop ContX – Mains of Craignell £91; BM Mule – Braehead £88.

Twins: 3 Crop SufX – Braigiewell £110; Suf - Mains of Craignell £100; Black Gmr – Braigiewell £98; 1 Crop BluTex – 4 Clinton Drive £84; WM Mule – Mains of Craignell £82.

Store Lambs: Pure Tex – 2 Ballochview, Grange, Wester Biffe £190; Pure Suf – Wester Biffie, Maud, Annfield Croft, Bridge of Don £190; Suf – Rennieshill £187; SufX – Wester Biffie £182; Tex – Wester Biffie £180; TexX – Rennieshill £179; ChvMul – Mains of Auchriachan, Tomintoul, Annfield £172; Bel – 4 Clinton Drive, Sandhaven £170; BluTex – 4 Clinton Drive £170; HB – Wester Biffie £161; Cont – Wester Rora, Longside, Bogburn, Auchenblae £160; Mule – Rennieshill £158; Black – Upper Keithen, Greeness £158; Chv – Moss-side, Keithhall £155; ContX – Mill of Whitehill, New Deer £154; ChvX – Hawthorn Brae, St Katherines £148; GF – Bogburn £143; Char – Lynemore, Glenrinnes £141; DutSpt – Inverlochy Farm, Tomintoul £140; CharX – Braehead, Tarland, Roquharold £126; BF – Headtown of Ord, Cornhill £124.

Island Consigned Store Lambs: Suf – Mousland, Stromness £139; **Chv –** Greentoft, Eday £136; **Cont –** Lower Bigswell Farm, Steness £129; **ContX –** Dale Farm, Dale £126; **ChvX –** North House, Setter £125; **Bel –** Strathore, Balfour £125; **Ker –** Braebuster. Deerness £124.