THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Tuesday 11th February) Sold 1551 Breeding Sheep and Store Lambs including Island Consignments.

Breeding Sheep (243) averaged £238.12 and sold to £305 for a pen of 13 in lamb Texel Cross Gimmers from Blackhole, Finzean.

Store Lambs (921) averaged £120.87 and sold to £168 for Texels from Auchtygall, Peterhead.

Island Consigned Store Lambs (387) averaged £114.80 and sold to £153 twice for Beltex from Strathore, Balfour.

"In lamb breeding stock met an excellent demand to a large ringside of buyers. All ages and classes of ewes sold at top rates. The store lamb market continues to achieve outstanding prices with demand outstripping the supply."

Leading Prices per Head

Dispersal:

Blackhole - WM Mule - £300, £290; £285; **Cont Ewe -** £280; **TexX Gmr -** £275; **BM Mule -** £225; **Suf Ewe -** £220

Ferniebrae, Stonehaven: Mule Ewe - £230; TexX Ewe - £210

Breeding Sheep: TexX Gmr – Mains of Craignell, 17 Bellfield Road £300, £270; **Cont Gmr –** 9 Glenalmond Road, Blairgowrie £240; **Bel Gmr -** 9 Glenalmond Road £240; **ChvX Gmr -** 9 Glenalmond Road £210

Store Lambs: Mule – Barns, Crathes £166; PureTex – Wester Biffie, Maud £166; Tex – Oldtown Farm, Peterculter £165; TexX – Wester Biffie, Bogmill, Pitcaple £164; Black – Mapleview, Lumphanan £160; Cont – Wester Coltfield, Kinloss £160; ContX – Bogmill £159; BelX – Oldtown Farm £157; Suf – Wester Coltfield £151; Cross – Mapleview, Newwells, Oldmeldrum £150; SufX – Headtown of Ord, Cornhill £149; Chv – Headtown of Ord £147; Char – Highwater Croft, Premnay £147; Bel – Tillylodge, Newe (x3) £140; GF – Oldtown Farm £137; ChvX – Auchtygall £136; Down – Wester Coltfield £134; ChvMul - Auchtygall £133; Dorset – West Crichie Farm, Auchnagatt £120

Island Consigned Store Lambs: Bel – Biggings, Toab £138; Tex – Burnside Farm, Dalcomera, Holm Road, Skellister, South Nesting £137; ChvMule - Burnside Farm £137; TexX – Skellister, Biggings £132; Chv - Garth Farm, St Ola £131; Suf - Selta, Stromness £126; Cont – Leary, Marwick £123; Cross - Newbigging £122; Black – Leary £120