THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Tuesday 25th March) Sold 517 Breeding and Store Sheep including Island Consignments.

Ewes with Lambs at Foot (34) averaged £119.17 and sold to £155 for a Texel Cross with single lamb at foot from Mains of Auchmedden, Pennan.

Breeding Sheep (21) averaged £177.14 and sold to £190 for in lamb Mule Ewes from Gilrivie Cottage, Montrose.

Store Lambs (341) averaged £122.11 and sold to £164 for Texel's from Evergreen, Kininmonth.

Island Consigned Store Lambs (121) averaged £124.94 and sold to £168 for Blue Texels.

"The first ewes with lambs at foot of the season saw strong well mothered units selling very well. Top of the day was £155 per life for a Texel Cross ewe with single closely followed by £135 per life for a Suffolk Cross ewe with twins, both ewes consigned from Mains of Auchmeddan. Store hoggs were dearer on the week at excellent rates. Next sale is Tuesday 8th April."

Leading Prices per Head

Ewes with Lambs at Foot:

Twins: SufX - Mains of Auchmedden £135; BluTex - Gillahill, Kingswells £125

Single: Suf – Mains of Auchmedden £125

Breeding Sheep: Mule Gmr – Gilrivie Cottage £170

Store Lambs: Tex - Westburn Croft, Balmedie £160; **Cont –** Woodside, Rothiemay £157; **BluTex -** Woodside £154, £151; **TexX –** Bogmill, Pitcaple £140; **BF –** Auchmair, North Crannoch Crossroads £138; **Cross –** Upper Keithen, Greeness £136; **ContX –** Roquharold, Kemnay £135; **SufX –** Greenmyres, Gamrie, Woodside £130; **Suf –** Brenan, Laurencekirk £129; **ChaX -** Ardimannoch, Keith £126

Island Consigned Store Lambs: Pure Tex - Halley Farm, Deerness £160; Tex - Selta, Stromness £150; HB – Skelbister, Orphir £135; TexX – Skelbister £134; Cross – Netherhill, Tankerness £130; Cont – Veltigar, Tankerness £126; ContX – Skelbister £125; Suf – Selta £122