THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 10th April) Sold 5348 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

Old Season Prime Lambs (4910) averaged 300p per kg and sold to 369.9p for 45kg Blue Texels from Drumnahive, Kildrummy and £190 for 59kg Texels from Blackhouse, Methlick

Store Lambs (151) Sold to £129.

Old Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (1472) averaged 323.8p per kg.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (287) averaged £165.51 and sold to £360 for a Pure Beltex from Blackhouse, Methlick.

"A large entry of hoggs continued to see plenty heavy weights on offer, thus hindering averaged per kilo. Feeding ewes and rams were very short of buyer's requirements and sold to the dearest trade seen this season. The sale topped at £360 for a Pure Beltex from Blackhouse, Methlick.

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

Old Season Prime Lambs: Black – Upper Clochforbie, Fisherie £187.50, 321.6p Westlatch, Newburgh; BelX – Culhay, Forbes £186, Newbigging Farm, Insch 346.6p; Pure Bel – Drumnahive £180, Newbigging Farm 347.8p; Tex – 35 Main Street, New Deer £180, Tapiken, Tyrie 343p; Bel – Culhay £174, Craskins, Tarland 339.8p; BluTex – Butlers Cottage, Haddo Estate £172, 330.8p; TexX – Cockardie, Torphins £171.50, East Fingask, Oldmeldrum 345.6p; Cont – Honeyneuk Farm, Maud £171.50, Odmoston, Laurencekirk 340.7p; ContX – Mains of Leslie £170, Culhay 338.2p; Suf – Burnend, Forglen £169.50, Essich Farm, Dores 333.7p; Chv – Burnend £168.50, Odmoston 348.8p; Cross – Cockardie £167.50, Newton of Lewesk, Old Rayne 336.9p; SufX – Cockardie £166.50, Darnford, Durris 318.5p; CharX – Mains of Leslie £152.50, South Percy Horner, Fraserburgh 338.2p; Mule – Goval Cottage, Main Street £151.50, Craskins 306p; GF – Goval Cottage £150.50, Freefield House, Old Rayne 297.9p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Uppermill Farm, Tarves £359.50; Tex – Mid Haddo, Fyvie £349.50, £324.50; TexX – Uppermill Farm £294.50; BluTex – Butlers Cottage £277.50; Bel -Drumnahive £274.50, £271.50; Cont – Tillyboy £269.50; BelX – Tillyboy £269.50; ContX – Muirden of Cranna, Aberchirder £267.50; Cross – Culhay £264.50; Suf – Culhay £247.50; Black – North Garmond, Turriff £224.50; ChvX – Brae of Coynach, Mintlaw £221.50; Mule - Uppermill Farm £221.50; Cha – Muirden of Cranna £214.50; Rye – Blackhall, Drumoak £197.50; GF – Little Lediken, Insch £194.50; HB – Thorax Farm, Corhill £169.50; BF – North Garmond £161.50.

Feeding Rams: Tex – Muirden of Cranna £257.50; **TexX –** Creagan, Kinneff £244.50; **Zwa –** Glenlea, Lumphanan £174.50; **Rye –** Odmoston £161.50