THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northen Marts (Friday 25th July) Sold 811 Breeding Gimmers, Ewes and Store Lambs.

Breeding Gimmers (577) averaged £261.17 and sold to £620 for a Pure Texel Gimmers from Home Farm, Auchry.

Breeding Ewes (175) averaged £230.32 and sold to £370 for a Pen of Five Pure Texels from Cairness, Fraserburgh.

Store Lambs (59) averaged £108.64 and sold to £113 for a Pen of Twenty Continentals from East Thunderton, Longside.

"The first Breeding sheep sale of the season saw a strong demand for all classes of stock. Top pure gimmers £400-£620 with cross Suffolks and cross Texels between £250-£300. The store lamb entry only had long keep sorts on offer and trade far exceeded sellers' expectations."

Leading Prices per Head

Pure Tex Gimmers – Uppermill Farm, Tarves £600, Home Farm of Auchry £540, Tullo of Garvock, Laurencekirk £540, Uppermill £500, £480, £450.

Texel Cross Gimmers – Upper Sauchen, Ordhead £282, £280, Wardhead, Strichen £275, Cairness £262, Wardhead £262, £260

Suffolk Gimmers – Tullo of Garvock £500, £380, Cairness £300, Woolhillock, Skene £288, Tullo of Garvock £280

Suffolk Cross Gimmers – 2 Ballochview, Grange £310, Upper Sauchen £285, Wardhead £282, Rennieshill, Newmachar £278, Wardhead £275, South Mains of Tillymorgan £270, St Johns Wells, Fyvie £260, Rennieshill £255, Middlehill, Rothienorman £248.

Mule Gimmers – Wardhead £225, Newton of Crathie, Crathie £220, Wardhead, £212, Cairness £210, Newton of Crathie £210.

Cheviot Mule Gimmers - Wardhead £265.

Dutch Spotted Gimmer – Little Rowater, Cornhill £290, £260, £240, Newton of Crathie £195, Cairness £185.

Grey Face Gimmer - Cairness £245.

Texel Cross Ewe - Cairness £235, 3Y - Mill of Fowlis £228, 4Y - £210.

Suffolk Ewe – Reg Age – Tullo of Garvock £380, £350, £330, 3Y – Cryla, Maud £240, Tannachie, Stonehaven £225.

Suffolk Cross Ewe – Reg Age – Tannachie £232, Reg Age – Tullo of Garvock £230, £200, 3Y – Cryla £230.

Breeding Texel Ram - Cryla £280

Store Lambs – Tex - Mains of Blairydrine, Durris £112, £108; **Cont –** Hilldykes, Millbrex £108.