THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 9th October) Sold 2720 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1448) averaged 284.9p per kg (-4.1p) and sold to 339.8p for a Pen of Twenty 44kg Beltex from Birkenbower, Lumsden and £175 for Dutch from Dalton, Shevado.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (439) averaged 300.1p per kg (+1.1p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1272) averaged £114.87 and sold to £279.50 for Texels from Seabreeze, Scalloway.

"Prime lambs again sold at similar rates with a strong requirement for well finished sorts. A good entry of 1272 Ewes & Rams were very keenly bid for with the sale topping at £279.50 for a Pure Texels from Seabreeze, Scalloway."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: PureBel – Collieston Farm, Fordoun £168, Belnaboth, Glenkindie 312.8p; BelX – Skilmafilly, Auchnagatt £166; Pitlundie Farm, North Kessock 315.5p; Black – Collieston Farm £158.50, 289.7p; TexX – North Quilquox, Ythanbanks £155.50, Nether Tillygarmond, Finzean 314.4p; Cross – Plewlands, Duffus £152.50, Mains of Leslie 312.2p; Cont – Belnoe, Chapeltown £152, Ledmacoy, Strathdon 312.5p; BFL – Plewlands £151, 284.9p; ContX – Mains of Leask, Slains £149.50; 308p; Pure Bel – Birkenbower £149.50; 333.7p; Tex – Plewlands £148.50, Ardhuncart, Kildrummy 310p; SufX – Roundhome, Corse £146.50, Granite Villa, Tillyfourie 292.4p; Bel – Birkenbower £145.50, Mormond Prop, New Pitsligo 312.5p; Suf - South Mains of Tillymorgan, Culsalmond £142.50, Pitlundie Farm 301.2p; BDM - Skeibhill, Aberchirder £140.50, 305.4p; BluTex - North Rettannach, Rothiemay £139.50, 301.2p; Cha – Meiklebogs, Gordonstown £138.50, 298.8p; Mule – Netherthird, Rothienorman £132.50, Oxf – Bogmill, Pitcaple £131, 251.9p; ChaX – Bogentassie, Lumphanan £130.50, Pitlundie Farm 306.1p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Bel – Ros Cillala, Glassel £277.50; Pure Tex – Ros Cillala £274.50; Bel - Muirden of Cranna, Aberchirder; BelX – Muirden of Cranna, West Cairnhill, Culsalmond £259.50; Cont – Woodhead, Cairness £254.50; ContX – Woodhead £249.50; Pure Suf – Woodhead £247.50; BluTex – Collieston Farm, Fordoun £237.50; Tex – North Crannoch, Crossroads £234.50; TexX – The Neuk, Nether Kinmundy £227.50; Cross – Muirden of Cranna £225.50; BluTexX – Collieston £214.50; Char – Mains of Ludquharn, Longside £207.50; Suf – Kepplecrook £198.50; SufX – Skillymarno, Strichen £184.50; DutSpt – Collieston Farm £184.50; ChvMul – Ardimmanoch, Keith £174.50; Blk – Collieston, West Cairnhill £171.50; Hamp – Longcroft, Oyne £167.50; Mule – Heldonside Farmhouse, Pluscarden, North Crannoch £167.50; GF – Ardhuncart, Kildrummy £164.50; Down – West Cairnhill £160.50; DownX – Ardimannoch £159.50; Chv – East View, Burnside £147.50.

Feeding Rams: Pure Tex – Mains of Ludquharn £227.50; **DutSpt –** Forebogs of Knaven, Maud £217.50; **Tex –** Ros Cillala £200; **TexX –** Grunnafirth, Brettabister £189.50; **CharX –** Mains of Ludquharn £179.50; **Sht –** Islesburgh, Sullom £75.50.