THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 27th November) Sold 1971 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1231) averaged 312.3p per kg (+5p) and sold to 385.7p for a Pair of Beltex from The Parks, Kinaldie and £171.50 for Texels from Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (563) averaged 320.5p per kg (+2.9p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (740) averaged £136.56 and sold to £310 for a Pure Texel from Oldtown Farm, Peterculter.

"Trade for prime lambs continues to climb with export weights in great demand. Feeding Ewes and Rams would sell sharper on the week with the sale topping at £310 for a Pure Texel from Oldtown Farm, Peterculter."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Tex – Clashnoir, Auchnarrow £170, The Parks 357.5p; Suf- Muirfold Farmhouse, Grange £164; Bogdavie, Fyvie 323.3p; Bel – Strathelen, Ringorm Farm, Home Farm of Auchry £164, Strathelen 370.2p; DutSptd – Heatherlea Cottage, Toab £164, Forebogs of Knaven 301p; BelX – The Parks £162, Muiryfold Farmhouse 368.4p; Cont – Home Farm of Auchry £159.50, 362.5p; TexX – The Parks, North Quilquox, Ythanbank £158, Lenahowe, Sandwick 355.7p; Cross – Lenahowe £156.50; The Parks, 357.1p; ContX – Strathelen £155.50; Nether Drumallochie, Glenkindie 350p; Black – 2 Corse Cottage, Corse of Kinnoir £150, Netherton, Clatt 321.6p; SufX – Mains of Slains, Collieston £148.50, Corrybrae, Kildrummy 323.3p; BFL – Home Farm of Auchry £140, 275p; Mule – Newmill, Crathes £139.50, West Town of Barras, Stonehaven 303.7p; Chv – Newmill £139.50, 317p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Tex – Gaval, Fetterangus £295; BluTex – Mains of Keithfield, Haddo Estate £289.50; TexX – Halley Farm, Deerness £279.50; Bel – Muiryfold Farmhouse £274.50; BelX – Brotherfield Bungalow, Kingwells £239.50; Cont – Mains of Slains, Collieston £227.50; ContX – Muirden of Cranna, Aberchirder £217.50; Bdgf Tex – Heldonside Farmhouse, Pluscarden £211.50; Cross – Newmill, Crathes £201.50; Chv – Wester Rora, Longside £189.50; Mule – Altdargue, Corse £179.50; ChvX – East Brachmont, Durris £163.50; Suf – Kirkside, Banff £177.50; SufX – Newmill, Crathes £178.50; BF – Clashnoir, Auchnarrow £141.50.

Feeding Rams: Tex – Halley Farm, Deerness £249.50; **TexX** – Evergreen, Kininmonth £237.50; **BluTex** – Forebogs of Knaven, Maud £224.50; **Bel** – Miltonbank, Tannadice £199.50; **Suf** – 3 Conglass Walk, Inverurie £177.50.