THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 22nd October) Sold 2922 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1689) averaged per 299.4p per kg (-4.2p) and sold to 341.7p per kg for 42kg Texels from Shougle, Birnie and £190 gross for 76kg Suffolks from Tapiken, Tyrie.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (507) averaged 316.3p per kg (-1p).

32.1kg – 39kg (42) – averaged 328.5p;
39.1kg – 45.5kg (465) – averaged 315.4p;
45.6kg – 52kg (933) – averaged 295.5p;
52.1kg – (249) – averaged 286p.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (1233) averaged £113 and sold to £280 for a Texel from Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown.

"Prime lambs were a very heavy show with only 507 head falling into the export weight category, these handier weight sorts were keenly bid for. A mixed entry of ewes sold slightly less on the week. Best fleshed sorts were short of supply and many more could have been sold."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Tex – Halley Farm, Deerness £182, Ferniebrae, Meikle Wartle 304.7p; **Suf –** Uppermill Farm, Tarves £176, Wairds of Alpity, Arbuthnott 313.3p; **TexX –** Veltigar, Tankerness £174, Burnside of Tynet, Clochan 336.5p; **Cont –** Uppermill Farm £172, Wairds of Alpity 333.8p; **SufX –** Uppermill Farm £171, Ledmacoy, Strathdon 331.3p; **Cross –** Uppermill Farm, East Redhill, Rothienorman, Hawthorne, Tullynessle, Brodieshill farm, Alves, Netherhill, St Fergus £170, Burnside of Tynet 332.1p; **BelX –** Bridges, Kinnoir £169, Netherhill 321.9p; **ContX –** Clashnoir, Auchnarrow £168, Lyne of Linton, Sauchen 329.1p; **DonwX –** Uppermill Farm £166, 5 Sett Road,Blackburn 320.7p; **Cha –** Bridges £160, Banks Farm, The Old Manse of Bourtie 328.7p; **Bel -**Netherhill £158.50, 321.9p; **BFL -** Netherhill £155.50, 235.6p; **Black –** Skelbister, Orphir £151.50, 297.1p; **DutSptd –** Halley Farm, Deerness £150.50, 320.2p; **ChvMul –** West Quoscies, Newtonhill £149.50, 5 Sett Road 300p; **ChvX –** West Quoscies £146.50, Mossneuk 296.7p **GF –** Knowehead £144.50, 294.9p; **Chv –** Braeside, Tough £142.50, 316.7p; **ChaX –** Fortrie Croft, Rora £140, South Ardoyne 327.4p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Home Farm of Auchry, Cuminestown £249.50; **Pure Suf –** Cairnton, Techmuiry £244.50; **Tex -** South Craighead, Skelmuir £234.50; **TexX –** Skelbister, Orphir £229.50; **Cont –** Braeside, Orphir £224.50; **ContX –** Ferniebrae, Meikle Wartle £214.50; **Zwa –** Dalbraidie, Monymusk £211.50; **Suf –** Milltown of Birness, Ellon £210; **SufX –** Home Farm Auchry £209.50; **Cross –** South Craighead, Home Farm of Auchry £199.50; **BFL –** Newton of Hassiewells, Rothienorman

£199.50; **Down –** East Redhill, Rothienorman £194.50; **Blk –** Soutra, Auchinhove £183.50; **Char –** Bogharvey, Turriff £181.50; **DownX –** Whitehall, Insch £179.50; **Bel –** Netherhill, St Fergus £179.50; **BlueTex –** Chapelton, Leslie £177.50; **ChvMul –** Home Farm of Auchry £174.50; **BelX –** Hill of Muirden, Dunlugas £174.50; **CharX –** Shougle, Birnie £169.50; **GF –** Clashnoir, Auchnarrow £168.50; **Mule –** Cluny, Rafford £162.50; **BF –** Clashnoir £123.50.

Feeding Rams: Pure Tex – The Howe, Grimness, Orchardtown, Udny £260; **Bel –** Muirton, Corse £220; **BFL –** Newton of Hassiewells £214.50; **Suf –** Lyne of Linton, Sauchen £190.