THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 5th November) Sold 3389 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (2396) averaged per 295p per kg (-9p) and sold to 359.7p per kg for 36kg Beltexs from South Ardoyne, Oyne and £192 gross for 61kg Beltexs from Tillyorn Corse, Lumphanan.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (587) averaged 315.4p per kg (+2.8p).

32.1kg – 39kg (25) – averaged 348.3p;
39.1kg – 45.5kg (562) – averaged 314.2p;
45.6kg – 52kg (1326) – averaged 292.3p;
52.1kg – (483) – averaged 282.4p.

Feeding Ewes & Rams (993) averaged £123.06 and sold to £285 for a Blue Texel Ram from The Bothy, Rivehill.

"2396 prime lambs saw an abundance of heavy weight sorts. Export weights were scares and saw an increase on the week. Belly clipping will commence next week. Feeding ewes and rams sold dearer on the week with all classes very keenly bid for."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Tex – Denhead, Lomnay £190, Halley Farm, Deerness 358.6p; **PureBel –** Bridges £181.50, Bridges, Tillyorn Corse 349p; **BelX –** Tillyorn Corse £178, Gilkhorn Farm, Maud 347.8p; **PureTex –** Auchorrie, Midmar £176, Nistaben, Harray 347.7p; **Cont –** Tipperty, Auchenblae £174, Bogside, Fyvie 343.8p; **Bel –** South Mains of Tillymoragn, Culsalmond £170, The Parks, Kinaldie 342.9p; **SufX –** Bogburn, Auchenblae £170, Upper Inverichnie, Banff 320.2p; **ChaX –** Bridges £169.50, Mid Clochforbie, Fisherie 322.1p; **TexX –** Corseview, Durris £168.50, South Law, New Pitsligo 333p; **Cross –** Mains of Drumwhindle, Ellon £168, South Ardoyne, Oyne 342.3p; **ContX –** Bogburn £167.50, Sebay Farm, Tankerness 340.7p, 340.5p; **DutSptd –** Middle Muirden, Turriff, Halley Farm, Deerness £167.50, Middle Muirden 310.2p; **Black –** Blelack, Dinnet £165, 317.4p; **Chv –** Cormalet, Cairnie £160, Braeside, Tough 310p; **Suf –** South Mains of Tillymorgan £164, Tullochallum, Dufftown 310.5p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Suf – Cadgerford, Kingswells £259.50; **Pure Bel –** The Mull, Cormalet £234.50; **Suf –** South Tillydesk, Ellon £227.50; **SufX –** Yokieshill Cottage, Mintlaw £224.50; **Pure Tex –** Blelack, Dinnet £219.50; **Tex –** Park Neuk, South Hilton, Heldonside, Pluscarden, Blelack £207.50; **Blk –** Easter Knock, Stuartfield £207.50; **TexX –** Yokieshill Cottage £204.50; **Cont –** Tipperty, Auchenblae £201.50; **ContX –** Tipperty £201.50; **Cross –** Tipperty £197.50; **DutSpt –** Nordheim 33, Grainepark £194.50; **BluTexX –** Little Skillymarno, Strichen £189.50; **Down –** South Ardoyne £187.50; **DownX –** Nordheim £184.50; **Chv –** North House, Greentown £181.50; **ChvMul –** Backerass, Westray £178.50; **DutSptX –** Blelack £174.50; **Mule**

– Heldonside £171.50; **ChvX –** Whiteside £167.50; **GF –** Whiteside £161.50; **Zwa –** Nether Tillygarmond, Finzean £157.50; **Easy –** Overton of Keithfield, Methlick £148.50; **BF –** Phoines Estate, Newtonmore £125.50.

Feeding Rams: Bel – The Mull £270; **DutSpt –** Forebogs of Knaven, Maud £199.50; **Lleyn –** North Braewick £194.50; **DutsptX –** Nordheim £194.50.