THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 28th August) Sold 2206 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1346) averaged 297p per kg (+1.8p) and sold to 362.3p per kg and £192 gross for 53kg Texels from Milltown of Birness, Ellon.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (440) averaged 302.8p per kg (+1.2p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (860) averaged £110.69 and sold to £259.50 for Pure Texels from 2 Earlsfield Cottage, Kennethmont.

"Prime lambs would see a slight increase on the week with fed sorts very sought after and leaner types proving harder to cash. Feeding ewes and rams sold well with the sale topping at £259.50 for a Pure Texel from D Grant, 2 Earlsfield Cottage."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Tex – Milltown of Birness £170, Boghead, Drumblade 321.6p; Cont – Collieston Farm, The Bungalow £168, Springburn, Kintore 324.4p; ContX – Nether Tillygarmond, Finzean £161, Lawfolds, Durno 317.9p; SufX – Mains of Drumwhindle, Ellon £160, South Byebush, St Katherines 314.4p; Tex – Balcraig, Kintore £160, Milltown of Birness 320.8p; BluTex – Collieston Farm £159.50, 300.9p; DutSpyd – Collieston Farm £159.50, 300.9p; Black – Tannachie, Stonehaven £158, Middle Muirden, Turriff 309p; TexX – Drumwhindle Mains £157.50, South Byebush 319.3p; Suf – Milltown of Birness £156, Nether Kirkton, Barthol Chapel 314.4p; BelX – Collieston Farm £155.50, Stripeside, Aberlour 323p; Cross – Muir Farm, Alford, Upperhill, Midmar £155.50, Newtonbank, Gordonstown, Broomhill Farm, Methlick 316.7p; Rye – Blackhall, Drumoak £153.50, 288p; Bel – Coneyhatch House, Stonehaven £152.50, Migvie, Tarland 316.3p; Cha – Meikle Haddo, Newburgh £145.50, Meiklebogs, Gordonstown 315.1p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Tex – Milltown of Birness £234.50; Tex – Greystone, Kingsford £229.50; TexX – Boghead £209.50; Cross – Greystone £199.50; Cont - Newton of Balquhain, Pitcaple £189.50; Suf - Newton of Balquhain £189.50; SufX – North Lurg, Midmar £184.50; ContX – Bogentassie, Lumphanan, Broomhill Farm, Methlick £181.50; ChvMul – South Easterton, Hatton £172.50; Mule – Glenernie £167.50; GF – Coxton £163.50; Zwa - Glenernie £157.50; ChvX – Glenernie, Dunphail £155.50; Bel - Newton of Balquhain £150; Chv – Karma, Durno £149.50; Rye – Blackhall, Drumoak £124.50; BF - Belnoe, Chapeltown £119.50.

Feeding Rams: Cont - Ardlaw Mains, Tyrie £224.50; **BluTex** – Little Howes, Holm £177.50; **Suf** – Quoy Belloch, Deerness £164.50.