THAINSTONE, Aberdeen and Northern Marts (Thursday 23rd October) Sold 1972 Prime Sheep and Feeding Ewes & Rams.

New Season Prime Lambs (1015) averaged 287p per kg (+2p) and sold to 336p for 50kg Pure Beltex from Newton of Balquhain, Pitcaple and £200 for a pair of 87kg Pure Suffolk from Milltown of Birness, Ellon.

New Season Prime Lambs SQQ up to 45.5kg (344) averaged 300.4p per kg (+4.5p).

Feeding Ewes & Rams (957) averaged £109.42 and sold to £290 for PureTexel Ewe from Hillwell, Quendale.

"Prime Lambs saw a slight increase in value with well finished sorts still an essential requirement. A very mixed show of ewes was forward with the sale reaching £290 for a Pure Texel ewe from Hillwell, Quendale."

Leading Prices per Head and per Kg

New Season Prime Lambs: Pure Suf – Cranna Bridge, Aberchirder £190, Ardgeith, Strathdon 303.5p; Pure Tex – Clinterty, New Aberdour £175, Oldtown Farm, Peterculter 320p; Pure Bel – Newton of Balquhain £168, North Lurg, Midmar 327.7p; Bel – North Lurg £168, Nether Drumallochie, Glenkindie 315.6p; BelX – North Lurg £168, Newton of Inshewan, Memus 317.9p; Tex – Oldtown Farm £160, Seats, Tough 315.5p; TexX – Oldtown Farm £160, Bogharvey, Turriff 321.3p; Cont – Shougle, Birnie £145.50, Granite Villa, Tillyfourie 317.1p; ContX – Gillahill, Kingswells £145.50, Nether Drumallochie 314.1p; Cha – Shougle £143.50, Bogharvey 310.7p; Suf – South Tarwathie, Strichen £142.50, Broughnamary, Mulben 294.6p; SufX – Shougle £141.50, Granite Villa 303.7p; Down – Redbrae Farm, Nether Kinmundy £141.50, Oldtown Farm 285.9p; DownX – New Moan, Harray £140.50, Ayr-Lea, Skene 284.4p; Bla – Dale, Stronsay £140.50, Crossbrae, Delgaty 275.5p.

Leading Prices per Head

Feeding Ewes: Pure Suf – Bilboa, Daviot £275; Pure Tex – East Carmont, Stonehaven; Tex – East Carmont £250; Suf – Cranna Bridge £224.50; Cont – Taich-an-Cruach, Craigievar £214.50; TexX – Muirden of Cranna, Aberchirder £211.50; Cross – South Tarwathie, Strichen, Muirden of Cranna, Hillwell £209.50; ContX – Kierfiold, Sandwick, Chapel of Segget, Aucherless £207.50; Black – Crossbrae, Delgaty £201.50; SufX – Muirden of Cranna £194.50; Bel – Kierfiold Farm, Sandwick, Bilboa, Daviot, Taich-an-Cruach £194.50; Blackpots, Auchnagatt £173.50; Mule – North Lurg, Midmar £161.50; GF – South Tarwathie £155.50; Lleyn – Auchincrieve, Inverugie £151.50; Cha – Mains of Bruxie, Maud £149.50; ChvX – Clashnoir, Auchnarrow £145.50; BelX – Sheep Park, Bridge of Marnoch £144.50; Chv – Clashnoir £139.50; BluTex – Drumfrennie Farm, Banchory £137.50.

Feeding Rams: PureTex – East Carmont £219.50; **BluTex** – North Retannach, Rothiemay £219.50; **Tex** – Braehead, Carston £209.50; **TexX** – Taich-an-Cruach £204.50; **Cont** – Burnside of Whitefield, Forglen £194.50; **ContX** - Burnside of Whitefield, Cranna Bridge £184.50; **Black** – Taich-an-Cruach £179.50; **Bel** – Newton

of Balquhain, Pitcaple £174.50; **Cross –** Serrigair, Wrangham £175; **Llyen –** Blackpots £157.50.