Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 19th November 2025

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 6,066 prime sheep, comprising of 2,842 prime lambs and 3,224 cast ewes & rams.

Prime lamb trade showed another strong lift with a whole sale average of 323ppk being achieved, 339ppk SQQ and £152.97 per head, up £8 per head on this week last year.

The sale topped at 435ppk for a smart Blue Texel X lamb weighing 40kg from Mr D Dickinson, Brockwoodlees Farm, Canonbie, realising £174 purchased by Mr W Shearer on behalf of Pak Mecca. A top price per head of £208 was achieved for a superb Texel lamb weighing 72kg from Messrs B & DA Bousfield, Glaslyn House.

Suffolk lambs topped per head at £200 for a single 73kg lamb from Mr CB Abernethy, Belvedene. Topping Suffolks in pence-per-kilo went to Messrs M Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey, with 52kg lambs realising 375ppk/£195.

Mule lambs sold to exceptionally strong rates, topping at £162 for 56kg from Mr WJ Whitfield, Pennine View. The top pence-per-kilo was achieved by a pen of 5, weighing 44kg from Mr CA Cannon, Friarbiggin, realising 320ppk/£141.

Mr JG Morton, Bank Hall, sold Cheviot-Mule lambs to 334ppk for a pen of 15, weighing 45kg, totalling £149.

The top seller consignment average went to Messrs RH & JR Little, Park Nook, Bewcastle, who sold 6 to average £181.67. This was closely followed by Messrs DG & LM Strong, Sleagill House, selling a run of 29 to average £179.24.

Heavy lambs, 55kg plus, continue to add up to big money with first-time vendor Mr R Brazendale, Brocklebank Farm, selling 24 Suffolk Mule lambs to average £170 for 56kg.

Once again numbers came forward to a very ringside of buyers with all classes sharper on the week, especially Mules and Horned ewes. The sale topped at £355 for a pure Texel ewe from Mr CB Abernethy, Belvedene, purchased by Romford Halal. Leading in the averages went to Messrs Clubbs, Old Wall, with a consignment of Texel ewes averaging £259.30, topping at £299 for a pen of 3, also purchased by Romford Halal.

Weight and fat ewes were in short supply with Texel X Suffolk ewes achieving a top of £272 and Suffolks topping at £262 for a pair selling to Mr G Lomax, with larger pens to £230 x8, £220 x12, £220 x15, £210 x29, £200 x27, £194 x36.

English Mules topped at £190 from first-time vendor Mr R Brazendale, Brocklebank Farm, Wigton. Mr B Duffton, sold a pen of 8 Scotch Mules to £188, with larger pens to £179 x8, £172 x18.

A pen of 19 pure Easycare ewes from Messrs Atkinson, Scratchmere Scar, achieved a mind boggling £164.

Horned ewes were again a long way short of requirements, topping at £134 for a pen of 9 Scotch Blackfaces, with larger pens achieving £128 x9, £124 x32 and pens of West Coast Blackies to £114 x36, £110 x34, with all sold averaging £103.28.

Swaledale ewes saw the average peak at its highest point in a long time at £97.33, topping at £116 for a pen of 3 from Messrs V & R Edmondson, Manesty. This was closely followed at £115 on two occasions, firstly from Messrs Mounsey, Throstle Hall, and then for a pen of 22 from Messrs Strong, Well House, with plenty of pens consistently £100 per head plus.

Sheep are in strong demand here, with an active ringside of 10 buyers to ensure all classes are keenly bid for. If you haven't yet tried us, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Paul Gardner on 07552 589141, or Andrew Maughan on 07717611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £208 Glaslyn House; £192, £179, £176 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £190, £184, £180, £174, £172 Sycamore Rise; £190 (2), £188, £178, £176 Sleagill House; £190 Rottington Hall; £189, £188, £184, £176, £170 Ireby Hall; £188, £172, £170 Reagill Grange; £186, £178 Park Nook; £182 The Bow; £180 Low Abbey; £176 Ireshope Plains; £176 Bells View; £175 (2), £172 Newbiggin Farm; £175, £173 Undercragg; £174 High Garrigill Farm; £172 Stubsgill Farm; £171 Belvedene; £170 (2) Hole House; £170 Clea Hall; £170 Friarbiggin; £170 Pear Tree House

Suffolk - £200, £188, £176, £172, £162, £159 Belvedene; £195, £168 Hallgarth; £195, £156 Shap Abbey; £192, £178 Park Nook; £191, £167, £166 Brocklebank Farm; £181 Sceugh Dyke; £176, £155 Low Abbey; £174 Pear Tree House; £172, £162 Sleagill House; £170, £167 South View (Wilson); £170 Shap Abbey; £164 Lea Croft; £163 Stubsgill Farm; £162, £155 Ireshope Plains; £162 Crindledyke; £160, £157 Black Leases; £160 Staingills; £159 Braithwaite Mill; £158 Hole House; £157 West End

Beltex - £188, £179 (2), £176, £168 Sycamore Rise; £187, £186 (2), £170, £160 Glebelands; £184, £170 Black Leases; £180, £170 Newbiggin Farm; £179 (2) Shap Abbey; £179, £170 Braithwaite Mill; £179 Reagill Grange; £178, £161 Ireshope Plains; £177, £162 Kirkhouse; £174, £172, £161 Home Farm (Metcalfe); £173, £170, £165, £163 (2) Glaslyn House; £170 High Park Foot; £164, £162 Staingills; £164 Galloper Park; £164 Waterside Farm; £160 Brockwoodlees Farm; £160 Laitha Farm

Blue Texel - £178 High Harberwain; £174 Brockwwodlees Farm; £170 Clea Hall **Continental** - £170 Sceugh Dyke; £163, £157 High Park Foot; £162 Street Head (Wilson); £158 Basco Dyke Farm; £156 Ireshope Plains

Mule - £162, £154, £150 Pennine View; £155 Low Abbey; £153, £147 Stubsgill Farm; £152 Undercragg; £150, £148 Ireshope Plains; £150 Shap Abbey; £148, £147 High Park Foot; £148 Harbour Flatt; £148 Anns Cottage; £147 Lea Croft

Cheviot Mule - £156, £154 Ranbeck; £150 Low Abbey; £149 Bank Hall **Cheviot** - £149 Hay Close; £148 Clea Hall

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 435.0, 433.0, 378.0, 372.0 Glebelands; 428.0, 362.0 Black Leases; 421.0 Waterside Farm; 405.0, 400.0, 393.0, 385.0, 373.0, 354.0 Home Farm (Metcalfe); 400.0 Gatra Farm; 398.0, 395.0, 377.0, 373.0, 371.0, 352.0 Staingills; 398.0, 395.0, 373.0 Shap Abbey; 393.0, 386.0, 367.0, 366.0, 363.0, 362.0 Glaslyn House; 391.0, 373.0, 357.0, 351.0 Sycamore Rise; 386.0 High Park Foot; 378.0, 373.0 Braithwaite Mill; 376.0, 368.0, 357.0 Galloper Park; 371.0, 366.0 Ireshope Plains; 362.0, 361.0, 360.0 Kirkhouse; 355.0, 350.0 Walton High Rigg; 355.0 West View (Davidson)

Blue Texel – 435.0 Brockwwodlees Farm; 354.0 Clea Hall; 349.0 High Harberwain Texel – 389.0, 383.0, 343.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 381.0 West View (Davidson); 374.0, 345.0 Reagill Grange; 370.0, 349.0 Bank House; 364.0 Hewer Hill; 360.0 Undercragg; 356.0 Belvedene; 355.0, 351.0 Birks Head; 352.0 Ireshope Plains; 352.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 351.0, 350.0 The Bow; 351.0 Wickerslack; 350.0 (2) Newbiggin Farm; 350.0 Anns Cottage; 350.0 Lingstubbs; 349.0, 348.0, 340.0 Low House (Dickinson); 348.0, 347.0 Clea Hall; 348.0 Castle Bank; 347.0, 340.0 Hole House; 346.0, 345.0 Asby Mill; 345.0, 341.0 Currah Close; 345.0 Eden Close; 345.0 Cairnbridge Farm; 343.0 Staingills; 343.0 Scales Farm (Wilson); 343.0 Undercragg; 342.0 Fenton Farm

Suffolk – 375.0, 321.0 Shap Abbey; 348.0 Bank House; 330.0, 327.0, 315.0, 312.0 Ireshope Plains; 330.0, 321.0, 313.0 Midtown Farm (Fisher); 327.0 Black Leases; 326.0, 314.0 West End; 325.0 Staingills; 323.0, 319.0 Hallgarth; 322.0 West View (Davidson); 321.0 Fowrass; 320.0, 317.0, 314.0, 311.0, 310.0 (2) Hay Close; 318.0 Eden Terrace; 315.0 Crindledyke; 315.0 Westray; 315.0 Walton High Rigg; 313.0 Park Head (Hird); 310.0 Hole House; 310.0 Low Abbey

Continental – 354.0, 324.0, 323.0 Staingills; 349.0 Asby Mill; 342.0 Bank House; 336.0 Cottage Farm; 332.0 Belvedene; 326.0 Ireshope Plains; 324.0 (2), 322.0 (2) Anns Cottage Charollais – 351.0 Swallow Heights

Cheviot - 343.0, 328.0 High Lodore Farm; 329.0, 321.0 Clea Hall

Cheviot Mule - 334.0, 331.0 Bank Hall; 312.0 Ranbeck

Mule – 320.0 Friarbiggin; 313.0, 296.0 High Park Foot; 306.0, 298.0 Lea Croft; 306.0 Stubsgill Farm; 304.0, 300.0 Midtown Farm (Fisher); 296.0 (2) Harbour Flatt; 296.0 Ireshope Plains; 296.0 Anns Cottage

Herdwick - 302.0 Eden Terrace

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (av £206.44) - £355, £350, £302, £285, £200 Belvedene; £350, £208 Huntly Lodge Farm; £299, £262, £248, £242 Old Wall; £290, £222, £212 Shethin Farm; £270, £234 Holme House; £260, £210 Bogie Street; £245, £234 (2), £210 (2) Greenacres; £245, £208 (2) Greystone House; £220 Black Leases; £218 (2) Newbiggin Farm; £214 High Park Foot; £212, £206 Glaslyn House

Continental (av £171.75) - £315, £244, £210 Holme House; £272, £222 Tehilluh Farm; £270, £228 (2), £216, £208 (2) Belvedene; £248, £212 Lingstubbs £248, £204 Sycamore Rise; £240, £213 Huntley Lodge; £230, £217 Black Leases; £230 Hay Close; £228 Waterside Farm; £220, £210 Greystone House; £218, £200 Bogie Street; £208, £206, £204 Shethin Farm; £205 Sunny Bank; £200 Mains of Ballhall Farm; £200 Newbiggin Farm; £200 Lamb Lea Beltex (av £202.75) - £285, £225, £218 (2) Shap Abbey; £216 Shethin Farm Suffolk (av £192.65) - £262, £238, £212, £221 Bogie Street; £238, £200 Shethin Farm; £230 (2), £220 (2), £210, £200 Holme House; £228 Belvedene; £222 Huntly Lodge Farm; £216, £198 Thethwaite Farm; £198 Shap Abbey

Charollais (av £217.53) - £248, £232, £226, £216 Holme House

Cheviot (av £146.42) - £204, £182, £180, £179, £160, £156 Bogie Street; £186, £184, £172 Tillyfour; £173, £156, £152 Huntly Lodge Farm; £172, £164 Shethin Farm; £170 Belvedene; £164 Greenacres; £160, £156 Parkdargue; £158 Merryvale; £154 Greystone House Cheviot Mule (av £167.52) - £192, £190, £169 Huntly Lodge Farm; £190, £167 Tillyfour; £177 Clea Mire; £170 Hay Close

Mule (av £150.76) - £190 Brocklebank Farm; £188, £179, £166, £160 (3) Bogie Street; £172, £152 Holme House; £172 Greenacres; £168 Thethwaite Farm; £166 Tillyfour; £161 The Bow; £160 Newbiggin Farm; £159 Rectory Farm; £158 Stoneygarth; £158 Brackenburgh Home

Farm; £158 Pennine View; £156 Knock Hall; £156 Greystone House; £155 Sleagill House; £154 Huntly Lodge Farm; £152 Town Head (Hird)

Half-Bred - £189 (2) Bogie Street

Zwartble (av £149.16) - £172 Greystone House; £166 (2), £156 Sunny Bank; £166, £156 Greenacres; £165 Mains of Balhall Farm; £156 Tehilluh Farm

Scotch Blackfaced (av £103.28) - £134, £131, £116, £114, £111 Tehilluh Farm; £128, £106 Greenacres; £124, £120, £110 Parkdargue; £122 Greystone House; £116 Huntly Lodge Farm; £108 Bogie Street; £106 Shethin Farm

Easycare (av £146.63) - £164 Scratchmere Scar; £132 Greystone House **Herdwick (av £87.53)** - £118 Ireshope Plains; £117 Street Head (Wilson); £105, £100 Anns Cottage

Swaledale (av £97.33) - £116 Manesty; £115, £108 Well House; £115, £106 Throstle Hall; £114 Fellside Farm; £112 Fog Close; £110 Shap Abbey; £108 Setmabanning; £108 Far Close; £108 Low Stow Bank; £106 West Foreshield; £106 Coach House; £105 Harbour Flatt; £105 Rectory Farm; £100 Haltcliffe

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £226 Holme House **Texel** - £216 Shethin Farm