

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 7th January 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 4,795 prime sheep, comprising of 2,041 prime lambs and 2,754 cast ewes & rams.

Following on from our Sunday sale we had another entry of 2,041 hogs sold, equating to 4,580 sold within the week. A wonderful way to start 2026. All classes sold to dearer rates, this resulting in an average of 338p/kg overall, 355p/kg SQQ, for a more weathered show of lambs.

Topping today's sale at 436p/kg (£170) was a pen of four Beltex hogs, weighing 39kg, from Messrs W Gribbon & Co, Waterside Farm. This homes run of thirty-two sold to average 403.8p/kg.

A top price per head of £196 was achieved for a single Texel 62kg hogg from Messrs JH & MJ Jefferson, High Pow Farm. Suffolks sold to a top of £194 for 64kg lambs from Messrs DG & LM Strong, Sleagill House. Suffolks realised a top of 370p/kg (£122) for a clipped hogg weighing 33kg from Mr LW Taylor, Hill Top.

Mules sold to £174 for a pen of seventeen weighing 57kg from Messrs Lowis, Waterside House. RM & A Hall, Sunny Bank, sold 44kg Mules to £148 (344p/kg).

One of the best shows of ewes seen in a long time with a total sale average of £169.80 being achieved. Topping at £345 from Mr G Bell, Hass Side and Mr H Mcrae, Shethin Farm, Aberdeenshire selling Pure Texels as well to £330 purchased by A J Meats, Birmingham.

All Suffolks sold averaged a staggering £195.25 topping at £300 for a Suffolk x Texel from Mr M McNally, Northern Ireland with larger pens to £258 x10, £248 x10, £218 x11, £218 x23, £204 x14, £199 x28, £198 x18.

A grand total of 597 sold in excess of £200 with some greater pens of Continental ewes achieving £288 x14, £275 x21, £244 x18, £242 x19, £229 x18, £229 x14, £228 x12, £224 x13, £221 x12.

The best English Mules to £186 from Mr P Baker, Lincolnshire with a pen of 17, followed with a pen of 33 achieving £181 with other larger pens to £181 x14, £181 x14, £170 x28, £170 x12, £169 x15.

Horned ewes were completely mad with numbers a million-mile short of requirements. The best Scotch Blackface to £150 from Mr B Duffton, with a pen of 14 and pen of 13 closely followed at £140. Swaledales topped at £117 from Messrs T L Thompson & Sons, Askham Gate with 13 and Messrs E & S M Taylforth, Yew Tree Lodge achieving an average of £107.62 for 74. Herdwick ewes sold topped at £110 for a pen of 38 and 25 from the same home.

Again, more numbers are required to fulfil the demand more on a weekly basis not just a one-week wonder! Take advantage of the ringside of 10 – 12 weekly buyers. Ensuring a very competitive and an honest trade for all.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 14th January. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141, or Andrew Maughan on 07717611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Hogs £/head

Texel - £196 High Pow Farm; £192, £172 Glaslyn House; £190, £185, £182, £174 Sleagill House; £190, £173, £168 (2), £167, £166 Fenton Farm; £190 Pennine View; £180, £179, £178 Sceugh Dyke; £175 Garth House; £172, £168, £166, £162 Reagill Grange; £172 Hole Farm; £172 Towcett Farm; £171, £165, £164, £163 (2) Brockwoodlees Farm; £170 Riggshield; £167, £163 Reservoir Farm; £167 Milburn Grange; £167 Currah Close; £164, £163 Sleddale Hall; £164, £163 Nook Farm; £164, £162 Shap Abbey; £163, £162 Gaitsgill Hall; £163 Sandhills; £163 The Hills; £162 Hunley Bank Farm

Suffolk - £194, £177 Sleagill House; £185 Crindledyke Farm; £176, £165, £164 Sceugh Dyke; £175 Pennine View; £172, £170 Grassknop Farm; £170 Fenton Farm; £168 Garth House; £165, £159 Hall Bank; £164 Brockwoodlees Farm; £163 (2), £158 Shap Abbey; £163, £162 Gaitsgill Hall; £160 Black Leases; £160 Park Head (Hird); £158 Nook Farm; £156 The Hills

Blue Texel - £192 Garth House; £163 Little Eccleston Hall Cottage

Continental - £190, £158 Sunny Bank; £187, £160 Sceugh Dyke; £172, £168 (2), £164, £155 High Pow Farm; £160, £158, £157 Nook Farm; £159, £157 Black Leases; £158 Sleddale Hall

Beltex - £186 Riggshield; £181, £179, £160 Fenton Farm; £178, £164, £163 Milburn Grange; £173 (2), £170, £168, £166 Waterside Farm; £173 Black Leases; £172, £170, £160 Glaslyn House; £170 (2), £169, £168 (2), £164, £161 Shap Abbey; £170, £168, £167, £160 Brockwoodlees Farm; £168 Reagill Grange; £164 Stanley House

Mule - £174, £164 Waterside House; £163 Towcett Farm; £162, £159 Black Leases; £159, £155, £154 Sceugh Dyke; £157 Crindledyke Farm; £156 Milburn Grange; £154 High Park Foot; £153 Pennine View

Cheviot - £164 High Pow Farm; £157, £150 Nook Farm; £154 Low Greenside Farm

Cheviot Mule - £164 Black Leases

Bluefaced Leicester - £163 Grassknop Farm

Dutch Spotted - £162, £156 Hill Top

Prime Hogs p/kg

Beltex – 436.0, 433.0, 402.0 Waterside Farm; 421.0, 407.0, 382.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 411.0, 400.0, 391.0, 382.0, 378.0, 374.0 Shap Abbey; 404.0 Riggshield; 402.0, 373.0 Fenton Farm; 400.0, 374.0 Stanley House; 391.0 Reagill Grange; 390.0 Glaslyn House; 379.0 Milburn Grange; 376.0 Black Leases; 370.0 Brougham Castle

Texel – 400.0 Brougham Castle; 384.0, 366.0, 359.0 Thrang Crag; 380.0, 370.0, 367.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 379.0 Sleddale Hall; 378.0 Riggshield; 377.0, 350.0 Gall Farm; 371.0, 370.0, 368.0 Shethin Farm; 371.0 Sandhills; 368.0, 361.0, 354.0 Dale Head; 368.0, 351.0 Glaslyn House; 366.0, 362.0, 351.0 Nook Farm; 364.0 Sandhills; 361.0, 350.0 Crindledyke Farm; 360.0 Hall Bank (Dawson); 359.0 West View; 358.0 Milburn Grange; 357.0 Sandhills; 356.0, 350.0 The Hills; 355.0 Shire Lodge; 355.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 355.0 Currah Close; 354.0, 351.0 Hill Top; 350.0 Reservoir Farm

Dutch Spotted – 379.0, 363.0 Hill Top

Suffolk – 370.0, 346.0 Hill Top; 351.0, 343.0, 333.0 Shap Abbey; 348.0, 336.0 West View; 342.0 Dale Head; 340.0 Hall Bank (Dawson); 336.0 Thrang Crag; 336.0 South Dyke; 333.0 Black Leases; 333.0 Gall Farm; 330.0 Sleddale Hall

Continental – 364.0 High Park Foot; 362.0 West View; 359.0 Sunny Bank; 355.0, 349.0, 345.0 Reservoir Farm; 346.0 Gall Farm; 344.0 Shap Abbey; 344.0, 339.0 Thrang Crag; 343.0 Sleddale Hall; 340.0 Westray; 336.0, 330.0 High Pow Farm; 334.0 Black Leases

Cheviot – 357.0 High Lodore; 349.0, 346.0, 341.0 Nook Farm; 344.0 Gall Farm; 342.0 High Pow Farm

Blue Texel – 347.0 Little Ecclestone Hall Cottage

Mule – 344.0 Sunny Bank; 330.0 Shire Lodge; 321.0, 316.0 (2) High Park Foot; 321.0, 316.0 Sceugh Dyke; 316.0 (2) Dale Head; 313.0 Riggshield; 306.0 (2) Black Leases; 305.0 Waterside House; 304.0 Thrang Crag; 302.0 Crindledyke Farm; 302.0 Towcett Farm; 300.0 Pennine View

Cheviot Mule – 320.0 The Hills; 215.0 Black Leases

Herdwick – 300.0 High Lodore Farm

Leading Prices

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £231.10) - £345, £265, £235, £231, £230, £227, £225 Haas Side; £330, £232, £222 (2), £221 Shethin Farm; £300, £288, £240, £228 Holme House; £295 (2), £232, £222 Irton House; £293, £290 Gable End; £258 Glaslyn House; £255 Greenlands; £245 Barnskew; £229 Waterside Farm; £224 Rottington Hall; £220 Riggshield

Suffolk (Av £195.25) - £300 (2), £260, £248, £218 Holme House; £258, £245, £218, £214, £204 Tarn End; £238, £224 Gable End; £234, £226, £222, £216, £213, £200 Glebe Cottage

Continental (Av £182.57) - £300, £260, £246, £244, £242, £229 (2), £224, £221, £218, £216, £212, £210 Tarn End; £292, £275, £224 Holme House; £268, £250, £246, £244, £240, £226, £225, £222, £218, £212 Gable End; £258, £250, £232, £230, £222 (3) Glebe Cottage; £234 Greenlands; £230, £214 West Stobswood Farm; £222 Ravenwood; £220 Hall Bank; £216 Skelling Farm; £212 (2) Shethin Farm

Beltex (Av £219.50) - £275 Ravenwood; £272, £228 Osmond Flatt; £270, £239, £229 Elm House; £232 (2) Westmorland Rise; £226 Hall Bank (Dawson)

Charollais (Av £223.43) - £272 Tarn End; £266, £258, £230 Holme House

Blue Texel (Av £226.50) - £230 Gable End

Dutch Spotted (Av £218.00) - £222 Shethin Farm

Cheviot Mule (Av £190.31) - £210 Gable End

Cheviot (Av £143.36) - £192, £172, £156 Glebe Cottage; £178, £161 Holme House; £172 Osmond Flatt; £169, £161 Greenacres; £167, £160, £151, £144 Gable End; £164, £140 Green Farm; £162, £148 High Pow Farm; £158, £149, £141 Ranbeck; £150 East Cocklaw Farm; £148 Haas Side; £143 Skelling Farm; £140 Braithwaite Shields

Mule (Av £156.12) - £186, £181, £170 Glebe Cottage; £181 Holme House; £180, £172 Gable End; £176 Birks Farm; £172 Hall Bank (Dawson); £171 Askham Gate; £170 Rottington Hall; £170 Irton House

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £129.53) - £150, £140, £128 Gable End; £140, £131 Braithwaite Shields; £135 Greenacres

Swaledale (Av £103.27) - £117 Askham Gate; £114 Rakefoot

Herdwick (Av £104.88) - £116 Greenlands; £111 (2) Yew Tree Lodge

Cast Rams £/head

Beltex - £225, £212 Green Farm

Continental - £224 Gable End; £222 Greenlands; £200 (2) Hill Top

Cheviot - £176 Gable End

Herdwick - £128 Farriers Folly