

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 14th January 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 5,869 prime sheep, comprising of 2,874 prime hoggs and 2,995 cast ewes & rams.

2874 Lambs were forward with the national trend continuing handy weights up to 46kg continue to sell with ease. However heavy sheep show far stronger resistance. A wholesale average of 314.45ppk or 366sqq equating to £147.67 per head.

Topping today's sale for both price per head and per kilo came for 2 superb Beltex Lambs at 44kg, achieving £196 or 445ppk for M/s W Murray & Son, Prior House this homes run of 34 sold to average £108.26 for 34.

Suffolks lambs sold to 352ppk for a pen of 7 weighing 44kg achieving £155 from M/s W H & M Sisson & Son, Fenton Farm. 38kg Suffolks realised 350ppk or £133 from M/s W A & M Mounsey, Walton High Rigg.

Texel lambs sold to 416ppk for a great pen of 11 from M/s Holliday & Graham, Bolton Wood Lane for 44kg achieving £183. Mule lambs sold to £168 for a pen of 20 weighing 63kg from M/s MTP & SD Wills, Fawcett Park. M/s Richardson, Low Garth sold Mules at 300ppk for 47kg achieving £141.

Once again Penrith delivered the returns with just shy of 3000 cast ewes & rams forward, selling to average a hefty £161.48. Topping the sale at £340 was for a pen of seven extreme pure Texels from Mr L McNally, Northern Ireland. A further 18 ewes in the sale sold in excess of £300 and a staggering 528 sheep in the sale sold for over £200. A run of 62 strong Texel X ewes averaged £226.65 from Messrs Jenkinson, Clifton Moor Farm, this home also topped the Beltex section at £330.

The best of Suffolks topped at £250, again from Mr L McNally for five pure ewes, larger pens achieved £236 X 21, £228 X 11, £212 X 21, £199 X 16, £196 X 28 & £195 X 19.

The very best Scotch Mules sold to £290 from Mr H McRae, Shethin Farm, with another large pen of 25 from the same home achieving £180.

Horned ewes again were a long way short of our buyers' requirements, topping this section at £137 was a pen of 22 from Mr W Morrison, South Bogbain. A ring full of 23 Swaledales achieved £120 from Messrs Strong, Well House. Messrs Wilson, Street Head sold 10 Herdwicks to £121.

Fed pure Shetland ewes topped at £80 per head, and a ring full of 42 achieved £68 from Mr Stuart Barcley, Aberdeenshire, this run of 51 averaged £71.29.

Cast rams sold with ease topping at £278 from Messrs TJ and JM Powley, Blands Farm, and a pen of 11 from Holme House achieved £222. A large show of horned rams topped at £148

for Swaledales, and £142 for Herdwicks, with numerous hill-bred rams selling between £130-£140.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 21st January. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141, or Andrew Maughan on 07717611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Hoggs £/head

Beltex- £196, £192, £190, £188, £180, £178, £177 (2), £174 Prior House; £190, £178, £170, £169 Ballymena Road; £170, £168 (3), £161 High Knipe; £170 Thorneyland; £168 Reagill Grange; £167, £166 Barton Hall; £166, £161 Shethin Farm; £166 High Knipe; £165 High Harberwain; £162 West View; £162 Midtown Farm; £161 Thorneyland; £160 Barton Hall; £160 Galloper Park; £160 Brockwoodlees; £160 Woodhead Farm; £160 Green Farm.

Texel - £188, £180 (2), £178 Holme Bank; £186 Prior House; £183 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £182 Ballymena Road; £180 Skelling Farm; £180 Ranbeck; £180 Gillside; £178 Cleamire; £178 Newbiggin Farms; £176, £176 Low Row; £176 (2), £170 Clifton Moor Farm; £174 (2) Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £172 Farlough Road; £172 High Knipe; £170 Woodhouse; £170 Buninver Road; £170 Plumpton Old Hall; £170 Dalmagarry Farm; £170 Clifton Moor Farm; £170 Barton Hall; £170 Fenton Farm; £170 Little Eccleston Hall; £170 Reagill Grange; £169 Ballymena Road; £168 Glaslyn House; £168 Clifton Moor Farm; £168 Shethin Farm.

Suffolk - £185, £180, £154, Ballymena Road; £167 West End; £164, £153, £150 Hole House; £163 Farlough Road; £162, £153 Low Row; £161, £160 Wreay Hall; £156 Longlands; £156 Killough Road; £155 Sleagill House; £155 Fenton Farm; £154 Low House; £154, £152 Grassknop Farm; £152 Scales Farm; £150 Plumpton Old Hall.

Dutch Spotted - £176 Farlough Road;

Blue Texel- £170, £150 Tarn End.

Cheviot - £169 Brown Gate; £162 Greenbank Farm.

Mule - £168 (2), £150 Fawcett Park; £160 Killough Road; £152 Shethin Farm; £151 Low Abbey.

Continental - £162 Buninver Road; £160 Gillside; £157 The Hills; £155 Grassknop Farm.

Zwartble - £160 Ormside Lodge.

Blufaced Leicester - £158 The Old Forge.

Cheviot Mule - £153 Ranbeck.

Kerryhill - £149 Riggshield.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 445.0, 427.0, 393.0, 369.0, 367.0, 358.0 Prior House; 421.0, 376.0, 361.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 415.0, 403.0, 397.0, 393.0 Thorneyland; 411.0, 398.0 Brown Gate; 405.0, 395.0, 382.0, 373.0, 350.0 High Knipe; 398.0 Skilmafilly Farm; 391.0 Reagill Grange; 386.0 Midtown Farm (Strong); 381.0 Galloper Park; 381.0 Woodhead Farm; 381.0, 377.0 Green Farm; 379.0 Crosby Hall; 378.0 Noth Gill Bank; 377.0 Barton Hall; 363.0 Braithwaite Mill; 351.0 High Harberwain.

Texel – 416.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 409.0, 370.0, 369.0 Skelling; 409.0 Ranbeck; 398.0, 363.0, 362.0, 357.0, Thorneyland; 390.0 Low Garth; 383.0, 351.0 Walton High Rigg; 383.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 379.0, 362.0 Kirkhouse; 374.0 Glaslyn House; 373.0, 359.0 The Hills; 372.0 Murrah Hall; 372.0 Fenton Farm; 371.0, 368.0, 364.0, 359.0, 356.0 Newbiggin Farms; 371.0 Galloper Park; 370.0 Little Eccleston Hall Cottage; 368.0, 360.0, 353.0 Cleamire; 367.0, 363.0 Bank House; 361.0 Shethin Farm; 360.0 Low Row; 359.0 North Gill Bank; 357.0 Westfield House Farm; 355.0 Dalmagarry Farm; 355.0 Reagill Grange; 353.0 Braithwaite Mill; 352.0, 351.0 Old Wall; 351.0 Langton Gate

Blue Texel – 405.0 Brown Gate

Continental – 374.0, 359.0 The Hills; 335.0, 332.0 Howe Farm; 334.0 Reservoir Farm; 332.0 Howe Farm; 329.0 Thrang Crag;

Cheviot - 353.0, 350.0, 343.0, 332.0, 321.0 Gall Farm.

Suffolk – 352.0 Fenton Farm; 350.0 Walton High Rigg; 338.0 Scales Farm; 329.0 West View; 329.0 Killough Road; 326.0 Thrang Crag; 319.0, 300.0 Hole House; 311.0 Park Head; 309.0 Low Abbey; 306.0 Park Head; 304.0, 302.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 302.0 Plumpton Old Hall; £302.0 Low House.

Dutch Spotted – 338.0, 332.0 Brown Gate.

Swaledale – 329.0, 300.0 Gall Farm.

Herdwick – 322.0 Hedwynds; 315.0 Eden Terrace.

Scottish Blackface – 319.0 Dalmagarry Farm

Cheviot Mule – 317.0, 298.0 Bank Hall; 307.0 Thrang Cragg.

Mule – 300.0 Low Garth; 298.0 Low Abbey; 298.0 Shethin Farm; 297.0, 290.0, 289.0 Fog Close; 295.0 Howe Farm; 289.0 (2) The Bramery; 288.0 Stonewalls; 288.0 Old Parks; 285.0 Fawcett Park; 285.0 Crosby Hall; 283.0 Low Side; 282.0 Sherriff.

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £243.77) - £340, £300, £288, £244 Holme House; £335, £282, £248, £220, £212 Lane End; £314, £268, £260, £238 Tarn End; £305, £295, £264, £230 New Road; £300 (2), £225 Thethwaite Farm; £300, £250, £230 Skilmaffilly; £275 Prior House; £270 (2) Undercragg; £244, £234 (2) West Stobswood Farm; £242 Shethin Farm; £218 Barton Hall

Beltex (Av £229.68) - £330, £246, £230, £227 Clifton Moor Farm; £240 (2) Tarn End; £212 Brougham Castle

Charollais (Av £225.32) - £270 Holme House; £256, £252, £232 (2) Tarn End; £255 Skilmaffilly; £238 Westfield House Farm; £218 Barton Hall

Continental (Av £174.35) - £256 (2), £246, £228, £218, £210 West Stobswood Farm; £256 Barton Hall; £255 Brougham Castle; £252, £240, £214 Greenacres; £244 New Road; £234, £224, £212 Lane End; £234, £214 (2) Undercragg; £234 Holme House; £228, £222, £220, £216 (2) Tarn End; £222 (3) Seaville Farm; £220 Glebe Cottage; £220 Tarn End; £218 Prior House; £217 Clifton Moor Farm; £212 Brougham Castle; £212 Skilmaffilly Farm

Suffolk (Av £192.25) - £250, £238, £236, £228, £212, £198, £196 Holme House; £230, £220, £216, £210, £199 Tarn End; £214, £211, £210, £202 Lane End; £206 Blands Farm; £200 West Stobswood Farm; £196 Sceugh Dyke

Blue Texel (Av £238.50) - £242 Holme House

Cheviot (Av £131.38) - £210 Prior House; £194, £160 Lane End; £170, £158 Murrah Hall; £170, £154 Holme House; £170, £152 (2) Dry Howe; £168 Lower Gate Farm; £166 Thethwaite; £157 Greenacres; £156 Undercragg; £154 Grassknop Farm; £148 Glebe Cottage; £147 Tarn End

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £180.00) - £200 The Old Forge; £198 Castle Hill

Dutch Spotted (Av £166.43) - £200 Tarn End

Cheviot Mule (Av £167.97) - £190 Tann House; £182, £181 Cotland Farm

Mule (Av £152.98) - £190 Shethin Farm; £180 Holme House; £180 Cotland Farm; £175 West Stobswood Farm; £175 Tarn End; £174 New Road; £173 Brayshaw Farm; £172 Sceugh Dyke; £171 Cleamire; £170 Grassknop Farm; £169 Thorneyland; £167 Brown Howe

Zwartble (Av £150.38) - £184, £166 Lane End; £176 Brown Howe; £168 Greenacres

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £107.07) - £137, £122 Greenacres; £126 Brown Howe; £117 Castle Hill; £116 Dalmagarry Farm

Goat (Av £126.50) - £130 West House

Kerry Hill (Av £128.00) - £128 Grassknop Farm

Swaledale (Av £102.77) - £126 Lower Gate Farm; £122 Well House (Strong); £120 The Old Forge

Herdwick (Av £87.12) - £121 Street Head; £110 Cotland Farm

Shetland (Av £68.110) - £80, £68 South Road

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £278 Blands Farm; £222, £208 Clea Mire; £222 Holme House; £216, £212 Lane End

Texel - £212 Manor Farm; £208 West House

Bluefaced Leicester - £208 Undercragg

Beltex - £198 Castle Hill; £195 Fell End

Cheviot - £196 Bank Hall; £188 Castle Hill; £184 Lane End

Swaledale - £148 Undercragg; £142 Manor Farm; £142 Birkett Mire; £136 Lonscale

Herdwick - £142 Manor Farm; £140 Anns Cottage; £132, £128 Brimmer Head