

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 21st January 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 5,955 prime sheep, comprising of 3,215 prime hoggs and 2,740 cast ewes & rams.

With pre-sale predictions not as strong, trade would be stronger than anticipated definitely for heavy sheep. A wholesale average of 305ppk overall or 322sqq equalling to £140.38 per head.

Topping the trade came from the Bindloss Family at Shap Abbey who showed a great run of 240 prime hoggs. Top price per head of £189 came for a Beltex weighing 44kg or 430ppk. Top ppk from the same family came for a pen of 4 Beltex's, weighing 40kg achieving 445ppk or £178 per head, also selling 2 weighing 36kg to £160 or 444ppk.

4 separate lots from different homes sold in excess of 440ppk.

Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge sold a pen of 5 weighing 41kg to £181 or 441ppk and finally Messrs Hodgson, Woodfoot sold a single Beltex weighing 38kg to £168 or 442ppk.

Suffolk hoggs sold to £171 for a pen of 147 weighing 63kg from Mr W R Wilson, South View. Messrs G M S Carruthers, Towcett Farm sold a pen of 8 weighing 58kg equalling to £155. Suffolk hoggs sold to 343ppk for 3 weighing 42kg achieving £140 from Messrs M Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey.

Numbers of ewes keep coming forward consistently with an overall sale average of £151.98 being achieved. Topping at £335 went to Mr L McNally, Northern Ireland with a superb pure-bred ewe selling to Romford Halal. Very closely followed at £330 from Tarn End Farm, with the same home selling one of the best pure bred Beltex to £285 to AJ Meats, Birmingham.

A run of 20 Pure Beltex ewes from Messrs Dinsdale, High Field averaged £208.28. Messrs Jenkinson, Clifton Moor achieved an average of £209.83 for 48.

North of England Mule ewes topped at £214 from Messrs T N & J Hall, Ainstable Hall selling to Mr A Dawson. There was plenty of strong mules still £170 plus with Messrs B & M Elkin & Son, Staffordshire selling 12 achieving £175 and Ainstable Hall selling 11 to £170.

Horned ewes sold with great ease topping at £132 for Scotch Blackface, Swaledales to £126 from Mr J H Little, Bank End Mill and Messrs W M Hutchinson & Sons, Redgate selling 12 to £124.

Cast rams topped at £260 for Charollais from, Messrs Wilson, Street Head selling to Yorkshire Halal and pair closely followed at £258 from Thrimby Hall Farm, also a pen of 8 Swaledale Cast Rams from Redgate achieved £140.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 28th January. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141, or Andrew Maughan on 07717611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Hoggs £/head

Beltex - £189, £181, £178, £168, £165, £162, £160 Shap Abbey; £184, £183, £181, £170 (2), £159 Inglewood Edge; £184 (2), £177, £155 Glebelands; £182, £168 (2) Woodfoot; £176 Ratten Castle; £169 Tilery Farm; £166, £159, £156 Hewer Hill; £164 Low Abbey; £162 Greensyke Farm; £161 Sickergill; £160 (2), £159, £155 (2) High Knipe; £160, £155 (2), Black Leases; £159 Low Row; £159 Ranbeck; £158 Galleywreay; £158 Towcett Farm.

Texel - £173, £160, £159 Buninver Road; £168 High Knipe; £168, £166, £156 Low Row; £167 Holme Wrangle; £166, £153 Rye Hill; £165 Chapel House Farm; £164, £159, £158, £157 Sceugh Dyke; £164, £159 (2), £156, £154, £150 Coolkeeran Road; £164 (2) Fecarry Road; £164, £154, £152 Farlough Road; £162 Milburn Grange; £160, £150 Pear Tree House; £159 Inglewood Edge; £158 (2) Little Eccleston Hall Cottage; £158, £156 (2), £152, Thwaite Hall; £158, £154 South Field; £157 Bells View; £156 (2) Pennine View; £156 East Cliff; £156 Low Moor; £154 Cleamire; £153 Bridge End; £153 Black Leases; £152 Hewer Hill; £150 (2) Shap Abbey; £150 Ploveriggs.

Suffolk - £171, £167 South View; £166 Pear Tree House; £165, £156 (2), South Field; £162 Galleywreay Farm; £159, £154 East Cliff; £156 (2), £153, £149, Coolkeeran Road; £152 Strathmyre; £150 (2), £148 Farlough Road; £150 Pennine View; £150 Low Row; £149, £146 (2) Shap Abbey; £149 Black Leases; £148 South View; £148 Tilery Farm; £148 Buninver Road; £146, £145 Sceugh Dyke; £146 Town Head.

Continental - £160 Fecarry Road; £159, £149 Sceugh Dyke; £150 Buninver Road; £148 Inglewood Edge; £148 Coolkeeran Road; £148 Pear Tree House.

Dutch Spotted - £160 Farlough Road; £156, £154 Low Moor.

Charollais - £159 Blakehills Farm.

Mule - £157 Hole Farm; £155 Towcett Farm; £148 Pennine View; £144 Black Leases; £142 Farlough Road; £140 Sceugh Dyke.

Cheviot Mule - £149 Ranbeck.

Cheviot - £143 Inglewood Edge; £142 Ploveriggs.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex - 445.0, 444.0, 431.0, 430.0, 415.0, 413.0, 408.0, 400.0, 364.0, 361.0 Shap Abbey; 442.0, 410.0, 396.0 Woodfoot; 441.0, 398.0, 370.0, 362.0 Inglewood Edge; 438.0, 418.0, 402.0, 3480.0 Glebelands; 408.0, 350.0 Low Row; 398.0, 380.0, 369.0, 364.0 Hewer Hill; 386.0 Greensyke Farm; 382.0 Milburn Grange; 374.0 Ratten Castle; 360.0, 354.0, 353.0 Bank Farm; 359.0, 350.0 Towcett Farm; 355.0 Low Moor; 353.0 High Knipe; 351.0 Galleywreay Farm; 350.0 Sickergill; 348.0 Black Leases; 347.0 Laitha Farm;

Texel - 373.0, 348.0, 333.0, 324.0 Bridge End; 366.0, 339.0, 326.0 Scales Farm; 355.0, 331.0, 328.0 Cleamire; 351.0, 324.0 Howe Farm; 349.0 (2), 333.0, 329.0 Shap Abbey; 345.0, 337.0 Hewer Hill; 343.0, 337.0, 325.0 (2), Staingills; 339.0 Nook Farm; 338.0 Cinderbarrow Farm; 335.0, 333.0, 326.0 Glebe Cottage; 333.0 Pear Tree House; 333.0, 325.0 Cairnbridge Farm; 332.0 Low Row; 328.0 Friarbiggin; 326.0, 325.0 Rye Hill; 324.0 West View; 324.0 Little Eccleston Hall Cottage; 324.0 Thorneycroft; 321.0 Low Abbey; 320.0 Fog Close; 320.0 Crindledyke Farm.

Continental - 359.0 High Lodore Farm; 334.0 Bridge End; 326.0 Grove Farm; 326.0 Shap Abbey; 323.0 Laitha Farm; 321.0 Galleywreay Farm.

Cheviot – 350.0 High Lodore Farm; 312.0 Bank Hall; 310.0 Low Abbey; 308.0 Cinderbarrow Farm; 305.0 Howe Farm; 302.0 Greensyke Farm.

Suffolk – 343.0, 333.0, 331.0, 304.0 Shap Abbey; 337.0, 324.0, 314.0 Grove Farm; 332.0 Holme Wrangle; 329.0, 309.0 Scales Farm; 324.0 Black Leases; 315.0, 300.0 West View; 311.0 (2) Nook Farm; 310.0, 300.0 Glebe Cottage; 310.0 Thorncroft; 309.0 Thrimby Hall; 300.0 Howe Farm; 300.0 Park Head; 300.0 Greensyke Farm.

Dutch Spotted – 314.0, 306.0 Low Moor; 313.0 Shap Abbey; 305.0 Laitha Farm.

Mule – 300.0 Howe Farm; 296.0, 293.0 Shap Abbey; 295.0 Greensyke Farm; 289.0, 288.0 (2) Sceugh Dyke; 288.0 Yew Tree Farm; 288.0 Galleywreay Farm.

Cheviot Mule – 294.0 (2) Fellside Farm; 292.0 Ranbeck; 291.0 Howe Farm;

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £212.42) - £335, £218 Holme House; £316, £232 Greenacres; £300, £262, £214 (2) Waterside Farm; £275 Braithwaite Shields; £270, £260, £252 North Gill Bank; £270 Coolkeeran Road; £265, £245, £236 The Croft; £260, £255, £224 Buninver Road; £250 Cote House Barn; £248, £245, £235, £228 Clifton Moor Farm; £242 Tarn End; £225 High Field; £218 Pallet Hill; £216 Mains of Balhall Farm; £210 Bromley Green

Continental (Av £163.40) - £330, £270, £258 Tarn End; £260, £222 Holme House; £250, £235, £232, £228, £220 Hall Farm; £230 Clifton Moor Farm; £222 Thrimby Hall; £222 Staingills; £220 Fecarry Road; £220 Bogie Street

Beltex (Av £199.42) - £285, £228 Tarn End; £222 High Field; £220, £200 North Gill Bank; £208 The Croft; £200 Fawcett Park

Suffolk (Av £172.10) - £240, £194, £192 Greenacres; £240, £191, £190 (2), £190 Tarn End; £208 (2), £192 Holme House; £208 The Croft; £200, £198 Bogie Street; £198 Buninver Road; £196 Cote House Barn; £190 Coolkeeran Road

Mule (Av £142.53) - £214, £170 Ainstable Hall; £188 Shethin Farm; £178 South View (Wilson); £175 Hall Farm; £172, £151 Bogie Street; £170, £162, £161, £150 Coolkeeran Road; £166 Reservoir Farm; £160 Greenacres; £160, £158 (2), £155 Glebe Cottage; £156, £150 Tarn End; £151 Saham Hall Farm; £151 Thrimby Hall

Cheviot Mule - £186 Tarn End

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £151.93) - £185 Bogie Street; £176 Coolkeeran Road; £170 Bank End Mill

Masham - £168 South Field (Wilson)

Cheviot (Av £122.29) - £166, £148 Greenacres; £160, £148 (3) Bogie Street; £159 Hole Farm; £152 Knock Hall; £152 Coolkeeran Road; £150 Holme House; £148 Fecarry Road; £144 Tarn End; £140 Ranbeck; £140 Ploveriggs

Zwartbles (Av £146.67) – £164 Tarn End

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £108.80) - £132 Bank Cottage; £125 Tarn End; £120 High Roans; £118 Greenacres

Herdwick (Av £85.20) - £128 Beeches Farm; £90 Mellgates; £90 Stoddah

Rough Fell - £127 High Roans

Swaledale (Av £92.40) - £126 Bank End Mill; £124 Redgate; £118, £110 Cote House Barn; £116 Howe Green; £113 Fawcett Park

Cast Rams £/head

Charollais - £260 Street Head (Wilson)

Texel - £258 Thrimby Hall; £250 Buninver Road; £242 Bank Farm; £230 Cote House Barn

Continental - £236, £220 Longhurst Farm

Beltex - £235 Cinderbarrow Farm

Bluefaced Leicester - £210 Redgate

Suffolk - £190 Hall Farm

Lleyn - £155 Staingills

Swaledale - £140 Redgate; £132 Fellside Farm