

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 18th February 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 6,786 prime sheep, comprising of 3,106 prime hoggs, 3,680 cast ewes & rams & 962 light hoggs.

Another good entry of 3106 hoggs with a blistering trade and a dramatic rise on the week. A mass of heavy hoggs once again resulting in a whole sale average of £163 per head overall 367sqq for only 980 sheep, overall average 337ppk.

Topping the days trading at 464ppk came for 2 lovely hoggs Beltex hoggs weighing 36kg realising £167 from Messrs Lowis, Galloper Park. Closely followed at 460ppk came for 3 Beltex's weighing 43kg achieving £198 from Messrs R Noble, Murrah Hall.

Top price per head of £200 came for a pen of 5 Texel hoggs weighing 68kg from Messrs A H Ritson, Ireby Hall.

Suffolks sold to £187 for a pen of 22 weighing 63kg from Holme House. Ppk for Suffolks topped the scale at 372ppk or £145. Mules sold to a top of £185 for a pen of 20 weighing 60kg from Messrs H M & R Ivinson, Hole House. Clipped Mules led the ppk from The Crew team from The Gall for a pen of 11 weighing 44kg achieving £155.

More hill sheep are starting to appear with demand strong for this type. Cheviots sold at 379ppk for weighing 33kg selling at £125 again from W R Crew, The Gall.

Herdwicks topped at 366ppk from the Blands Family Clea Hall for a pen of 21 weighing 41kg achieving £150. Leading the charge on consignment averages for a pen of 22 selling to average £184.27.

Ewes travelled from across the nations to witness a ringside of 14 active buyers. Ensuring the dearest trade of 2026 yet, with all sold averaging £154.63 this including 1123 Hill ewes, with most classes up £8-£10 ahead.

Topping the sale at £360 from Ballymurphy Road, Northern Ireland with a pair of ultimate pure ewes selling to AJ Meats, Birmingham. Very closely followed a £335 for a pen of 6 pures, once again from Mr M McNally. A further 27 ewes sold in excess of £300.

With 552 selling over £200 ahead Suffolks topped at £246 with number pens £200 plus with larger pens achieving £215 x11, £211 x£212, £208 x18, £198 x17, £196 x19, £195 x12, £194 x18, £192 x23, £190 x10.

The best Scotch Mules to £194 from Mr CB Abernethy, with larger pens to £175 x18, £167x 20, £160 x18, £158 x17, £157 x38, £157 x27, £156 x28.

Horned Ewes sold with great ease with plenty of pens £120 ahead plus topping at £150 for Scotch Blackface, with medium weight. Meat ewes achieving £136 x18, £134 x13, £128 x28, £125 x20, £124 x21, £119 x12, £116 x38.

Swaledale Ewes to £128 from M/s Lightfoot, Gill Side for a pen of 18 and Pure bred Herdwicks to £124 from O Woodward, Cheshire.

Cast Rams hit a high of £128 with numerous £200 plus and not forgetting the fast fierce Goat trade with meat young bulls to £148 selling to Mr K Harryman.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 25th February. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952, or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £200 Ireby Hall; £198, £186 Holme House; £194, £184 Pear Tree House; £193 Castle Nook; £192 Fecarry Road; £192, £182, £180 (2); Braes of Enzie; £192, £188 (3) Petteril Green; £192, £180, £178 Low Row; £191 Gillside; £191 Thrang Crag; £190, £178 Ireby Hall; £188, £181 Fecarry Road; £186 West End; £184 Manor Farm; £184 Ranbeck; £183, £180 Glaslyn House; £182 Clea Hall; £180 Galloper Park; £180 Sceugh Dyke; £180 East Cliff; £180 Plumpton Old Hall; £179 Petteril Green; £178 Honeypot; £178 Bank Hall; £178 Old Parks; £178 Milburn Grange.

Beltex - £198 Murrah Hall; £180, £168, £167 (2), £164, £162 Reagill Grange; £180 Westfield House Farm; £178 Ranbeck; £176 Glaslyn House; £172, £168, £167 Galloper Park; £165 Walton High Rigg; £164, £163 (2) The Hills; £160 Croft Ends Farm.

Continental - £192 West End; £178 Braes of Enzie; £169 Farlough Road; £168 Clea Hall; £165 (2), Thrang Crag; 164 Low Row; £162 Holme House; £162 Gaitsgill Hall; £160 (2) Thrang Crag.

Charollais - £188 Farlough Road; £184 (2), £174 Main Street.

Blue Texel - £188, £184, £177, £176 Manor Farm; £178 Castle Nook; £174, £168 Clea Hall.

Suffolk - £187, £182, £180, £178, £174, £165 Holme House; £184, £170 East Cliff; £183, £159 Plumpton Old Hall; £180 Farlough Road; £178, £163, £162 Honeypot; £178 Nook Farm; £175, £162 Sceugh Dyke; £175, £172 Main Street; £174, £163 West End; £174, £157 Gall Farm; £173 Pear Tree House; £172 Park Head; £161 Lower Gate Farm; £160 Croft Ends Farm; £160 Westray; £158 Reservoir Farm; £158 Cottage Farm; £158 Thrang Crag; £156 Low Row; £156 Redlands Bank.

Mule - £185, £184, £179, £173; £168 Hole House; £184, £166 (2), Pennine View; £176 Fawcett Park; £172 Thrang Crag; £170 Castle Nook; £168 Sceugh Dyke; £167, £166 Black Leases; £166 Gillside; £165, £161 (4) Street House; £165 East Cliff; £161, £159 Old Parks; £161, £157 Hunley Bank Farm; £160 Low Abbey; £158, £157 Redlands Bank.

Cheviot - £178, £170 Braes of Enzie; £167 Westfield House Farm; £167 Black Leases; £165 Greenbank Farm; £160 Dry Howe; £160 Ranbeck; £159 Greenbank Farm; £157 Murrah Hall.

Herdwick - £177, £160 Gillside; £150 Clea Hall.

Dorset - £172 Farlough Road.

Dutch Spotted - £168 Redlands Bank; £158 Thrang Crag.

Blackface - £152 Redlands Bank

Cheviot Mule - £169 Ranbeck.

Swaledale - £150 Ranbeck.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 464.0, 420.0, 410.0 Galloper Park; 460.0 Murrah Hall; 429.0, 388.0 The Hills; 429.0, 413.0, 398.0 (2), 377.0 Reagill Grange; 429.0, 405.0 Westfield House Farm; 408.0 Crewgarth; 405.0 Ranbeck; 395.0, 389.0, 375.0, 373.0, 372.0 Walton High Rigg; 393.0 Glaslyn House.

Texel – 447.0, 442.0, 405.0 Low Row; 427.0, 400.0 (3), Petteril Green; 414.0, 391.0, 373.0 Clea Hall; 411.0, 393.0, 390.0, 377.0, 376.0, 370.0 (2) Thrang Crag; 405.0 Galloper Park; 400.0, 377.0 Murrah Hall; 400.0, 397.0 Crewgarth; 400.0, 374.0 The Hills; 395.0, 392.0 Scales Farm; 393.0, 386.0, Lower Gate Farm; 390.0 Friarbiggin; 389.0 Westfield House Farm; 384.0 Smallthwaite Farms; 383.0, 373.0 Ranbeck; 380.0, 379.0 West View; 380.0, 374.0 Howe Farm; 380.0 Croft Ends Farm; 379.0, 370.0 Honeypot; 379.0 Reservoir Farm; 376.0 Deepdale Hall; 374.0 Reservoir Farm; 373.0 Gall Farm; 372.0, 370.0 Pear Tree House; 372.0 Cairnbridge Farm;

Blue Texel – 405.0, 382.0 Clea Hall; 385.0, 354.0 Manor Farm; 381.0, 367.0 Cragg House Farm.

Continental – 387.0, 376.0, 371.0, 364.0 Thrang Crag; 375.0 West View; 374.0, 373.0, 371.0 Gall Farm; 371.0, 367.0 (2) Clea Hall; 368.0 Gaitsgill Hall.

Cheviot – 379.0 Gall Farm; 369.0 Bank Hall; 366.0 Low Abbey; 363.0, 361.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 358.0, 356.0 Nook Farm; 355.0 Westfield House Farm; 346.0, 317.0 Greenbank Farm; 345.0 Howe Farm; 327.0 Murrah Hall; 327.0 Ranbeck; 325.0, 324.0, 317.0 Dry Howe; 321.0 Braes of Enzie; 321.0 Black Leases.

Dutch Spotted – 377.0, 343.0 Thrang Crag; 343.0 Redlands Bank.

Suffolk – 372.0 Croft Ends Farm; 363.0 West View; 362.0, 343.0 Thrang Crag; 358.0 Lower Gate Farm; 357.0 Gall Farm; 356.0 Friarbiggin; 356.0 Westray; 352.0, 320.0 Honeypot; 341.0 Nook Farm; 338.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 336.0 Reservoir Farm; 335.0 Park Head; 333.0, 320.0 West End; 332.0 Low Row; 326.0 Pear Tree House; 325.0 Main Steet; 324.0, 322.0, 318.0 Holme House; 318.0 Redlands Bank; 317.0 East Cliff; 316.0 Stoddah; 316.0 Cottage Farm.

Herdwick – 366.0 Clea Hall; 348.0 Gillside.

Blackface – 359.0 Gall Farm.

Mule – 352.0 Gall Farm; 344.0, 329.0 (4) Street House; 332.0, 313.0 Pennine View; 330.0 Friarbiggin; 324.0 Fog Close; 322.0, 319.0 Thrang Crag; 322.0, 320.0 Low Abbey; 322.0, 314.0 Redlands Bank; 319.0, 315.0 (2) Black Leases; 318.0 Clea Hall; 318.0 Bell Mount; 318.0 Old Parks; 317.0, 310.0 Eden Park; 317.0 Sceugh Dyke; 314.0, 310.0 Hunley Bank Farm; 311.0 Gaitsgill Hall.

Cheviot Mule – 325.0 Ranbeck.

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £231.33) - £360, £320, £300, £262 Ballymurphy Road; £355, £250 Holme House; £320 Lansmere; £308, £285 (2), £280, £260 (2), £210 Tarn End; £280 Yarpha Farm; £270 (2), £256 (2), £240 Clea Hall; £270, £240 Belvedene; £262, £258, £230 Brannock Court; £262 Loughrigg; £260, £240 Sickergill; £252 Bogie Street; £250, £244 Haas Side Farm; £242 Gall Bog Road; £234, £228, £224 Bromley Green; £231 Sickergill; £220 Lansmere; £220 Glen Loughan Road; £215 Ballymurphy Road; £214 Merryvale; £210 North Netherscales

Charollais (Av £238.31) - £310 Buninver Road; £288 (2), £230, £221 Holme House; £248, £244, £230 Tarn End; £213 Brannock Court

Continental (Av £175.96) - £305, £300, £246, £218 Buninver Road; £290, £210 Ballymaderphy Road; £276, £234, £218, £210 (2) Tarn End; £270 Lansmere; £265, £215, £214 (3) Haas Side Farm; £258, £245, £238, £234, £228, £224, £221, £216, £214 (2) Brannock Court; £244, £228, £223, £210 High House Farm; £235 (2) Croft Ends Farm (Kelly & Bellas); £235, £226, £210 Holme House; £225, £216 High & Low Buildings; £222 Croft Ends Farm (Bellas); £218 Duckintree; £212 Bogie Street; £210 Bent House Farm; £210 Merryvale

Beltex (Av £220.86) - £260, £258, £238 (2), £230 Inglewood Edge; £235 Croft Ends Farm (Bellas & Kelly)

Suffolk (Av £180.44) - £246, £218, £215, £208, £200, £195, £192 (3) Tarn End; £244 Buninver Road; £234, £214 Bogie Street; £232, £230, £212, £196, £194, £192 Holme House; £220, £218 Merryvale; £218 Belvedene; £208 East Cliff; £196 Main Street; £196 Low Abbey; £192 Glen Loughan Road; £190 (2) Hay Close; £190 Brannock Court; £190 Macey Bank

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £182.80) - £218 Tarn End

Mule (Av £147.64) - £194 Abernethy; £180 Thorneycroft; £179 North Netherscales; £178, £168, £116 Tarn End; £175, £160, £157 Glebe Cottage; £174, £167, £158 Bogie Street; £170 Milburn Grange; £170 Coolkeeran Road; £162 Lansmere; £158 Yarpha Farm; £158 Friarbiggin; £157 Holme House; £157, £115, £110 Brannock Court; £157, £111 Thethwaite Farm; £119 Greenacres

Cheviot Mule (Av £150.91) - £188 Glen Loughan Road; £180 Tarn End; £180 Bromley Green; £168, £166 Bent House Farm

Cheviot (Av £131.59) - £180 Knock Hall; £175 Sleddale Hall; £172 Tarn End; £172 Braes of Enzie; £170, £150 Glebe Cottage; £170, £142 Holme House; £168 Bogie Street; £165 Merryvale; £163 Main Street; £156 Lansmere; £150 Gall Bog Road; £148 Cottage Farm; £148 Inglewood Edge; £148 Bent House Farm; £145 Ranbeck; £144 Thethwaite Farm; £144 Low Abbey; £143 Coupland Beck; £142 Yarpha Farm; £141 Belvedene

Zwartbles - £174 Farlough Road; £160 Gall Bog Road

Rough Fell - £168 Dale View

Easycare - £152, £136 Thethwaite Farm

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £106.61) - £150, £120 Ballymaderphy Road; £136, £125 Holme House; £134, £128, £124, £116 Bogie Street; £120 Coolkeeran Road

Goat - £142 Leonards Cragg Farm; £122 Starrah

Swaledale (Av £94.38) - £128 Gillside; £123 Shire Lodge; £122 Lansmere; £122 Low Mill; £121 Hole House Farm (Sibson); £120 Duckintree; £117 Knock Hall; £113 Gill Head; £113 Thethwaite Farm

Herdwick (Av £93.71) - £124 Ruloe Farm; £120 Thethwaite Farm; £109 Middle Fell Farm; £100 Mireside Farm

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £268 Glen Loughan Road; £260, £238, £212 Holme House; £236 Farlough Road

Texel - £242 Tarn End; £224 Townend

Bluefaced Leicester - £236 Tarn End; £230 Middle Fell Farm; £222 Holme House; £220 Castle Nook

Suffolk - £210 Tarn End

Cheviot - £210 Brannock Court

Charollais - £206 Tarn End

Goat - £148, £145 Starrah

Scotch Blackfaced - £142 Tarn End

Herdwick - £135 Middle Fell Farm

Swaledale - £129 Gateghyll