

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 25th February 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 8,222 prime sheep, comprising of 3,663 prime hogs, 3,932 cast ewes & rams & 627 light hogs.

Another brilliant entry of 3,663 Prime Hogs were forward with some excellent runs of well-fed Hogs coming forward. An exceptional trade held up throughout the sale resulting in a sale average of 372sqg or 339 overall ppk £165.60 per head.

Topping the day's trading at 517ppk for a pen weighing 36kg realising £186 from M/s M Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey. Closely followed at 492ppk came for a pen of 3 Beltex at 39kg achieving £192 from M/s A & A Little, Hollands, who travelled down for their first time selling.

Top price per head of £200 came for a pen of 4 weighing 44kg or 455ppk from M/s J C Robinson, Black Leases. Mules saw a big lift this week for all classes, M/s H M & R Ivinson & Son, Hole House sold his run of 94 heavy Mules to average 59kg at £181.83 per head.

M/s S & W Maughan, Street House sold there run of 40 Mules to average 342.5ppk or £156 per head for 45.5kg. Suffolks sold to £188 for a pen of 11 at 59kg from RW & G Dickinson, High Knipe.

A large entry of hill bred sheep are coming forward with demand strong for all types. Top consignment average of £184.93 came from M/s A H Ritson, Ireby Hall for his run of 42 heavies. Also selling there run of Hogs at £184 came from M/s W Murray & Sons, Prior House for 32.

We also conducted our light lamb collection at around 12:30pm on a Wednesday, where yesterday we had 627 lambs over the weigh bridge. All weights up to 39kg can be handled don't hesitate to contact if you have some to sell.

Once again numbers for ewes came forward in much greater amounts, with another vibrant trade throughout. All sold to average £161.76, with our full ringside of buyers ensuring a level and competitive trade from start to finish.

The sale topped at £370 for a superb pure Texel from Mr G Bell, Haas Side Farm, selling to AJ Meats, Birmingham, this run of twenty-four sheep sold to average £268.92.

A grand total of 470 ewes and rams sold over the £200 mark, with numerous customers averaging £200/head plus. The best pure Suffolks topped at £270 for a pair from Mr C Abernethy, selling to Yorkshire Halal.

Mule ewes averaged £150.54, with two pens of Scotch Mules topping at £180, firstly from Parkside for a pen of 21, this was followed by a pen of 16 from South Mains of Tillymorgan, Aberdeenshire. English Mules topped at £178 for a pen from Mr RA Crichton, Rottington Hall, other larger pens of Mules achieved £176 X 14, £168 X 24, £168 X 21, £167 X 21, £166 X 21.

Horned ewes again sold very well, topping at £132 for Swaledales from Messrs S & W Maughan, Street House, with plenty of pens selling between £120-£128.

Messrs Bland, Clea Hall, sold Herdwicks to £119 for a pen of eleven, selling to Mr M Bowe.

Cast rams topped at £268 for a Dutch Spotted from Mr R Bland, Abbott Lodge, with numerous rams realising between £220-£260.

Once again, we would like to give thanks to all customers who continue to support us here in Penrith and all staff who work extremely hard on these busy days.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 4th March. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952, or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Beltex - £200 Black Leases; £199 Thethwaite Farm; £195, £195, £173 Glebelands; £194, £192 Prior House; £192, £184 Hollands; £190, £175, £173, £172 Petteril Green; £189, £185, £184 Crosby Hall; £188, £186 Shap Abbey; £188, £173, £171 Bromley Green; £188 Black Leases; £185 (2), £184, £172, £171 Honeypot; £185 Kirkbarrow Hall; £184 Brockwoodlees; £179, £172 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £178 (2), £176, £170 Ranbeck; £177 Moory Lea Farm; £175 Lower Gate Farm; £174 Glebe Cottage; £174 Brannock Courts; £174 Glebe Cottage; £174 Midtown; £171 Hollands; £171 Woodhouse; £171 Sickerhill; £170 Crosby Hall.

Texel - £194 Tottlebank Farm; £194 Prior House; £191 Ireby Hall; £191 Townhead Farm; £190 (2) Clifton Moor Farm; £190, £183 £182 High House Farm; £189, £188 (2), £186 (2), £185, £184, £182 Kirkbarrow Hall; £189, £181 Shap Abbey; £188 Prior House; £188, £186 (2), £184, £181 Holme House; £188, £186, £184, £183, £181 High Knipe; £187 Drumglass; £186 Buninver Road; £186 Low Garth; £186 Ireby Hall; £185 Ballymena Road; £185 East Cocklaw Farm; £185 Tarn End; £184 East Newbiggin Farm; £184 Ireby Hall; £184 Fecarry Road; £183 Braithwaite Mill; £183 (2) Tormore Road; £183 Cocklaw Farm; £182 Lower Gate Farm; £182 Moory Lea Farm; £182 Sceugh Dyke; £181 Wetheriggs Farm.

Suffolk - £188 High Knipe; £185 Crindledyke; £182, £182 Tarn End; £182, £181 Belvedene; £180, £178 Fecarry Road; £180 Redgate; £180 Newbiggin Farm; £180 Hill

Crest; £178 Larne Road; £175 Ghyll House; £175 Sceugh Dyke; £174 Pennine View; £174 Ballymena Road; £174 Shap Abbey; £173, £170 Shap Abbey; £172 Brannock Courts; £172 (2), £170, £167 (2), £161 Honeypot; £171 Hole House; £170 (2) Sleagill House; £170 Scales Farm; £170 Hill Crest; £164 Hill Crest; £164 Shap Abbey; £164 East Newbiggin Farm; £163 North Netherscales; £162 (2) Low Row; £162 Plumpton Old Hall; £162 The Bow; £162 Sceugh Dyke; £161 Hollands; £160 Black Leases; £160 Tormore Road; £160 Grassknop Farm; £160 Sleagill House; £160 Sceugh Dyke.

Charollais - £187, £178 Fecarry Road; £178, £177 Holme House; £177 Tarn End; £170 Holme House.

Continental - £186 Tarn End; £182 Buninver Road; £180, £163 Holme House; £169 Sceugh Dyke; £165 Hollands; £165 Glebe Cottage; £164 Reagill Grange; £164 Ireshope Plains; £162 Clea Hall; £160 Gall Farm.

Mule - £185, £182, £181 (2), £180 Hole House; £180 Fawcett Park; £178 (2) Sceugh Dyke; £175 Fawcett Park; £175 Crindledyke; £173 Waterside House; £168 Pennine View; £168, £164 Waterside House; £164 Fog Close; £161 Shap Abbey; £161 (2) Black Leases; £160 Ireshope Plains; £160 Undercragg; £160 Winter Crag.

Dutch Spotted - £182, £180 Grange View; £172 Midtown; £169 East Newbiggin Farm.

Cheviot - £170 Clifton Moor Farm; £170, £163 (2), £162 Black Leases; £160 Mill Farm.

Cheviot Mule- £169 Ranbeck; £162 Clea Hall.

Blue Texel - £166 Ireshopeplains; £166 High Harberwain.

Leicester - £161 Grassknop Farm.

Herdwick - £157 Gillside; £152, £152 Clea Hall.

Swaledale - £155 Town Foot; £152 (2) Low Garth.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 517.0, 482.0, 424.0, 400.0 Shap Abbey; 492.0, 450.0, 428.0, 420.0 Hollands; 487.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 484.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 455.0, 409.0 Black Leases; 449.0, 440.0, 420.0, 390.0 (2) Crosby Hall; 431.0 Glebelands; 430.0, 400.0 Honeypot; 429.0 Stanley House; 428.0, 415.0, 398.0, 388.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 424.0, 420.0, 412.0, 410.0 (2) Moory Lea Farm; 416.0 Clea Hall; 414.0, 384.0, 383.0 Ranbeck; 410.0 Reagill Grange; 409.0, 407.0, 384.0, 381.0 Bromley Green; 398.0 Sickergill; 395.0, 388.0 Midtown Farm; 393.0 Petteril Green; 389.0 Long Park Farm; 387.0 Glebe Cottage; 381.0 Galleywreay Farm; 380.0 The Bow; 380.0 Lower Gate Farm

Texel – 473.0, 464.0, 390.0, 378.0, 373.0, 370.0 Shap Abbey; 455.0, 402.0, 379.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 451.0, 426.0, 386.0 Tottlebank Farm; 430.0, 400.0, 378.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 419.0, 418.0, 374.0, 372.0, 371.0, 370.0 (2) High Knipe; 410.0 Low Garth; 402.0,

391.0 Cocklaw Farm; 398.0, 386.0 Braithwaite Mill; 396.0, 387.0 Black Leases; 395.0, 374.0 Sickergill; 387.0, 374.0 Moory Lea Farm; 386.0 (2) Clea Hall; 386.0, 370.0 North Netherscales; 383.0, 371.0 Hollands; 380.0, 373.0 Hewer Hill; 380.0 Lower Gate Farm; 379.0 Glebe Cottage; 379.0, 377.0, 370.0 Ireshope Plains; 378.0 High Harberwain; 376.0 Woodhouse; 375.0 Blackford; 375.0 Thethwaite Farm; 373.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 370.0 Gall Farm; 370.0 Stanley House;

Continental – 388.0 Clea Hall; 370.0 Long Park Farm; 367.0 Hollands; 353.0 Gall Farm

Dutch Spotted – 382.0 Gall Farm; 377.0 Midtown Farm; 347.0, 341.0 Gaitsgill Hall.

Herdwick – 380.0, 368.0 Clea Hall; 349.0 Gillside.

Suffolk – 373.0, 343.0, 341.0 Shap Abbey; 364.0, 349.0 Ireshope Plains; 358.0 Westray; 348.0 Grassknop Farm; 345.0 Low Row; 343.0 Brannock Courts; 343.0 Tarn End; 340.0, 331.0 Sceugh Dyke; 337.0 Holme House; 336.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 335.0 Hollands; 335.0 Hole House; 334.0 The Bow; 334.0 Hill Crest; 333.0 Fecarry Road; 333.0 Black Leases; 333.0 North Netherscales; 331.0 Plumpton Old Hall

Cheviot – 370.0 Galleywreay Farm; 367.0 Thorneythwaite Farm; 364.0, 352.0, 344.0 Gall Farm; 362.0, 357.0 Ireshope Plains; 357.0 Clea Hall; 352.0 North Netherscales; 350.0 Crosby Hall; 348.0, 341.0 Greenbank Farm; 340.0 Black Leases

Blue Texel – 361.0 High Harberwain

Charollais – 353.0 Grassknop Farm; 343.0, 337.0 Brannock Courts; 331.0 Tarn End

Blackface – 350.0 Ireshope Plains; 339.0 North Netherscales; 335.0 Gall Farm

Mule – 344.0 Gall Farm; 343.0, 342.0 Street House (Maughan); 342.0 Townfoot; 338.0, 324.0 Low Garth; 337.0 Moory Lea Farm; 335.0 Shap Abbey; 334.0, 331.0 Hollands; 327.0 Blackford; 324.0 Sceugh Dyke; 322.0 (2) Black Leases; 320.0, 313.0 Crindledyke Farm; 318.0 (2) Fog Close; 318.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 316.0 Greenhow; 312.0, 310.0 Crosby Hall; 310.0 Hole House

Cheviot Mule – 342.0 Crosby Hall; 338.0 Clea Hall; 325.0 Ranbeck

Swaledale – 330.0 Low Garth; 329.0 Plantation View; 307.0 Townfoot

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £225.09) - £370, £335 (2), £275, £242 (2) Haas Side Farm; £300, £288, £272, £268, £250, £232 Holme House; £300, £248, £245 Laneside; £295, £262, £238, £228, £220 (2) Greenacres; £292, £232, £226 (2) Bogie Street; £285 Hewer Hill; £270, £265 (2), £250, £240, £238, £222 (2) Brannock Court; £270, £260 Harrot Hill Farm; £268, £238 Tarn End; £255 Cottage Farm; £255 Glebe Cottage; £250, £226 (3), £218 Belvedene; £248, £234, £223 West Stobbswood; £236, £226 (2) Shap Abbey; £220 Thethwaite Farm; £220 Fferam Rhosydd; £214 (2) Bent House Farm; £214 Larne Road

Continental (Av £168.52) - £300 Street House (Maughan); £270 West Stobswood Farm; £260 Rottington Hall; £258 Bogie Street; £255, £238, £220 Glebe Cottage; £250, £248, £230, £228, £220, £218, £212 Tarn End; £238, £224 (3), £212 Holme House; £235, £215 Buninver Road; £234, £220 Blackfold; £228 (2), £215, £212 Fecarry Road; £222, £214, £212, £210, £212 Brannock Courts; £220 Sycamore House; £218 South Mains of Tillymorgan; £214 Greenacres; £212 Bent House Farm; £212 Clifton Moor Farm

Charollais (Av £168.00) - £290 Fecarry Road; £256 West Stobswood Farm; £250 Brannock Courts; £244, £238 Holme House; £242 Buninver Road; £238 Rottington Hall; £210 Bent House Farm

Beltex (Av £212.60) - £270 Bodwrddin; £265 (2) Shap Abbey; £244 Greenacres; £234 Buninver Road; £214 Coolkeeran Road

Suffolk (Av £180.93) - £270 Belvedene; £255, £225, £212, £197 (2) Holme House; £255 Bogie Street; £234 Parkside; £230 (3), £224, £214, £208, £206, £196 (2) Tarn End; £226, £198 Shap Abbey; £226 Fecarry Road; £218, £198 Bent House Farm; £215 Rottington Hall; £214, £196 Brannock Court; £202 South Mains of Tillymorgan; £200 Hollands; £198 Demesne; £198 West Stobswood Farm

Bluefaced Leicester - £255 Haas Side Farm

Blue Texel - £238 Bogie Street

Rouge - £225 Grassknop

Cheviot Mule (Av £180.74) - £216 Haas Side Farm; £194, £180 Bogie Street

Cheviot (Av £127.63) - £181 Tarn End; £180, £172, £164 South Mains of Tillymorgan; £177 Parkside; £171 Larne Road; £168 Blackfold; £164, £152, £148 Bogie Street; £159 Bent House Farm; £159 Shap Abbey; £158 (2) Holme House; £154 Glebe Cottage; £152 Plantation View; £149 West Stobswood Farm; £147 Ranbeck; £144 Pine Wood; £144 Gaitsgill Hall; £144 Well House; £140 Thrang Crag

Mule (Av £150.57) - £180, £168 Parkside; £180, £160 (4) South Mains of Tillymorgan; £180, £170, £167, £160 West Stobswood Farm; £178 Rottington Hall; £176 Holme House; £174, £168, £166 Glebe Cottage; £167 Buninver Road; £166 Belvedene; £165 Bogie Street; £164 Scales Farm (Pollock)

Goat - £175 Drapstown Road; £158 Buninver Road; £148 Brannock Courts

Rough Fell - £138 Tarn End

Easycare - £137 Parkside; £130 Fferam Rhosydd

Swaledale (Av £92.21) - £132 Street House; £124, £114 Knock Hall; £124, £114 Gale Hall; £121 Well House; £119, £112 Howgill Castle; £116 Fawcett Park; £116 Shap Abbey; £112 Howe Green

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £111.17) - £128, £120 Buninver Road; £126 Greenacres; £124 Thethwaite; £120 Bogie Street; £118, £114 Tarn End; £118 Holme House; £113 Fecarry Road

Herdwick (Av £100.11) - £119 Clea Hall; £116 Howe Green; £114 Wilkinsyke Farm

Jacob - £118 Glebe Cottage

Cast Rams £/head

Dutch Spotted - £268 Abbott Lodge

Charollais - £260 Tarn End; £240, £202 Buninver Road

Texel - £260 Clea Hall

Continental - £244, £212 Holme House; £228 Blackfold; £222 Pine Wood; £220, £210 Tarn End

Scotch Blackfaced - £232 Raemoir Road

Beltex - £222 Brockwoodlees Farm; £220 Tarn End

Blue Texel - £210 Birks Head

Swaledale - £158 Ranbeck

Herdwick - £132 Braithwaite Mill