

# Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 6,359 prime sheep, comprising of 2,856 prime hogs, 3,503 cast ewes & rams & 656 light lambs

Another fantastic day in Penrith & District Mart. 2856 Hoggs were forward with another lift of over £6 resulting in huge pounds per head average or £170.25 sqq of 378ppk overall £345.92 with only 923 sheep in the sqq average. Topping the days trading at 485ppk for 40kg realising £194 from Messrs M Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey with the same home selling 36kgs realising £170 or 472ppk.

Top price per head of £204 came from Messrs T E Irving & Son for 2 achieving 57kgs with another 2 at 56kgs equalling to £203 or 363ppk. Top consignment average or £190.77 came from Messrs F Savage, Petteril Green selling 25 fantastic Beltex and Texel Hoggs. Messrs T E Irving sold there run of 52 mainly Suffolk hoggs to average £188.77. A pen of 19 Suffolks from this home sold 57kgs to £190.

Mule Hoggs continue to boom here in Penrith selling to a top of £185 for a pen of 20 weighing 60kg from Messrs Lowis, Waterside House. Messrs H M & R Iverson, Hole House sold his run of 59kgs to average £180.32. Mule Hoggs sold to £374ppk for a pen of 23, weighing 42kgs for clipped sheep from S Robinson, Thrang Cragg.

Pure Herdwicks from Messrs Bland, Clea Hall sold a pen of 13, weighing 38kgs to realise 382ppk. All classes of stock can be sold to vendors advantage here in Penrith. New purchases operating yesterday with 11 active buyers present.

We also conducted our light lamb collection at around 12:30pm on a Wednesday, where yesterday we had 656 lambs over the weigh bridge. All weights up to 39kg can be handled don't hesitate to contact if you have some to sell.

Very possibly one of the dearest trade seen across the whole of the country once again with 3503 sold with a great total of 715 selling over £200 ahead. Topping at a mighty £355 went to Mr B Dufton, Aberdeen with a superb pure Texel selling to A J Meats, Birmingham.

Closely followed at £350 for one of the very best Beltex from Mr J Clark, Northern Ireland purchased by Yorkshire Halal, Ossett. With a pen of 4 pure Texels from Mr M McNally achieved £318 again going to Yorkshire Halal.

Suffolks stole the show with 608 sold to average £191.64!! Topping at £275 for 6 Suffolk x Texels from Mr S McSwiggan purchased by Romford Halal, Essex. Larger pens sold to £230 x12, £228 x12, £215 x15, £212 x19, £211 x11, £208 x12, £206 x12, £206 x16, £202 x13 these aren't top prices these are pens full of ewes!

Mule ewes finally took the lift with the best Scotch Mules to £198 for 9 from Mr B Dufton, selling to J B Foods, Bradford. Closely followed at £190 with the larger pens to £180 x12,

£174 x12, £170 x16, £168 x26, £165 x24, £161 x12 (2), £160 x20, £160 x18, £160 x32. All in averaging £153.89.

Horned ewes up to £150 from South Bogbain with Scotch Blackface. A serious shortage of well fed horned ewes forward. Swales to £124 from Messrs C W & Y Dixon, Haresceugh Castle and the best Herdwicks to £120 from Mr S Hutcheson, Peebleshire.

Cast rams realised a peak of £250 from Mr M McNally, selling to A J Meats with all others meat £200 plus.

Keep your ewes coming over the next few weeks as the trades expected to hold and if not firm. A ringside of 12 – 14 buyers weekly giving Penrith the large edge over our competitors. Take advantage to maximize your profits and return.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952, or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

## **Leading Prices**

### **Prime Lambs £/head**

**Texel** - £204, £203, £188 East Cliff; £200 Dublin House; £198, £196, £192 Manor Farm £196, £193, £192, £191, £191, £190, £190, £189, £187 Holme House; £196 Woodhouse; £194, £188 (2), £185 Langfauld; £193 Galloper Park; £192, £191, £189, £188 Ireby Hall; £192, £189 Brannock Courts; £191 Milburn Grange; £190 Loughran Road; £190 Reagill Grange; £190 High Knipe; £190 Field House; £189 Skiddaw View; £188 Bank House; £188 Pennine View; £187 Sleagill House; £186 (2) Murrah Hall; £186 Pennine View; £186 Kinawley Road;

**Blue Texel** - £198 Brannock Court; £191 Holme House.

**Beltex** - £195, £194, £190 (2), £189, £188 Petteril Green; £188, £180, £178, £176 Ranbeck; £188, £181 £170 (2) Shap Abbey; £188, £185, £180 (2) High Knipe; £183 Honeypot; £180 Galloper Park.

**Suffolk** - £191 Highrigg; £190, £183 East Cliff; £189 Smallthwaite House; £188, £187, £185, £182, £181 Holme House; £186, £176 Langfauld; £184 Town Head; £184 Tann End; £184 Black Leases; £184 Windy Gate; £183 Honeypot; £180 Field House; £180 Mid Town; £180 Sleagill House; £179 Greystone House; £176, £174 Hill Crest; £175 Wreay Hall; £174, £168 Highrigg; £174 Towcett Farm; £172, £165 Plumpton Old Hall; £172, £171 Honeypot; £171 Town Head (Mounsey); £170, £169 Shap Abbey; £168 South Dyke.

**Continental** - £188 (2) Ireby Hall; £184 Riggshield; £182 Glebe Cottage; £180 Waterside House; £178 Thrang Crag; £176 Friarbiggin; £176 Clea Hall; £173 (2) Holme House; £172 Clea Hall; £171 Ploveriggs; £171 Greenbank Farm; £168 Sceugh Dyke; £165 Thrang Crag; £161 Riggshield; £160 Plumpton Old Hall; £160 Greenbank Farm; £160 Ranbeck.

**Mule** - £185, £177, £170 Waterside House; £183 (2) Hole House; £182 Fawcett Park; £179, £174 Hole House; £178 (2), £176 Black Leases; £178 Pennine View; £178 Ranbeck; £178 Milburn Grange.

**Cheviot Mule** - £180 Ranbeck; £178 Brannock Courts; £176 Black Leases; £174 Ranbeck.

**Cheviot** - £178 Greystone House; £175 High Knipe; £174, £172 Windy Gate; £174 Ranbeck; £173 Langfauld; £168 Greenbank; £168 Sceugh Dyke.

**Charollais** – £173 Ellerslea.

**Ryeland** - £171, £166 Holme Farm.

**Dutch Spotted** - £170 Holme House.

**Herdwick** - £164 Gillside; £145 West Loch; £145 Clea Hall; £144 Town Head; £144 West Head Farm.

**Swaledale** - £163 Street House; £160 (2) Throstle Hall.

### **Prime Lambs p/kg**

**Beltex** – 485.0, 472.0, 454.0, 443.0 (2), 425.0, 418.0, 410.0, 400.0, 393.0, 360.0 Shap Abbey; 452.0, 411.0, 409.0, 400.0 High Knipe; 443.0, 411.0, 404.0, 396.0, 386.0 Petteril Green; 440.0, 410.0, 396.0, 384.0 Ranbeck; 422.0 Kinawley Road; 419.0 The Hills; 416.0 Honeypot; 395.0 West View

**Texel** – 459.0, 420.0, 400.0, 393.0 Bank House; 432.0 Reagill Grange; 423.0, 413.0 Murrah Hall; 416.0, 389.0, 388.0, 385.0 Honeypot; 410.0, 398.0, 393.0, 388.0 Scales Farm (Wilson); 409.0, 403.0, 400.0, 389.0, 395.0, 390.0 The Hills; 405.0 Westfield House Farm; 400.0, 389.0 Long Park Farm; 400.0, 385.0 Langfauld; 400.0 Tymparon Hall; 396.0 Manor Farm; 395.0 Reagill Grange; 392.0, 385.0 Friarbiggin; 391.0 Clea Hall; 389.0, 388.0 Sunny Bank; 389.0, 387.0, 383.0 Silverband; 389.0, 380.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 388.00 Millrigg Farm; 388.0 Smallthwaite Farm; 384.0 High Knipe; 382.0 Sceugh Dyke; 382.0 Milburn Grange; 381.0 The Hills; 380.0 Midtown Farm

**Continental** – 429.0, 397.0 (2), 385.0 Clea Hall; 395.0, 393.0 Thrang Crag; 392.0 Sherriff; 380.0 Ploveriggs

**Cheviot** – 383.0 Thrang Crag; 383.0 Midtown Farm; 377.0 Riggshield; 373.0 Sceugh Dyke; 368.0, 365.0 High Lodore Farm

**Herdwick** – 382.0, 373.0 Clea Hall; 371.0 High Lodore Farm; 364.0 Gillside; 354.0 West Loch

**Suffolk** – 381.0 Thrang Crag; 371.0 Friarbiggin; 370.0, 352.0, 338.0 Shap Abbey; 367.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 367.0 Scales Farm (Wilson); 364.0, 347.0 Windy Gate; 364.0, 331.0 Honeypot; 349.0 Town Head (Mounsey); 348.0 Towcett Farm; 346.0 Glen Loughan Road; 346.0 Park Head (Hird); 344.0 Nook Farm; 343.0 South Dyke; 340.0 Belvedene; 339.0, 333.0 East Cliff; 338.0 Langfauld; 336.0 Tarn End; 330.0 Wreay Hall Farm

**Mule** – 374.0, 341.0 Thrang Crag; 348.0 Shap Abbey; 343.0 Street House (Maughan); 340.0 Sleagill House; 333.0, 326.0, 323.0 Fog Close; 333.0, 326.0 Old Parks; 333.0 Riggshield; 330.0 Low Abbey; 329.0 Sherriff; 326.0 Eden Park; 326.0 Towcett Farm; 326.0 Hunley Bank Farm; 324.0 (2), 320.0 Black Leases; 324.0 Pennine View

**Cheviot Mule** – 373.0 Westfield House Farm; 341.0 Ranbeck

**Blackfaced** – 350.0 Lochton of Leys

**Swaledale** – 352.0 Street House (Maughan); 326.0, 325.0 Birkett Mire

### **Cast Ewes £/head**

**Texel (Av £215.18)** - £355 Tann House; £318, £288, £272, £270 Holme Farm; £300 Gate and West Farm; £272, £270, £235 Brannock Courts; £250 Staingills; £245 Lingstubbs; £242, £222 Galloper Park; £240 Auchergray Farm; £230 Lingstubbs; £228 (2) Ellerslea; £220 Fowrass; £218 West Stobswood; £214 Greenacres

**Beltex (Av £222.86)** - £350 Tann House; £220 Crosby Hall

**Charollais (Av £242.16)** - £295, £248, £230 (2), £210 Holme House; £295 Gate and West Farm; £274, £248 Tann House; £234 5 Brannock Courts; £212 Manister Road

**Continental (Av £179.55)** - £280, £259, £212 Greenacres; £252, £222, £218, £215 Tann House; £250, £248 Burnside; £242, £226, £222, £218, £214 West Stobswood Farm; £242, £234, £232, £226, £224, £222 Brannock Courts; £240, £230, £228 Staingills; £238 Tarn End; £238 Ballymaderphy Road; £232, £224, £216 (2), £214 Bodoney Road; £232 Gate & West Farm; £230, £225 (2), £212 (2) Holme House; £230, £215 Corskellie; £222, £212 Auchergray Farm; £222 Belvedene; £216 Glen Loughan Road; £212 Shethin Farm

**Suffolk (Av £191.64)** - £275 (3), £248, £234, £232, £220 (2), £209, £208 Bodoney Road; £245, £232, £210 West Stobswood Farm; £234, £224, £211, £208, £208 Brannock Courts; £230, £228, £212, £206 Holme House; £224 Low Farm; £222 Ballymaderphy Road; £220 Glen Loughan Road; £218 Auchergray Farm; £214 Tann House; £208 (2) Staingills; £208 Plumpton Old Hall; £208 Glen Loughran Road

**Cheviot (Av £122.20)** - £222 Galloper Park; £218, £212, £180 (2), £176 Tann House; £180 Brannock Courts; £170, £165, £155 West Stobswood Farm; £168 Knock Hall; £165 Glebe Cottage; £162 Glen Loughan Road; £161 Holme House; £154 Highrigg; £152 Greenacres

**Bluefaced Leicester (Av £165.00)** - £202 Bowderdale

**Mule (Av £153.89)** - £198 Tann House; £190, £180, £174 Tarn End; £190 Glen Loughran Road; £182 Greenacres; £182 Knock Hall; £182 Holme House; £182 Crosby Hall; £179 Mainster Road; £175 Staingills; £170 West Stobswood Farm; £170 Glebe Cottage; £170 East View; £170 Glebelands

**Zwartble (Av £174.89)** - £188, £182 Glen Loughan Road; £180 Glebe Cottage

**Kerry Hill** - £188 Bodony Road

**Rough Fell (Av £156.44)** - £180 Bowderdale; £170 (2), £148 The Wath

**Cheviot Mule (Av £164.57)** - £177 Crosby Hall

**Scotch Blackfaced (Av £101.54)** - £150, £129 Greenacres; £140 Glen Loughan Road; £136 Brannock Courts; £132 Holme House; £120 Manister Road

**Easycare (Av £136.65)** - £143, £120 Staingills; £130 South Bogbain Farm

**Jacob** - £132 Greenbank Farm

**Swaledale (Av £89.82)** - £124, £110 Haresceugh Castle; £118 Bowderdale; £112, £102 Knock Hall; £109 Birkett Mire; £108 Town End; £105 Mellgates

**Herdwick (Av £79.27)** - £120, £100 West Loch; £112 Shap Abbey

**Shetland (Av £71.49)** - £86, £73 Clochnahill

### **Cast Rams £/head**

**Texel** - £250 Holme House

**Continental** - £240, £218 Holme House; £232 Bodoney Road; £230 Glen Loughan Road; £228 Tann End

**Cheviot** - £200 Chapel House Farm (Weir)

**Dorset** - £198 Tann End

**Easy Care** - £170 Staingills