

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 11th March 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 7,909 prime sheep, comprising of 3,658 prime hogs, 3,351 cast ewes & rams & 900 light lambs

Seeing is believing here in Penrith. 3658 hogs descended with a trade unseen for some years. A wholesale average of £177 up £15 on the week, an SQQ average of 416ppk or 382 ppk overall with another mass of heavy sheep in excess of 50kg.

Topping the day's trading at 513ppk came for a pen of 7 cracking lambs at 42kg achieving £223 consigned from M/s E J Iverson & Son, Skelling Farm.

34 lambs sold in excess of 500ppk today. Topping pounds per head at £227 came from M/s T A & A Jefferson, Aspatria Hall for a superb pen of 7 at 47kg or 483ppk.

A total of 371 sheep sold for more than £200 in today's sale. M/s F Savage & Son, Petteril Green topped consignment averages of £206.75 for their run of 36 and 2 other runs averaging over £200.

M/s T A & A Jefferson, Aspatria Hall sold a run of 40 at £202.70. M/s Ritson, Ireby Hall sold his run of 24 to average £200.17.

Suffolks sold to 420ppk for a pen of 44kg achieving £185 from M/s T A & A Dickinson, North Netherscales, with a pen full of 16 Suffolks weighing 59kg selling to £200 from M/s Graham, Hallrigg.

Mule hogs prove to be in hot demand. Topping at £190 for a pen of 20 weighing 55kg from M/s Lowis, Waterside. W & SE Dickinson, Kirkbarrow Hall brought their first run of Blackface hogs selling a pen of 10 at 52kg to £184.

Lightweight hogs prove exceptionally good to market for all classes. More sheep are needed to fulfil demand with our large ringside of buyers.

Comfortably the dearest trade seen yet with a grade total of 3351 Cast Ewes & Rams averaging £176. Topping at £365 from Donaghanie Road, Northern Ireland selling at AJ Meats.

Weekly consignor Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, Aberdeen achieved £362 with a pure Texel selling to Romford Halal and a further 255 selling over £300, that included 6 at £350 and 8 at £308.

A further 899 sold over £200 ahead with 611 Suffolks selling to average £197.89, topping at £260 for a pen of pures from Mr B Duffton, Huntley with larger pens achieving £238 x 18, £234 x 18, £230 x 24, £216 X 18, £209 x 22, £208 x 14, £205 x 22, £198 x 17, £196 x 26, £196 x 20, £195 x 20, £194 x 20.

A real shortage of weight in the Mules but nevertheless 19 Scotch Mule achieved £195.

Horned Ewes hit an all-time high, a pen of 31 Northumberland Blackface achieving £155 from Hall Farm. The best Swale Ewes £120 plus topping at £137 from M/s Raine, Old Parks with a pen of 11 selling to Mr M Bowe.

Cast Rams topped at £266 from Mr W Morison, South Bogbain with 6 huge Texels selling to Pak Mecca Meats, Birmingham, a very large quantity £200 ahead plus.

More numbers are needed on a weekly basis to satisfy this ring side of 14 active buyers.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 18th March. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952, or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Beltex - £227, £219, £204, £200, £194, £190 Aspatria Hall; £224, £186 Ranbeck; £224, £222, £219, £208 (2), £207, £205, £204, £194, £188 Kirkbarrow Hall; £224, £215, £214, £205, £194, Petteril Green; £223, £218, £206, £196 Skelling Farm; £220, £190, £189 Black Leases; £214 (2), £213, £206, £203, £202, £195 (3), £194, £193, £192, £190, £189 (2) High Knipe; £212, £200, £198, £188 Brockwoodlees Farm; £202 Nutholm Farm; £202 Park House; £200, £195, £194 (2), £193, £191, £184 Honeypot; £196 Gaitsgill Hall; £180 Crewgarth.

Texel - £216, £198 La Hogue Farm; £216, £200, £190 Braithwaite Mill; £213, £210, £208, £206, £198 (2) Ireby Hall; £212, £208 (2), £198, £196 Aspatria Hall; £210, £199 Reagill Grange; £209, £207, £200 (2), £198 (2), £196 Holme House; £207, £202, £200, £198, £197 Park House; £206, £201 (2) Waterside House; £206, £200, £195 Smallthwaite Farms; £205, £191 High Knipe; £204, £194 (2) Petteril Green; £204, £200 Ireshope Plains; £202, £190 Throstle Hall; £200 (2), £199, £194 Clea Mire; £200, £194, £192 Kirkbarrow Hall; £200, £192 Honeypot; £198 Donaghanie Road; £198 Brannock Courts; £196 Jacksonrigg Farm; £192 Sceugh Dyke; £192, £190 Pennie View; £192, £190 Glen Loughan Road; £192 Old Parks; £192 Gaitsgill Hall; £191 Hay Close; £191 Thethwaite Farm; £191 Brockwoodlees Farm; £191 Ranbeck; £190 Howtown Hotel; £190 Crindledyke Farm.

Continental - £207 Skelling; £196 Honeypot; £190 The Bungalow; £186, £185 Smallthwaite House; £184 Hallrigg; £182 Aspatria Hall; £180 Longlands.

Charollais - £206 Holme House; £180 Ireshope Plains

Suffolk - £200, £198, £192, £190 Hallrigg; £200, £195, £186, £188 Holme House; £200, £196 Honeypot; £198 Gaitsgill Hall; £196 High Knipe; £195, £191, £190 Crindledyke; £194 Smallthwaite; £194 Langfauld; £193 Braithwaite Mill; £193, £188 Braithwaite Mill ; £193, £191, £190, £182 Glen Loughran Road; £192, £187 Aspatria Hall; £192 Buninver Road; £191 Kirkbarrow Hall; £190 Honeypot; £190 Hill Crest; £190, £182 Sceugh Dyke; £188 The Green; £188, £184 Jacksonrigg; £185 North Netherscales; £180 Low Moor; £180 Ireshope Plains; £180 Black Leases; £180 Longlands.

Dutch Spotted - £196 Hogue Farm; £170 Glen Loughan Road

Mule - £190, £189 (2) Waterside House; £189 Fawcett Park; £188, £184 (3), £183 Hole House; £184 Pennine View; £178, £177 Black Leases; £176 Old Parks; £176 Sceugh Dyke; £175 Crindledyke Farm.

Cheviot Mule - £190, £187 Ranbeck.

Blackface - £184, £173, £171 Kirkbarrow Hall

Cheviot - £182 Fenton Farm; £178, £173 Bank Hall; £178, £170 Kirkbarrow Hall; £177, £175 Bank Hall; £174 Black Leases; £171 Langfauld; £171 Gaitsgill Hall.

Blue Face Leicester - £178 Throstle Hall

Herdwick - £174 Gillside; £164 Harry Place; £158 Ulcatrow; £152, £150 Clea Hall; £151 Harry Place.

Swaledale - £164 Howtown Hotel; £159 Clea Hall.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 531.0, 495.0, 468.0 Skelling Farm; 521.0 Ranbeck; 521.0, 486.0 Petteril Green; 520.0, 490.0, 433.0, 430.0, 424.0 High Knipe; 513.0, 493.0, 470.0, 460.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 483.0 Aspatria Hall; 465.0 Honeypot; 462.0, 460.0, 453.0, 447.0, 443.0, 439.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 454.0, 450.0 Crewgarth; 444.0, 441.0, 420.0, 412.0 The Hills; 439.0 Scales Farm; 436.0, 430.0 Petteril Green; 431.0, 429.0, 428.0, 424.0, 424.0 Honeypot; 428.0, 423.0, 420.0 Scales Farm; 417.0 Gaitsgaill, 415.0, 411.0 Black Leases.

Texel – 498.0, 429.0, 414.0 Reagill Grange; 488.0, 463.0, 427.0, 422.0, 410.0 Clea Mire; 480.0 Braithwaite Mill; 470.0 La Hogue Farm; 444.0, 441.0, 429.0 Bank House; 443.0, 422.0 Petteril Green; 443.0, 438.0, 431.0 (2), 414.0 Smallthwaite House; 441.0, 429.0 Sandhills; 437.0, 430.0, 427.0 Gall Farm; 437.0, 422.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 437.0, 424.0, 411.0 Clea Hall; 435.0, 426.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 429.0 Thrang Crag; 428.0, 418.0 The Hills; 428.0, 427.0, 417.0, 416.0 Lower Gate Farm; 426.0 Ireshope Plains; 426.0, 418.0, 416.0 Threlkeld Hall; 425.0 Fenton Farm; 424.0 Thethwaite Farm; 424.0, 416.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 420.0 Crindledyke Farm; 419.0 Howtown Hotel; 418.0 Fog Close; 418.0 Reservoir Farm; 417.0, 416.0 Honeypot; 416.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 416.0 Nutholm Farm; 415.0 Hollins Farm; 414.0 North Netherscales

Continental – 470.0 Skelling Farm; 440.0, 432.0, 416.0 Thrang Crag; 430.0 Smallthwaite Farms; 428.0, 425.0, 421.0 (2), 418.0 Gall Farm; 412.0 Throstle Hall; 410.0 Loughan Road

Cheviot – 427.0 Smallthwaite Farms; 426.0 (3), 425.0, 424.0 (2), 423.0, 421.0, 419.0, 415.0 Gall Farm; 412.0, 386.0 Harry Place; 409.0, 381.0 Nutholm Farm; 407.0, 398.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 402.0, 389.0 Bank Hall; 400.0 Ireshope Plains; 395.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 389.0 Langfauld;

Suffolk – 420.0 North Netherscales; 386.0 Windy Gate; 383.0, 362.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 383.0 Low Moor; 381.0 Braithwaite Mill; 379.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 374.0 Gall Farm; 373.0 Ireshope Plains; 368.0 Thrang Crag; 367.0 Black Leases; 367.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 366.0 Smallthwaite Farms; 365.0 Nutholm Farm; 363.0 Hill Crest

Charollais – 419.0 Ireshope Plains

Herdwick – 405.0 Gillside; 400.0, 395.0 Clea Hall; 397.0 (2) Harry Place; 391.0 Gall Farm

Mule – 375.0 Throstle Hall; 373.0 Thrang Crag; 370.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 367.0, 345.0 Old Parks; 362.0 Windy Gate; 357.0, 350.0 Hollins Farm; 356.0 Fog Close; 356.0, 354.0 Black Leases; 352.0 Aspatria Hall; 346.0 Stubsgill Farm; 345.0, 344.0 (2) Waterside House; 343.0 Hunley Bank Farm; 340.0 Jacksonrigg Farm

Cheviot Mule – 393.0 Skelling Farm; 382.0 Windy Gate; 374.0, 365.0 Ranbeck; 370.0 Nutholm Farm

Blackfaced – 411.0 Gall Farm; 364.0, 360.0, 354.0 Kirkbarrow; 354.0 Gaitsgill

Swaledale – 398.0 Clea Hall; 357.0 Howtown Hotel; 353.0 Gall Farm.

Dutch Spotted – 416.0 Thrang Crag; 392.0 La Hougue Farm

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £247.56) - £365 Donaghanie Road; £362, £345, £305, £282, £250, £248, £216 Greenacres; £355, £272 (2), £248, £245, £238 Brannock Courts; £350, £305, £282, £270, £265 Holme House; £308, £268, £222 Ballymena Road; £308 Cottage Farm; £305, £243, £224 West Stobswood Farm; £281, £239 Bunniver Road; £280 Fenton Farm; £280 Ireby Hall; £250 Hogue Farm

Charollais (Av £236.57) - £300, £250, £220 Brannock Courts; £285, £260 Brick House; £280, £239 Holme House; £280 West Stobswood Farm; £256 Hogue Farm; £248 Ballymena Road; £248, £226 Mountfield Road

Beltex (Av £229.89) - £300, £236, £230 (2) Greenacres; £290, £270 Aspatia Hall; £258, £242 Ballymena Road; £256 (2), £242 Inglewood Edge; £250 Moory Lea Farm

Continental (Av £188.67) - £286, £238, £228, £226 Holme Farm; £280, £250, £230 (2), £226, £219 Mountfield Road; £276, £268 Bogie Street; £270 Aspatia Hall; £266 Auchergray Farm; £262 Field House; £260 Valley Road; £260, £240, £219 Swalesmoor Farm; £258, £250, £234, £228, £224 (3) West Stobswood Farm; £256, £238 Greenacres; £256 Bunniver Road; £246 Ballymacilcurr Road; £244, £232, £222 (2) Brannock Courts; £230 Tillyfour; £228 High Pow Farm; £228 Fenton Farm; £226 Greensyke Farm; £220 Thethwaite Farm

Suffolk (Av £197.89) - £260, £232 Bogie Street; £254 Greenacres; £254 Bunniver Road; £250 Burnside; £254, £238, £234 (2), £230, £218 Holme House; £240, £224 Ballymena Road; £235 High Knipe; £228, £212, £208 (2) Brannock Court; £228, £220 Ballymacilcurr Road; £224 Hogue Farm; £219 Farlough Road; £214 (2) West Stobswood Farm; £210 Claremont Properties; £209 Mountfield Road

Cheviot (Av £148.88) - £218, £176, £172, £170 Brannock Courts; £210, £188, £156 Ballymena Road; £188, £175, £162, £156 Bogie Street; £188, £176 (2) Nether Stenries; £188 Fenton Farm; £184, £180, £158 Nutholme; £182 Crewgarth; £178, £159 High Knipe; £177, £150 West Stobswood Farm; £176 Brannock Courts; £176 West View; £174, £162 Elva Plains; £168 High Pow Farm; £161 Donaghanie Road; £160 Tillyfour; £159 Ireshope Plains; £158, £154 Laypool; £158 Swalesmoor Farm; £156 Osmond Street; £156 Bunniver Road; £153 Manister Road; £152 Greenacres; £150 High Pow Farm; £150 Ranbeck

Blue Texel (£218) - £218 School Hill

Cheviot Mule (Av £183.33) - £208 Bogie Street; £201 Swalesmoor Farm; £198 Rectory Farm; £194 Moory Lea Farm; £180 Clea Mire

Zwartble (Av £149) - £200 High Pow Farm; £188 Manor Farm

Mule (Av £155.89) - £195 Bogie Street; £189, £171 West Stobswood Farm; £185 Ireby Hall; £182 Manister Road; £180 Swalesmoor Farm; £176, £172 Moory Lea Farm; £175 Thethwaite Farm; £174 Copperthorns; £174 Nutholme; £172 High House; £171 Holme House; £171 Mountfield Road

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £170.43) - £192 Donaghanie Road; £190 Glen Loughran Road; £186 Rectory Farm; £180 Loughran Road

Rough Fell (Av £127.54) - £174, £136, £128, £114 The Wath

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £123.87) - £155 Hall Farm; £149 Ballymaderphy Road; £146, £129, £122 Thethwaite Farm; £133 (2) Holme Head; £128 Field Head; £128 Holme House; £120 Loughran Road

Jacob (Av £150.00) - £150 Glen Loughan Road

Goat (Av £112) - £148 Buninver Road; £132 Junction 12.

Swaledale (Av £114.94) - £137, £114 Old Parks; £134 Ghyll Bank; £132 Hall Farm; £130, £124 Hollands; £127 Waterside House; £126 Hollins Farm; £122, £109 Peter House; £120 Ireshope Plains; £118 High Howe; £116 Fog Close; £108 Ranbeck

Herdwick (Av £105.10) - £128 Waterside House; £122, £102 Elva Plain Farm; £122 Hunley Bank Farm; £119 Thrang Crag; £112 Ulcatrow; £112 Hollands; £111, £107 Anns Cottage; £110 Auchergray Farm; £108 South Bogbain Farm; £104 Harry Place

Shetland (Av £77.62) - £110 Thethwaite Farm

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £266, £240, £238 Greenacres; £264 Hogue Farm; £240 Brannock Courts; £240 Holme House

Texel - £242 Fog Close

Beltex- £230 Bogie Street; £228 (2) Hollands; £226 Buninver Road

Cheviot - £212 Mainster Road; £210 (2) Low Greenside Farm; £202 High Knipe