

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 25th March 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 5,677 prime sheep, comprising of 2,779 prime hogs, 2,505 cast ewes & rams & 393 light lambs.

Where weight was without doubt king of the ring, heavies £10 - £15 up on the week regularly £220 - £235. A whole sale average of 409ppk or 419sqq or £194.59 per head. Messrs M T P & S D Wills, Fawcett Park hits the highlight with his pen of 22 Mule hogs weighing 58kg selling for £227 a head.

Topping today's sale overall at 505ppk came for a pen of 4 Beltex hogs weighing 40kg achieving £202 from Messrs W R & F D Siddle, Honeypot.

Top price per head of £239 came for a cracking pen of 14 Suffolk hogs weighing 60kg or 398ppk from S McSwiggan, Buninver Road. 4 other pens closely following at £238 per head. The Bland Team at Clea Hall once again brought forward some excellent Herdwick hogs, 55kg selling to £215 and 47kg at £182. With a pen of 19 weighing 36kg sold to 397ppk or £143.

Mules sold to 398ppk for a pen weighing 50kg at £199 from Messrs J C Robinson, Black Leases. Messrs R & J M Ridley, Ranbeck sold a pen of 28 Cheviot Mules weighing 51kg achieving £215.

Scotch Blackface sold to £217 weighing 59kg for a pen of 3 from N & K Gill, Moory Lea Farm. Swaledales sold to 387ppk for a pen of 21 weighing 46kg achieving £148 from Messrs H M & R Ivinson & Sons, Hole House. Messrs Fisher, Haber sold a pen of 10 Swales weighing 43kg to £159 or 370ppk some £4 dearer for a kg less than sheep sold elsewhere earlier in the week.

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Just take note of the prices where else do you see returns like it on a continuous basis. Every ewe and ram sold to average £179.24. The sale topped at £400 ahead from Mr R McCann, Northern Ireland with an unbelievable pure-bred Texel selling to Yorkshire Halal Meat Supplies. A further 31 achieving £300 plus.

509 Suffolks Ewes sold to average £197.93 topping at £300 ahead for an ultimate Suffolk x Texel from Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, Aberdeenshire, selling to Romford Halal with this home selling a further 20 ewes over £250 ahead.

A grand total of 767 ewes sold over £200 ahead. Scottish Mules topped at £200 ahead for a pen of 12 and a further 17 at £190 from Mr B Dufton, Huntly. The same home sold 11 Cheviot Mules to £211 ahead.

Horned ewes fell a long way short of requirements with Mr JF Edgar, Castle Nook selling 11 to £149 ahead with other pens from the same home achieving £131x17, £130x18.

A grand total of 109 cast rams sold to average £195.42 topping at a new market record of £320 for a Charollais from M/s DE & DR Ewart & Son, Nunfield selling to Pak Mecca Meats, Birmingham.

Once again, a packed ringside of buyers, all very competing to purchase with all class of sheep fairly bid for. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 1st April. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952, or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Suffolk - £239, £235, £223 Buninver; £236, £222, £206 Holme House; £236 Honeypot; £234, £219 East Cliff; £230, £226 Haber; £230 Ballymaderphy; £229, £215 Crindledyke Farm; £225 Gaitsgill Hall; £225 Claremont Properties; £224, £210 Sceugh Dyke; £224, £213 Highrigg; £217 Blackbogs; £215 Low Greenside Farm; £211 Honeypot; £205 Ireshope Plains; £204 Woodhouse.

Texel - £238, £234, £232, £224, £217 Park House; £238, £228 Ballymaderphy; £238, £220 Buninver; £237, £235, £234, £232, £229, £228 (2), £227, £217 Holme House; £237, £236, £230, £222 East Cliff; £236, £228, £226 Moory Lea Farm; £236, £224 Waterside Farm; £236 Hollands; £234 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £233, £228 Tullywinny; £230 Castle Nook; £230 Woodhouse; £229, £221 Clea Hall; £225, £221, £217 Sceugh Dyke; £225 Gaitsgill Hall; £224, £216 Honeypot; £222, £216 Parkside Crescent; £221 Bromley Green; £220 Stoneybeck Farm; £220 Hay Close; £220 Auchengray Farm; £218 Thrimby Hall; £216 Ireshope Plains; £214 Reagill Grange.

Beltex - £238, £232, £226, £218 (2), £212, £210 (2), £206, £ Petteril Green; £235, £208 Galloper Park; £224, £214, £210 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £221, £219 Woodhouse; £220 (2), £212 (2), £208, £206, £203, £200 Glebelands; £219, £210 (2), £202 Ranbeck; £216 Thethwaite Farm; £216 How Hall; £216 Black Leases; £215, £204 Waterside Farm; £210, £208, £202, £200 Hollands; £202 Honeypot; £200 Reagill Grange; £200 Wham Head Farm.

Mule - £231 Castle Nook; £227 Fawcett Park; £223 Clea Hall; £222, £207 Haber; £221 Crindledyke Farm; £214, £213 Sceugh Dyke; £201, £199 Black Leases; £199, £194 Hollands; £197 Hole House; £191 Ploveriggs.

Continental - £230 Parkside Crescent; £208 Ranbeck; £204 Lower Gate Farm; £204 Buninver.

Blue Texel - £222 Low Greenside Farm, £210, £200 High Harberwain; £207 West Ward.

Dorset - £220 Holme House

Blackface - £217 Moory Lea Farm; £186 North Netherscales; £183 Ireshope Plains.

Herdwick - £216, £182 Clea Hall.

Cheviot Mule - £215 Ranbeck.

Cheviot - £211 Thrimby Hall; £209 Ireshope Plains; £208 Greenbank Farm; £155 Cottage Farm; £194 (2) Ranbeck.

Dutch Spotted - £208 Bank Hall.

Swaledale - £200 Ranbeck; £194, £186, £183, £178 Hole House; £182 Hollands.

Kerry - £190 Thrimby Hall.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 505.0 Honeypot; 495.0, 476.0, 471.0, 457.0, 449.0 Hollands; 489.0, 464.0 Waterside Farm; 488.0, 462.0 Ranbeck; 484.0, 472.0, 465.0, 461.0, 458.0 Glebelands; 477.0, 463.0, 450.0, 446.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 476.0 Wham Head Farm; 458.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 457.0, 448.0 Petteril Green; 465.0, 455.0 Reagill Grange; 454.0, 449.0 Crewgarth; 451.0, 449.0 (2) Glebelands; 451.0, 448.0 Lowergate Farm; 450.0 Thethwaite Farm; 450.0 Black Leases; 440.0 Clea Hall

Texel – 470.0, 459.0 Clea Hall; 462.0, 435.0 Hollands; 460.0, 448.0 Honeypot; 457.0 Pringle House; 453.0 Larch Cottage; 451.0, 450.0, 435.0 Scales Farm; 448.0, 435.0 Park House (Henderson); 446.0, 436.0 Crewgarth; 445.0 The Hills; 442.0 Waterside Farm; 441.0 North Netherscales; 441.0 Reagill Grange; 440.0, 439.0 Auchengray Farm; 440.0 Thethwaite Farm; 439.0 (2) Ireshope Plains; 438.0 Thrang Crag; 435.0 Hay Close; 435.0 Glebelands; 435.0 East Cliff

Continental – 458.0, 435.0 Stanley House; 431.0 Clea Hall; 426.0 Gall Farm; 424.0, 420.0 Thrang Crag

Cheviot – 446.0, 433.0 Thrang Crag; 431.0, 404.0 Ranbeck; 417.0, 408.0 Greenbank Farm; 411.0 Stone Ends; 410.0, 405.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 410.0 Ireshope Plains; 409.0 Low Greenside Farm; 400.0 High Lodore Farm; 400.0 North Netherscales; 400.0 Gall Farm

Blue Texel – 443.0 Thethwaite Farm; 436.0 High Harberwain

Suffolk – 431.0 Scales Farm; 426.0, 422.0, 407.0 Honeypot; 426.0 North Netherscales; 419.0, 414.0 Holme House; 418.0 Ireshope Plains; 417.0, 414.0, 404.0 North Blackbogs; 413.0, 409.0 Crindledyke Farm; 413.0 Low Greenside Farm; 413.0 East Cliff; 412.0, 407.0 Sceugh Dyke; 410.0 Highrigg; 408.0 Larch Cottage; 400.0 Woodhouse

Dutch Spotted – 428.0 Thrang Crag

Cheviot Mule – 422.0 Ranbeck; 395.0 Gall Farm

Charollais – 421.0 North Netherscales

Dorset – 415.0 Holme House

Blackfaced – 407.0 Ireshope Plains; 380.0 North Netherscales

Leicester – 404.0 Low Greenside Farm

Mule – 398.0, 394.0 Black Leases; 398.0 Haber; 396.0, 390.0 Hollands; 395.0 Crindledyke; 394.0, 383.0 Hole House; 391.0 Eden Park; 391.0 Fawcett Park; 391.0 Ireshope Plains; 390.0 Ploveriggs; 389.0 Wham Head Farm; 389.0 Hollins Farm; 388.0 Moory Lea Farm; 387.0 Sceugh Dyke; 385.0 Castle Nook; 384.0 Clea Hall

Herdwick – 397.0, 393.0, 387.0 Clea Hall; 379.0 Plantation View; 376.0 Millrigg Farm

Swaledale – 387.0, 381.0, 365.0 Hole House; 370.0 Haber; 367.0 Plantation View; 364.0 Ranbeck; 364.0 Dalebottom Farm; 360.0 Highrigg

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £260.80) - £400, £390, £285, £245, £228 Larne Road; £395, £335, £214 Ballymena Road; £375 Buninver Road; £365, £360, £266 Holme House; £365, £340 (2), £300 (2), £295, £290, £285 (2), £275, £268, £265, £250, £245 (2) Greenacres; £320, £290, £275, £250, £244, £242, £228 (2) Bogie Street; £315 Holme House; £290, £238, £210 Thethwaite Farm; £275, £272 Woodhead Farm (Savage); £275 Brannock Court; £258 (2), £218 Glen Loughan Road; £252 Manister Road; £236 Ballymaderphy Road; £220 Scales House; £214 Ireshope Plains

Continental (Av £189.42) - £310, £224 Ballymaderphy Road; £300, £228, £224, £222, £218 Black Leases; £270 Glebelands; £262, £252, £236, £232, £231, £221 Holme House; £260 Wetheriggs Farm Cottage; £256, £234, £228, £226 Larne Road; £255, £228, £220, £218 Buninver Road; £254 Mains of Techmuiry; £242, £228, £218 Greenacres; £238, £212 Ballymena Road; £236, £222 Glen Loughan Road; £232, £230, £213 Bogie Street; £230, £220, £217, £214 Parkside Crescent; £228 (2), £223, £218 (2) Brannock Court; £226, £212 Stanley House; £220 Plumpton Foot; £218, £215 Newbiggin Farm; £216 Hollands; £214 Scales Farm (Braithwaite)

Suffolk (Av £197.93) - £300, £218, £200 Greenacres; £266, £224, £208, £198 Glen Loughan Road; £252, £224, £209 Larne Road; £242, £232, £220, £218, £209, £208, £206, £192 Holme House; £235 Thethwaite Farm; £232, £230, £218, £214, £231, £204, £200 (2), £196 Brannock Court; £232, £209, £208 (2), £198 Ballymaderphy Road; £220, £213, £201, £198 (2) Ballymena Road; £218 Bank Farm; £215 Buninver Road; £214, £198 Black Leases; £214 Thrimby Hall; £214 Plumpton Foot; £208, £199 Mains of Techmuiry; £200, £194 Parkside Crescent; £192 Ireshope Plains

Charollais (Av £238.12) - £295, £260, £230, £227, £224 Parkside Crescent; £285, £240 Holme House; £265 Ballymena Road; £236 Brannock Court; £214 Greenacres

Beltex (Av £217.60) - £226 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £222 Parkside Crescent; £220 Hollands; £220 Greenacres

Bluefaced Leicester - £216 Hollins Farm; £214 Scales Farm (Braithwaite)

Cheviot Mule (Av £195.00) - £211, £180 Bogie Street; £208 Mains of Techmuiry; £195 Greenacres; £192 Nunfield Farm; £192 Ireshope Plains

Cheviot (Av £146.73) - £210, £184, £154, £153 Parkside Crescent; £192 Stanley House; £192 Buninver Road; £188, £170, £151, £144, £142 Greenacres; £188, £170 Holme House; £184, £178, £168 Mains of Techmuiry; £180 Glen Loughan Road; £180 Thethwaite Farm; £170, £142 Bank Hall; £164, £158 Ireshope Plains; £148, £142 Greenbank Farm; £148 The Wath (Wilson)

Mule (Av £159.20) - £200, £190, £176 Bogie Street; £194 Greenacres; £178 Scales House; £174 Newbiggin Farm; £174 Holme House; £174 Parkside Crescent; £172 Blunderfield West; £172 Mains of Techmuiry

Herdwick (Av £114.95) - £176 Auchengray Farm; £164, £140 Clickham Cottage; £132 Haltcliffe Bridge; £128 How Hall

Zwartbles - £166 Greenacres

Rough Fell (Av £133.32) - £158 The Wath (Wilson)

Swaledale (Av £114.04) - £149, £131, £130 Castle Nook; £142, £133 Scales Farm (Braithwaite); £135 High Lodore Farm; £130 How Hall; £129 Haber

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £129.59) - £146, £128 Holme House; £144 Manister Road; £142, £124 Parkside Crescent; £141 Buninver Road; £140 Scales House; £140 Ballymaderphy Road; £132 Thethwaite Farm; £131 Brannock Court; £130 Greenacres; £130 Ballymaderphy Road
Woodland - £132 Scales House

Cast Rams £/head

Charollais – £320 Nunfield Farm; £235, £220 Glen Loughan Road