

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 1st April 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 7,127 prime sheep, comprising of 4,162 prime hogs, 2,555 cast ewes & rams & 410 light lambs.

On Wednesday 1st April, Penrith & District Farmers Mart LLP held a bumper show of 4162 Hogs, another fantastic day was had with an average of £185.37 per head or 393ppk or 408sqq, some fantastic runs of well-fed sheep throughout the sale credit to all vendors.

Topping today's sale at 521ppk came for a brilliant pen of 4 Beltex, weighing 43kgs achieving £224 from Messrs W & S E Dickinson & Son, Kirkbarrow with other numerous pens of sheep selling more than 500ppk.

Top price per head of £248 came from Messrs W Murray and Son, Prior House for a pen of 3, weighing 62kgs or 400ppk. This homes run of 37 was arguably the best run of hogs ever seen here in Penrith selling the run to average of £230.65.

All sheep under 50kg would be stand on from last week's trade with heavies showing slightly more resistance. Suffolks sold to £223 for a pen of 7, weighing 59kgs from T Armstrong and Sons, Sceugh Dyke.

Messrs J W Watson, Kirkby Stephen, topping Cheviots at £214 for 63kgs. Mules sold to £208 for 68kgs from W J Whitfield, Pennine View. Herdwicks Hogs sold to £179 for a pen of 18, weighing 45kg from Messrs Lightfoot, Gillside. Messrs R J Powell, Brimmer Head sold a pen of 10, weighing 37kgs realising £160 or 432ppk.

More hogs are needed here in Penrith.

- 2 Ewes @ £400
- 70 Ewes over £300
- 1617 Ewes over £200

A full sale average of £194.04 for all ewes and ram sold. Topping at £400 on 2 occasions with Mr E Astley, West Stobswood Farm, Northumberland, secondly from Mr M Rodgers, Northern Ireland selling to AJ Meats, Birmingham and Yorkshire Halal.

A total of 72 ewes sold over £300 ahead a market record and leading in the average's M/s GE & VH Slater & Sons, Whiteley Hey Farm, Cheshire with 37 Texel x Beltex ewes to average £307.41 topping at £380 and larger pens at £308x14 & £306x11.

One of the best Charollais ewes seen in a long time achieved £328 for a pen of 9 from Mr M McNally selling to Romford Halalo, Essex.

A grand total of 447 Suffolk ewes averaged £218.06 topping at £298 for a monster ewe selling to JB Foods, Bradford with larger pens achieving £268x16, £246x12, £246x16, £228x16, £224x21, £224x19, £222x28, £219x26, £217x12, £216x35.

A highlight in the sale, Harestone Livestock, M/s R & N Barclay, Aberdeenshire sold 41 pure Shetland ewes to average £75.32, topping at £100 for a pen of 25.

Horned ewes were completely bonkers with all Swaledale's sold averaging £130.14 topping at a new record of £166 for a pen of 15 from M/s Lightfoot, Gillside selling to AJ Meats, Birmingham.

Scotch Blackface ewes averaged a massive £145.96 topping at a colossal £174 from Ballymena Road, Neary. Cast rams topped at £322 for a pen of pure Suffolks from Mr P Qua, with all rams sold averaging £204.96.

Comfortably the dearest sale ever witnessed here with a full ringside of buyers extremely competitive, so many new vendors and returning customers taking advantage of the returns and handsomely rewarding their pockets. All classes and numbers are required for next week's sale.

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 8th April. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952, or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Beltex - £248, £242 (2), £238, £234, £232, £228, £220 Prior House; £232 (2), £226, £224, £222, £220, £220, £218, £217, £216 (2), £212, £210 (5), £209 Kirkbarrow Hall; £225, £220, £211 Waterside Farm; £220 Terrace Farm; £214, £212 Glebelands; £211 Black Leases

Texel - £236, £233, £226, £224, £219, £218, £217, £210 Holme House; £230 Tullywinny Road; £230, £221 Buninver Road; £228 Glebelands; £228, £218 (2) Low Row; £228, £224 (2), £220 (2), £215, £214, £212 High House Farm; £226, £224, £215 Ballymaderphy Road; £226, £225 West Bogieside Farm; £224, £212 High Knipe; £221, £213, £212 East Cliff; £220 Primrose Cottage; £218 Old Parks; £217 Musk Close; £217 (2), £211 Waterside Farm; £217 Woodhouse; £216, £212, £210 Brannock Courts; £216 Waterside House; £214 (2) Pennine View; £214, £213 Glen Loughan Road; £211 Kirkbarrow Hall; £211 The Harras

Suffolk - £223, £208 Sceugh Dyke; £222 Pennine View; £220, £209 East Cliff; £220 Glebelands; £218 High Knipe; £218, £200 High Dyke Farm; £215 Gall Farm; £212, £208 Glen Loughan Road; £210 Low Row; £210 Kirkbarrow Hall; £208, £198 Holme House; £207 West Rosburnlane Farm; £206 Sleddale Hall; £202, £194 Brannock Courts; £201 Scales Farm; £198, £196 Old Irvine Farm; £195 Woodhouse

Cheviot - £214, £209, £198 Whygill Head; £210 Quarry Gill; £200 Bridge End Farm

Rouge - £212 Glen Loughan Road

Continental - £210 Buninver Road; £210 Hollands; £206 Pennine View; £200, £193 Musk Close; £196 The Hills

Dorset - £208 Glen Loughan Road

Mule - £208 Pennine View; £198 Waterside House; £194 Street House

Dutch Spotted - £208 Ballymaderphy Road; £208, £190 Wester Bogside Farm

Blue Texel - £205 Glebelands

Swaledale - £196 Wester Bogieside Farm; £172 Sleddale Hall; £170 Hollands

Blackface - £194 Holme House; £183, £181 (3) Kirkbarrow Hall; £181 North Netherscales

Leicester - £190 Kirkland Hall

Cheviot Mule - £190 Ranbeck

Herdwick – £179 Gillside; £164 Wester Bogieside Farm; £164; £160 Brimmer Head Farm; £160 Town Head Farm; £160 Low Braithwaite Farm; £160 Knott Houses

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 521.0, 505.0, 504.0, 489.0, 464.0, 458.0, 447.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 507.0, 500.0, 485.0, 484.0, 465.0, 455.0, 443.0, 441.0 Hollands; 505.0, 486.0, 450.0, 447.0 Shap Abbey; 502.0 Waterside Farm; 500.0, 462.0 High Knipe; 500.0 Musk Close; 485.0, 476.0, 445.0, 441.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 482.0, 455.0, 443.0 Glebelands; 479.0 Littlebeck; 479.0 Redgill; 476.0, 441.0 Sickergill; 475.0 Terrace Farm; 470.0 Haltcliffe Bridge; 468.0 Ranbeck; 460.0 Lower Gate Farm; 459.0, 448.0 Black Leases; 449.0 Prior House; 443.0 The Hills

Texel – 502.0 Waterside House; 484.0, 468.0, 465.0, 430.0 Clea Hall; 465.0, 463.0 Low Row; 462.0, 453.0 Murrah Hall; 432.0 Brannock Courts; 431.0, 427.0 North Netherscales; 430.0 West View; 429.0 Silverband; 428.0 Bridgehouse Farm; 427.0 West Rosburnlane Farm; 426.0 The Hills; 426.0 High Knipe; 425.0, 424.0 Reagill Grange; 424.0 Black Leases; 424.0 Scales Farm; 424.0 Gaitsgill Hall

Blue Texel – 477.0 Glebelands

Continental – 439.0, 427.0 Musk Close; 427.0 West Rosburnlane Farm; 412.0 Hutton Hall

Cheviot – 433.0, 406.0 Shap Abbey; 425.0, 422.0, 409.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 424.0, 412.0 Bridgehouse Farm; 424.0 (2), 416.0, 413.0, 412.0, 411.0 (2) West Rosburnlane Farm; 418.0, 390.0 Sceugh Dyke; 418.0, 409.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 416.0 North Netherscales; 413.0, 409.0, 405.0 Whygill Head; 392.0 Bridge End Farm; 391.0 Ranbeck

Herdwick – 432.0, 400.0, 377.0 Brimmer Head Farm; 412.0 Sherriff; 400.0 Knott Houses; 400.0 Chance Cottages; 398.0 Gillside; 392.0 Stone Ends; 385.0, 376.0, 352.0 Town Head Farm; 381.0 High Snab; 377.0 Clea Hall; 373.0 Wester Bogieside Farm; 358.0 High Lodore Farm

Suffolk – 427.0, 413.0, 390.0 Shap Abbey; 418.0, 411.0 West Rosburnlane Farm; 413.0, 408.0 Old Irvine Farm; 409.0, 385.0, 378.0 Sceugh Dyke; 404.0 Glebelands; 398.0 Hollands; 396.0, 371.0 Paddigill; 396.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 394.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 386.0 Hazelrigg; 381.0, 378.0 Holme House; 380.0 Low Row; 379.0, 371.0 Glen Loughan Road; 377.0 Gall Farm; 376.0 High Knipe; 374.0 Brannock Courts; 373.0 North Netherscales

Dutch Spotted – 408.0, 396.0, 389.0 Wester Bogieside Farm; 400.0 Cobble Hey

Blackface – 400.0 East Cocklaw Farm; 396.0, 395.0, 393.0 (2), 385.0, 373.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 394.0 Hollands; 385.0 North Netherscales; 379.0 West Rosburnlane Farm

Leicester – 396.0 Kirkbarrow Hall

Swaledale – 382.0 East Cocklaw Farm; 374.0 Sleddale Hall; 370.0 Wester Bogieside Farm; 356.0 Street House; 356.0 Low Row; 352.0 Hole House; 350.0 (3) Haber

Mule – 375.0 Black Leases; 372.0, 356.0 Street House; 366.0, 354.0 Old Parks; 365.0, 350.0 Hollands; 364.0 Bridge End Farm; 356.0 Sceugh Dyke; 354.0 Waterside House

Cheviot Mule – 373.0 Ranbeck

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £262.14) - £400, £350, £255 West Stobswood Farm; £400, £250 Tullywinny Road; £395, £380, £310, £265 Ballymena Road; £380, £285, £238 Hill Crest; £380, £320 Whiteley Hey Farm; £380, £250, £248, £245, £238 (2) Bogie Street; £375, £326, £318, £280, £230 Holme House; £370, £290, £250 Cobble Hall; £350 Point Road; £350, £300, £278, £244 Ballymaderphy Road; £328, £260 Mill Farm; £300 Moorriggs; £300 Strarra; £290, £264 Littlebeck; £290, £262 17 Tan House; £280 Lowther Street; £280, £279, £275, £270, £265, £250, £248 Brannock Courts; £278, £262 (2) Greenacres; £260 Reagill Grange; £252, £250 East Park; £250 Macey Bank; £242 (2) Buninver Road; £238 Sandriggs; £238 Terrace Farm

Continental(Av £208.11)- £380, £254 Tormore Road; £378, £252, £248, £246, £240, £238, £236, £232, £231 Brannock Courts; £318, £308, £306, £258 Whiteley Hey Farm; £300 East Park; £295, £275, £262, £244 (2), £242, £235 Holme House; £295, £230 Cobble Hall; £290, £280 Terrace Farm; £290 Bromley Green; £275 Hollands; £274, £245 Macey Bank; £265 Sootyhill; £260, £255, £246, £232 Greenacres; £260 Glebelands; £250, £245 Ballymena Road; £250 West Stobswood Farm; £248 Manister Road; £238, £232, £230 Point Road; £238 Shap Abbey; £235 Bogie Street; £232, £230 Tan House.

Charollais (Av 263.88)- £328, £286, £231 Holme House; 305 Ballymena Rd; £292, £275, £250, £232 Brannock Courts; £260 Mill Farm; £248 Tormore Road; £240 Lennox; £

Suffolk (Av £218.06)- £298 Buninver Road; £272, £260, £248 Point Road; £270, £260, £244 (2), £240, £232, £230 Brannock Courts; £268, £258 (2), £234, £230 Ballymena Road; £268, £246 (2), £238 Holme House; £262, £248 Tormore Road; £248 Ballymaderphy Road; £246, £238 Greenacres; £245 Hallgarth; £244 West Stobswood Farm; £242 Tullywinny Road; £238 Sandriggs; £232 (2) Bogie Street; £230 (2) Brayton Road; £230 Cairnbridge Farm.

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £211) - £238 Tan House

Cheviot (Av £159.30)- £234 Ballymena Road; £222, £188 Bogie Street; £208 The Wath; £208, £198, £164 Greenacres; £200 Murrah Hall; £190, £172 West Stobswood Farm; £190 (2), £165 Lennox; £190 Melbourne House; £186, £164 Pasture House; £176 Tullywinny Road; £174, £168 Netherplace Farm; £172 Shap Abbey; £170 Whygill Head; £170, £164 Buninver Road; £162 Low Scarside; £160 Nook Farm.

Dutch Spotted - £214 Coolkeeran Road

Cheviot Mule (Av £195.60) - £210, £202, £196 Bogie Street; £190 Tan House

Zwartbles (Av £177.60) - £210 Brannock Courts; £181 Greenacres

Mule (Av £177.98) - £204, £186 Hallgarth; £204, £190, £184 Bogie Street; £204 Holme House; £194 Docker Hall; £190 Point Road; £190 West Stobswood; £190 Millrigg Farm; £190, £180 High House (Dickinson); £185 Cairnbridge Farm; £184 Woodhouse; £184 Ballymaderphy Road; £184 Brockwoodlees Farm; £182 Brannock Courts; £182 Mellgates; £180 East Cocklaw Farm

Blue Texel - £202 Greenacres

Dorset - £186 Ballymena Road

Rough Fell (Av £144.42)- £175, £164, £146, £144 The Wath

Jacob (Av £151.67)– £175 Cote Farm; £142 Strathbogie Farm; £138 Parkside;

Goat - £175, £158 Buninver Road; £168, £150 Auchlyle Farm.

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £145.96) – £174, £144 Ballymena Road; £168 Point Road; £168, £146 Pasture House; £167 Greenacres; £144 Buninver Road; £150 Holme House; £148 Auchlyle Farm; £148 Strarra; £146 Manister Road; £145, £140 Ballymaderphy Road; £144 Parkside Crescent; £138 West Stobswood Farm; £134 Brannock Courts; £134, £130 Netherplace Farm.

Swaledale (Av £130.14)– £166 Gillside; £158 Haber; £150, £129 Bogie Street; £140 Greenacres; £140 Strarra; £132 Paddigill; £132 Pasture House; £128 Mellgates; £126 Terrace Farm; £126 Hollands

Herdwick (Av 117.92)- £138 Chapel House Farm; £135 High Loanthwaite Farm; £132 Knott Houses; £130 Strathbogie Farm

Shetland (Av 92.91)- £100, £88 West Rosburnlane Farm.

Cast Rams £/head

Suffolk - £332 Brannock Courts; £265 Hallgarth

Continental - £292, £226, £222 Brannock Courts; £274, £250, £212 Holme House; £258 West Loch; £226 Terrace Farm

Charollais - £285 Brannock Courts

Dutch Spotted - £280 Whiteley Hey Farm

Texel – £268 Whiteley Hey Farm; £222 Point Road;