

# Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

On Wednesday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their fortnightly sale of 6,656 prime sheep, comprising of 2 spring lambs, 2,861 prime hogs and 3,260 cast ewes & rams & 533 light lambs.

Another excellent day's trading was seen here in Penrith, with 80 hogg vendors forward and a total of 2,861 prime sheep sold through the ring, alongside 460 light lambs weighed and marketed. Trade across the board was firmer on the week, with all customers keen for stock.

This resulted in an overall average of 393ppk or 416 SQQ, equating to £186.56. Quality and meat were in notably short supply, making well-finished types exceptionally good to sell. Topping the day at 537ppk was a pen of seven outstanding hogs from the Hall Family, Inglewood Edge. Weighing 46kg, they realised £247 per head, the day's top price.

Messrs M T P & S D Wills, Fawcett Park, returned for the first time with Beltex hogs, selling to 536ppk for a pen of four weighing 44kg, totalling £236 per head.

Large numbers exceeded 500ppk, with several standout consignment averages:

- Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge sold 24 to average £230.27 or 514ppk.
- Messrs W Gribbon & Co, Waterside Farm sold 30 to average £222.27.
- R J & A Y Armstrong, Terrace Farm broke the £220 barrier with 6 averaging £222.

Suffolk hogs topped at £225 for five at 61kg from W R & F D Siddle, Honeypot. Suffolks also sold to 413ppk for 45kg hogs, realising £186 from Messrs M Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey. Messrs T Armstrong & Son, Sceugh Dyke, sold a strong run of 13 Suffolk Hogs, weighing 49kg to £194 or 399ppk.

Mule hogs reached a top of £208 for a pen of 20 weighing 61kg from M T P & S D Wills, Fawcett Park. Hill-bred hogs also eased over 400ppk.

More hogs are required next week, with numbers expected to tighten

Another tremendous average of £184.52 was achieved in Penrith, with a full ring of eager buyers and strong demand throughout. All classes matched the exceptional trade seen in last week's bonanza.

The top price of the day was a mighty £400, secured by Mr D. Coulter, Ballymena Road, Northern Ireland, for two superb single pure-bred Texel ewes. They sold to our weekly stalwart customers A J Meats, Birmingham, and Romford Halal, Essex.

A grand total of 39 ewes were sold in excess of £300, including 12 pure-bred Charollais, which reached £320 from Mr M. McNally, Jonesborough.

One of the finest showings of Suffolk ewes you'll find anywhere in the country saw 680 head average £200.45, topping at £278, with many pens comfortably over £240. Larger lots included: £240 x12, £230 x12, £228 x11, £221 x13, £218 x19, £218 x17, £218 x19, £214 x24, £209 x19, £208 x23, £206 x27.

A total of 1,102 ewes sold in excess of £200, with North of England Mules reaching £224 from Messrs W. W. Armstrong, Stoneybeck, and 29 Scotch Mules to £208 from Mr B. Duffton, Hunley.

Horned ewes were nothing short of astonishing, with returns that continue to defy expectations. Scotch Blackface topped at £180 from Mr W. Morison, South Bogbain, while the very best Swaledales reached £152 from Messrs Ridley, Woodhall.

Mr D. Coulter, Northern Ireland, also sold an outstanding Charollais ram to £320, purchased by Yorkshire Halal. More than 50 rams exceeded £200.

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## **Leading Prices**

### **Prime Lambs £/head**

**Beltex** - £247, £240, £234, £230, £210 Inglewood Edge; £236, £232, £224 Fawcett Park; £235, £224, £218 Petteiril Green; £229, £227, £222, £218 Waterside Farm; £228, £224, £220 Terrace Farm; £219 Bromley Green; £218, £210 Kirkbarrow Hall; £218, £216, £210 Woodhouse; £217, £212 Honeypot; £216 (2) Ireshope Plains; £216 Glebelands; £214 Ranbeck; £212 Tormore Road; £210 Smallthwaite.

**Texel** - £230, £213 High Knipe; £228, £217, £210 Sceugh Dyke; £226 Nutholm; £225, £218, £212 Kirkbarrow Farm; £224 Fawcett Park; £224, £222, £219 Honeypot; £221, £216, £215 Holme House; £221 Crooklands Farm; £220 Petteiril Green; £218 Woodhall; £218 Auchengray Farms; £218, £210 Holme House; £217 East Cliff; £216 Honeypot; £216 Waterside Farm; £215 Gillside; £214, £211 Ireshope Plains; £214 Gillside; £212 Glen Loughan Road; £212 Bromley Green; £212 East Cliff; £210 Wham Head Farm; £210 Old Irvine Farm; £210 Smallthwaite House; £210 Low Moor.

**Suffolk** - £225, £200, £190 (2) Honeypot; £219, £217, £208 Holme House; £218, £199, £194 Sceugh Dyke; £217 East Cliff; £216 Waterside Farm; £212 Cottage Farm; £212 Quarry Gill; £212 Pennine View; £210, £200, £195 Ireshope Plains; £208 East Cliff; £208 Glen Loughan Road; £200 (2) Cape Farm; £200 Honeypot.

**Rouge**- £221 Holme House.

**Charollais** - £220, £218, £209 Holme House.

**Continental** - £212 Holme House; £210 Low Moor; £208 (2) Stoneybeck Farm; £195 Ireshope Plains; £195 Honeypot; £191 Hay Close; £190 Buninver Road.

**Dorset** - £209 Holme House.

**Cheviot** - £208, £194 Quarry Gill; £198 Ireshope Plains; £195 High Knipe; £191 Ranbeck; £190 Old Irvine Farm; £190 Hay Close; £190 Sceugh Dyke.

**Mule** - £208 Fawcett Park; £205 Holme House; £201 Redgill Farmhouse; £196 Gaitsgill Hall; £196 Ploveriggs; £192 Ranbeck; £188 Ireshope Plains; £180 Pennine View; £180 Street House.

**Cheviot Mule** - £203 Ranbeck.

**Dutch Spotted** - £200 Buninver Road.

**Blackface** - £196 Ireshope Plains; £176 North Netherscales; £172 Kirkbarrow Hall; £170 Cottage Farm; £170 Wham Head Farm.

**Herdwick** – £176 East Newbiggin Farm; £170 (2) Clea Hall.

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

**Beltex** – 537.0, 532.0, 512.0, 471.0 Inglewood Edge; 536.0, 509.0 Fawcett Park; 520.0, 484.0, 483.0, 454.0 Waterside Farm; 502.0, 500.0 (2) Ireshope Plains; 500.0, 484.0, 465.0, 457.0, 451.0 Hollands; 495.0, 473.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 495.0, 452.0 High Knipe; 488.0, 483.0 Woodhouse; 482.0 Glen Road; 482.0 Honeypot; 480.0, 454.0 Petteril Green; 476.0 Ranbeck; 470.0 Glebelands; 465.0, 456.0 Shap Abbey; 458.0 Old Irvine Farm; 453.0, 452.0 Sickergill.

**Texel** – 492.0, 436.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 476.0 Honeypot; 462.0, 460.0 Hollands; 449.0 Old Irvine Farm; 448.0 Langfauld; 444.0, 442.0, 431.0 Hay Close; 443.0 Woodhouse; 443.0 Petteril Green; 441.0, 440.0 Hollands; 441.0, 423.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 439.0 Waterside House; 437.0 Gillside; 435.0 (2) Honeypot; 435.0, 422.0 High Knipe; 431.0 Cottage Farm; 430.0 North Netherscales; 429.0 Wham Head Farm; 429.0 Crooklands Farm; 428.0, 426.0 Oaklands; 426.0 Murrah Hall; 425.0 Sickergill; 424.0 Glen Loughran Road; 423.0 Bromley Green; 422.0 (2) Ranbeck; 422.0 Redgill Farmhouse; 421.0 Long Park Farm; 420.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 420.0 Sickergill.

**Blue Texel**- 471.0 Cottage Farm.

**Dutch Spotted**- 465.0 Lane End; 425.0 Low Moor; 416.0 Buninver Road.

**Cheviot** – 429.0 Ireshope Plains; 425.0 (2), 407.0 Low Abbey; 420.0, 400.0 Langfauld; 420.0 Gall Farm; 415.0 Low Moor; 414.0 Shap Abbey; 411.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 409.0, 404.0 Sceugh Dyke; 409.0 Bank Hall; 405.0 Ranbeck; 405.0 Gall Farm; 404.0 Newcastle Ltd; 400.0, 394.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 400.0 Cottage Farm; 398.0 Murrah Hall; 396.0 Low Abbey; 393.0 North Netherscales.

**Continental** – 427.0, 416.0, 411.0 Cottage Farm; 418.0, 415.0 Hay Close; 417.0 West View; 400.0 Reservoir Farm.

**Herdwick** – 415.0 (2) Clea Hall; 383.0 East Newbiggin Farm; 371.0 Clea Hall

**Blackface**- 415.0, 410.0 (2), 400.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 395.0 Wham Head; 395.0 Riggshield; 394.0, 392.0 Gall Farm.

**Suffolk** – 413.0 Shap Abbey; 396.0, 387.0, 375.0 Sceugh Dyke; 393.0, 371.0 (2) East Newbiggin Farm; 391.0 Currah Close; 390.0, 382.0; 377.0 Ireshope Plains; 379.0 Quarry Gill; 378.0 Holme House; 377.0 Langfauld; 374.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 372.0 Cottage Farm;

**Mule** – 408.0 Cottage Farm; 380.0, 379.0 Hollands; 376.0 Wham Head Farm; 376.0, 362.0 Ireshope Plains; 374.0, 367.0 Street House; 369.0 Lower Gate Farm; 368.0, 634.0 Old Parks; 363.0 Woodhall; 361.0 Hay Close.

**Cheviot Mule**- 400.0 Wham Head Farm; 376.0 Ranbeck.

**Swaledale**– 394.0 Cottage Farm.

### **Cast Ewes £/head**

**Texel (Av £268.52)** - £400 (2), £390, £345, £292, £280 Ballymena Road; £370, £270, £258, £228 Holme House; £335, £292, £285, £270, £270 Greenacres; £335, £290 Holme House; £314, £274 Tullyrush Road; £305, £240 Glen Loughan Road; £285 Clifton Moor Farm; £280, £276, £248, £244 Lane End; £272, £248, £232 East View; £238 Thorneycroft; £230 Ratten Castle.

**Charollais (Av £243.25)** - £365 Lane End; £320, £260 Brannock Courts; £320, £280, £232 Holme House; £275 Bogie Street; £270 Glen Loughran Road; £262 Ballymena Road; £229 (2) Bent End.

**Suffolk (Av £200.45)** - £278, £270 Lane End; £270, £230, £226 (2), £218 Buninver Road; £252, £230, £229, £240, £234, £232, £218 (2), £214 Holme House; £246, £232, £221 Glen Loughan Road; £242, £228 Hill Crest; £242 Honeypot; £240 The Buildings; £228 Heskett House; £228 (2) Tullyrush Road; £220 Low Row Farm; £218, £214, £212 High Greenbury Farm; £214 Hill Crest; £212 Ballymena Road; £212 Waterside House; £212 Holme Wrangle.

**Continental (Av £193.73)** - £335, £252, £248 Greenacres; £316, £280, £266 The Buildings; £315 Harleycroft; £304, £266, £240 Glen Loughan Road; £292 (2), £262, £260 (2), £235 (2), £234 Long Head; £275, £255 Clifton Moor Farm; £274, £232 Holme House; £270, £266, £233 Waterside Farm; £258, £248 Inglewood Edge; £254, £238 Lamonby Hall; £252, £238, £230 High Greenbury Farm; £248 Sunnysides; £248 Elm House; £242 Brannock Courts; £242 Hewer Hill; £242 High Greenbury Farm; £240 Thethwaite Farm; £240 Bogie Street; £238 Holme Wrangle; £236 West Stobswood Farm; £230 Ballymena Road; £230 (2) Glebelands; £230 Riverside House.

**Beltex (Av £246.67)** - £304, £290, £262 Elm House; £270, £240 (2) West Stobswood Farm; £258 Bogie Street; £254 Waterside House.

**Mule (Av £168.94)** - £224 Stoneybeck Farm; £208 Bank House; £208, £194 Bogie Street; £200 East View; £198 The Buildings; £198 Hewer Hill; £195 Thethwaite Farm; £190 Friarbiggin; £190, £188 Holme House; £185 Mid Farm; £184 Willows Farm; £182 Woodhall; £182 High Greenbury Farm; £180 Ghyll House; £180 Ballymena Road; £180 Merryvale.

**Rouge (Av £241)** - £270 Lane End.

**Dutch Spotted-** £258 Holme Head; £226 Ballymena Road.

**Cheviot (Av £163.85)** - £224, £198 Inglewood Edge; £212 Bogie Street; £210 Low Stow Bank; £210, £206, £190 Merryvale; £209, £196, £186 Glen Loughan Road; £201, £190 (2), £182 High Greenbury Farm; £198 Bogie Street; £196 Birks Head; £186 Holme House; £183 Anvile Cottage.

**Cheviot Mule (Av £162.93)** - £206 Greenacres; £188 Currah Close.

**Zwartbles (Av £184)** - £200 Glenloughan Road.

**Scotch Blackfaced (Av 132.55)** - £180 Greenacres; £158, £140 Holme House; £142 Thethwaite Farm.

**Swaledale (Av £113.74)** - £152 Woodhall; £150 Shap Abbey; £138 Old Parks; £138 Greenacres; £134 Cottage Farm; £133 Waterside House; £130 West Dowgill; £129 Town Head.

**Shetland** - £140 Penny Hill; £98 (2) Belvedene.

**Cast Rams £/head**

**Av £209.71 (All Sold)**

**Charollais** - £360, £300 Ballymena Road.

**Continental** - £266 Morton Sceugh; £260 Holme House; £258 Greenlands; £234 Hesket House.

**Dutch Spotted** - £240 Glen Loughan Road.

**Cheviot** - £200 Lane End.

**Swaledale** - £139 Town Head.

**Herdwick** - £134 Clea Hall.