

Opening Sale of Ewes and Lambs

Friday 17th April 2026

On Friday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their opening sale of 780 ewes with lambs at foot.

More than four times as many heads were sold at our opening sale of Ewes & Lambs compared with 2025. The ring was packed with buyers, with many going home empty handed. The sale averaged £129.41, with the majority of ewes being full mouthed or broken mouthed.

The top price of the day was £195 per life for a pen of Suffolk × Mule shearlings with excellent, square Texel × lambs at foot, all Toxo and Enzo vaccinated, from M/s W Richardson & Son, Ghyll House, selling to Mr J Thompson. This consignment of 40 outfits averaged a very pleasing £151.11.

M/s Cowin, Howrigg Farm, Blencarn presented a tremendous run of aged and broken mouthed Texel × Mule and Mule ewes, all exceptionally well turned out with strong lambs at foot, averaging £141.84. Their top price was £165 for a pen of Texel × Mules with single lambs at foot, with a pen of broken mouthed Mules with Texel twin lambs selling to £132.

Leading the averages was Mr A H Murray, The Beeches, with a consignment of Texel × Beltex shearlings with Beltex × lambs at foot, mostly twins, averaging £159.48 per life and topping at £168.

Overall, it was a very positive start to the season, and entries are strongly encouraged for our next sale on Friday 1st May.

Our next sale will be held on Friday 1st May. Please ensure all entries are submitted to the mart office by 12 noon on Friday 24th April.

Leading Prices

Shearlings with Single Lambs

Suffolk - £195, £160 (2), £150 Ghyll House; £170 Hewer Hill Cottage; £142 Fox Tower View

Continental - £168 (2) The Beeches; £145 Willow Close

Texel - £162 Hewer Hill Cottage; £155 Willow Close

Mule - £142 Cape Farm

Shearlings with Twin Lambs

Continental - £164 The Beeches; £140 Garth House

Suffolk - £152 Ghyll House; £144 Fox Tower View; £142 Hewer Hill Cottage

Texel - £142, £140 Fox Tower View

Mule - £142 Cape Farm

Ewes with Single Lambs

Texel – £165 Howrigg Farm; £158, £156, £154 Low Grassgill; £132 Slakes Farm; £124 Hillside; £120 Braithwaite Shields

Blue Texel - £150 Braithwaite Shields

Continental - £140 Braithwaite Shields; £128 Clickham Cottage

Mule - £140 (BM) Howrigg Farm; £125, £118 Braithwaite Shields

Lleyn – £111 Cobble End

Ewes with Twin Lambs

Suffolk - £160 Low Grassgill; £118 Midtown Farm (Fisher)

Texel – £150 Low Grassgill; £145 Willow Close; £142 (2) Howrigg Farm; £142 Midtown Farm (Fisher); £127 Slakes Farm

Blue Texel - £138, £132 Braithwaite Shields

Mule - £132 (BM) Howrigg Farm; £125 Burplethwaite

Continental - £132 Howrigg Farm; £116 Burplethwaite Farm; £113 Midtown Farm (Fisher); £110 Slakes Farm

Cheviot - £110 Midtown Farm (Fisher)

Hoggs with Single Lambs

Texel - £155 Braithwaite Shields; £150 The Beeches

Blue Texel - £155 Braithwaite Shields