

# Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

On Wednesday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their fortnightly sale of 6,358 prime sheep, comprising of 25 spring lambs, 2,331 prime hogs and 3,287 cast ewes & rams & 715 light lambs.

25 Spring lambs sold to average 436ppk overall or 464sqq, topping the sale at 477ppk came for a beautiful single Suffolk at 47kg equating to the top price per head of £224 from M/s WM Hutchinson & Sons, Redgate. First time consigner at Penrith, Mr I M Atkinson, Brayton Road sold a pen of 3 Texels at 45kg to 476ppk or £214 per head. More springers are now needed weekly to fulfil demand.

A much more seasonal show of Hogs forward with more out of spec sheep on offer. However, meat and well-fed sheep show no let off and well short of demand, especially for sheep under 50kg.

A wholesale average of £191.54 was achieved or 382ppk or 407sqq. Topping today's trading at £244 came for a brilliant 59kg Beltex from M/s TA & A Jefferson, Aspatria Hall. Topping ppk at 507ppk came for a pen of 11 at 41kg or £208 from M/s Gardner, Glebelands. M/s J Carrick & Son, Ireshope Plains sold a single Beltex hogg weighing 36kg realising 506ppk or £182.

Suffolk hogs topped at £219 for 5 at 63kg from WR & FD Siddle, Honeygot. Topping ppk came for pen of 7 at 45kg achieving 427ppk from Paul Davidson, Old Irvine. Mule hogs sold to a top of £204 for 56kg from TK & E Story, Jacksonrigg farm, the same home sold mules to 385ppk for a pen of 6 at 47kg achieving £181.

Hill bred hogs continue to thrive with M/s RJ & M Ridley, Ranbeck selling a pen of 12 at 43kg to 442ppk or £190. M/s Gillespie, Quarry Gill sold his 53kg Cheviots realising £206.

Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP hosted its weekly sale on Wednesday, with an impressive entry of 3,287 Cast Ewes and Rams. Buyers were out in force once again, ensuring a strong, competitive trade throughout. A notably larger proportion of horned ewes were for-ward, yet demand remained unwavering.

The sale averaged £180.26, topped by a tremendous £400 for a superb pure-bred Texel from Mr D. Coulter, Ballymena Road, purchased by long-standing supporters A J Meats, Birmingham. Hot on its heels was a £380 Texel from E. Astley, West Stobswood, heading to Romford Halal, Essex.

Suffolks enjoyed their usual buoyant trade, with 607 forward to average an outstanding £200.85. The section peaked at £275 for a stylish pair from Brannock Courts, Northern Ireland, sold to Pak Mecca Meats, Birmingham. Large, powerful pens sold exceptionally well, with notable prices included: £240 x17, £234 x10, £224 x11, £224 x20, £216 x12, £216 x14, £215 x32, £212 x23.

A standout run of big Suffolk-cross Mules from M/s W.M. Hutchinson & Sons, Redgate averaged a remarkable £251.66.

Mules saw a well-earned lift in trade, with 427 sold to average £171.65. Top price came from Mr B. Duffton, Huntly, whose pen of 15 powerful Scotch Mules achieved £214. North of England Mules also sold well, with 15 from Mr W. Hird, Town Head reaching £198. Numerous pens comfortably exceeded the £200 mark.

Horned ewes continued their run of exceptional returns. Stronger types consistently made £150–£160, with Herdwicks leading the section at £164 from High Farm.

A total of 96 Cast Rams averaged £217.49, with trade described as electric from start to finish. Top price was £314 for a tremendous Texel from Jonesborough House, with a pen of five Charollais from the same home close behind at £296. Demand for rams remains intense, vendors are encouraged to keep them coming.

Overall, another outstanding day's trading, with strong demand across all classes. Entries of this scale will be essential over the next five weeks in the lead-up to Qurbani. Next Sale: Wednesday 29th April Please advise entries to: Andrew Maughan – 07717 611952 Paul Gardner – 07552 589141

**Leading Prices**

### **Prime Lambs £/head**

**Suffolk** - £224, £220 Redgate; £218 Holme House; £215, £210 Brayton Road.

**Texel** - £220, £218 Holme House; £214 (2), £210 Brayton Road.

**Continental** - £154 Basco Dyke Head.

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

**Suffolk** – 477.0, 470.0, 423.0 Redgate; 467.0, 45.0, 438.0 Brayton Road.

**Texel** - 476.0 (2) Brayton Road; 423.0 Holme House.

### **Prime Hoggs £/head**

**Beltex** - £244, £231, £228 (2), £226, £224, £220, £218 Aspatria Hall; £228, £220 Park View; £226, £216, £210 (2), £206 Petteril Green; £221 Shap Abbey; £220, £208 (2) Glebelands; £214 Brannock Courts; £210, £206 High Knipe; £207 Honeypot; £205 Hay Close.

**Texel** - £230, £218 (2), £216, £214, £212, £210 (3) Honeypot; £229, £224, £222, £220 (2), £216, £210 (2) Holme House; £226 High House Farm; £220, £214 Ballymaderphy Road; £218, £212 (2) Aspatria Hall; £214 Park View; £212 Jacksonrigg Farm; £212 Sleagill House; £211 Ireshope Plains; £210 (2) East Cliff; £210 Sceugh Dyke; £210 (2) Clea Hall; £210 High Knipe;

**Continental** - £226, £190 17 Farlough Road; £210, £195 Sceugh Dyke; £198 Rottington Hall; £198 (2) Buninver Road.

**Suffolk** - £219, £218, £212, £198 Honeypot; £216, 214 East Cliff; £215 Sleagill House; £214 Holme House; £212, £198, £192 Jacksonrigg Farm; £211, £196, £194 Sceugh Dyke; £208 Crindledyke Farm; £206 Quarry Gill; £204 Grassknop Farm; £200 Brannock Courts; £198, £195, £192 Ireshope Plains; £196, £192 Old Irvine Farm; £191 Scales Farm; £190 (2) Town Head; £190 Aspatria Hall.

**Charollais** - £218 (2) Holme House.

**Dutch Spotted** - £214 Holme House.

**Cheviot** - £206 Quarry Gill; £204 (2) High Knipe; £200, £196 (2), £194, £190 Black Leases; £198 Glen Loughan Road; £195, £194, £190 Ranbeck; £191 Bank Hall.

**Mule** - £204 Jacksonrigg Farm; £199, £196 Rosgill; £198 Sceugh Dyke; £198 Crindledyke Farm.

**Cheviot Mule** - £190 (2) Old Irvine Farm; £190 Black Leases.

**Blackface** - £190 Black Leases

**Swaledale** – £190 Thethwaite Farm; £180 Ranbeck; £170 Rosgill Head; £168 (2) Bridge End Farm; £166 Beeches Farm; £166 Old Parks.

**Herdwick** - £190, £171 Clea Hall; £184 Thethwaite Farm.

**Blackfaces** - £187 Ireshope Plains; £175 Riggshield.

### **Prime Hoggs p/kg**

**Beltex** – 507.0, 465.0, 452.0, 431.0 Glebelands; 506.0 Ireshope Plains; 490.0, 433.0 High Knipe; 489.0, 435.0 Aspatria Hall; 467.0, 438.0 (2) Petteril Green; 466.0, 432.0 Hay Close; 455.0 Ranbeck; 455.0 Lower Gate Farm; 450.0 Honeypot; 439.0 Rottington Hall; 438.0, 432.0 Scales Farm; 431.0 Dufton House;

**Texel** – 445.0 (2), 426.0, 424.0, 410.0 Honeypot; 444.0 Ranbeck; 436.0, 429.0, 428.0, 419.0, 411.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 435.0, 406.0 Ireshope Plains; 435.0 Scales Farm; 432.0, 416.0, 408.0 Old Irvine Farm; 431.0 Lower Gate Farm; 430.0, 423.0, 409.0, 406.0 (2) Black Leases; 428.0 High Knipe; 426.0, 424.0 (2), 415.0, 413.0 Auchengray Farm; 423.0 Rottington Hall; 421.0 Cairnbridge Farm; 420.0 Howgill; 413.0 Town Head; 411.0 (2) Hay Close; 411.0 Crindledyke Farm; 410.0 Clear View Farm Lodge.

**Cheviot** – 442.0, 414.0, 406.0, 404.0 Ranbeck; 422.0 (2), 413.0, 400.0, 392.0 Black Leases; 415.0 Bank Hall; 411.0 Old Irvine Farm; 405.0 Hay Close; 400.0 Bridge End Farm; 398.0 Riggshield; 392.0 Quarry Gill; 391.0 Greenbank Farm; 390.0 Noran Bank Farm.

Herdwick – 432.0, 417.0, 381.0 Clea Hall; 389.0 High Lodore Farm; 383.0 Thethwaite Farm.

**Continental** – 430.0 Rottington Hall; 426.0, 400.0 Ireshope Plains; 425.0, 423.0 Auchengray Farms; 407.0 South Street; 398.0 Sceugh Dyke; 395.0 Honeypot; 395.0 Sherriff; 395.0 Grove Farm.

**Suffolk** – 427.0, 392.0 Old Irvine Farm; 425.0 Lower Gate Farm; 424.0, 422.0 Scales Farm; 413.0, 398.0 Sceugh Dyke; 402.0 Shap Abbey; 398.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 396.0 Quarry Gill; 393.0 Honeypot; 393.0, 392.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 385.0 Crindledyke Farm; 381.0 Ireshope Plains.

**Blue Texel** – 405.0 Clear View Farm Lodge.

**Cheviot Mule** – 404.0 (2) Old Irvine Farm; 396.0 Black Leases.

**Blackface** – 398.0 Riggshield; 380.0 Black Leases; 374.0 Ireshope Plains.

**Mule** – 385.0, 364.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 380.0 Shap Abbey; 375.0 Riggshield; 370.0, 367.0 Rosgill Head; 365.0 Ireshope Plains; 365.0, 364.0 Old Parks; 363.0 Bridge End Farm; 360.0 Crindledyke Farm.

**Swaledale** – 365.0, 356.0 Bridge End Farm; 362.0 Rosgill Head; 352.0 Beeches Farm.

#### **Cast Ewes £/head**

**Texel (248 Av £244.26)** - £400, £320, £300 Ballymena Road; £380, £228, £246 Stobswood Farm; £340, £325, £310, £255 Park House Farm; £315, £285, £310 (2), £265 Moorriggs; £310 Fenton Farm; £300, £278 (2), £270, £230 Brannock Courts; £298, £274 Holme House; £285 Greenacres; £285 Ballymena Road; £280, £275 Bogie Steet; £280 Bustabeck; £265, £250 Buninver Road; £262, £236 Fenton Farm; £250 Aspatria Hall; £246 Ballymaderphy Road; £244 Manister Road; £236 Howe Farm; £225 Southwaite; £220 Rottington Hall

**Continental (853 Av £192.51)** - £332, £260, £248 (4) Far Broom; £292, £248 Aspatria Hall; £275 (2), £265, £252, £248, £242, £224 Brannock Courts; £270, £264, £246, £240, £228 Bogie Street; £258 Redgate; £250 Bells View; £246, £244 Stobswood Farm; £244, £226 Low Row; £242 Holme House; £241 Ballymena Road; £240 Greenacres; £238 Dufton House; £236, £228 (2) Sycamore Rise; £236, £233 Home Farm; £232 Glen Loughan Road; £231, £229 Tormore Road; £229 Howgill; £228 (2) Drawbriggs Court; £228 Merryvale; £224 Park House Farm; £220 (2) Sewell Houses; £220 Manister Road

**Beltex (33 Av £218.24)** - £290, £225 Shap Abbey; £280, £228 Dufton House; £286 Low Row; £229 Howgill; £220 Moorriggs £220 Sewell House

**Charollais (99 Av £232.94)** - £280, £254 Holme House; £266, £252, £245, £234 Brannock Courts; £260 Ballymena Road; £258 Glen Loughran Road; £242 Buninver Road; £242, £228 Manister Road

**Suffolk (607 Av 200.85)** - £275, £250, £233, £216, £209 Brannock Courts; £264, £242, £238 (3) Redgate; £260, £222, £214 Bogie Street; £260, £232 Howe Green; £244 Park House Farm; £242 Brayton Road; £240 Coolkeeran Road; £240, £234 (2), £212 Holme House; £240 Moorriggs; £240 Ballymaderphy Road; £232, £222 Glen Loughan Road; £229, £218 Tormore Road; £224 Aspatria Hall; £224 Ballymena Road; £218, £214, £210 West Stobswood Farm; £218 Bank Farm; £218 Rottington Hall; £216 Manister Road; £216 Plumpton Old Hall; £216, £215 Home Farm; £204 Annahilt

**Bluefaced Leicester** - £258, £226 Redgate; £244 Knock Hall.

**Blue Texel** - £258 West Stobswood Farm; £214 Clea Hall

**Dutch Spotted** - £218, £208 Grange View

**Cheviot (281 Av £150.51)** - £214 Grassknop Farm; £208 Hole Farm; £202 Clea Hall; £200, £182 Sewell Houses; £200 Merryvale; £188 Greenbank Farm; £188 Glen Loughran Road; £187 Black Leases; £180, £179 Brannock Courts; £172 Greenacres

**Mule (427 Av £171.65)** - £214, £188 Bogie Street; £205 Balladeryphy Road; £200 Sycamore House; £198, £190 (2) Holme House; £198 Town Head; £198 Hill Top; £198 Low Row; £198 Cinderbarrow Farm; £195 Castle Bank; £194 Greenacres; £192 (2) Sycamore Rise; £190 Knock Hall; £190 Black Leases; £190 Cotland; £190 Aspatria House; £190 South Street Cheviot Mule (50 Av £180.32)- £210 Bogie Street; £202 Clea Hall; £195 Cocklaw Farm; £192 Ireshope Plains

**Zwartble (9 Av £171)** - £192 Holme House; £184 Greenacres

**Kerryhill** - £173 Riggshield; £150 Haughton Home Farm

**Rough Fell** - £169 The Wath

**Herdwick (42 Av £130.7)** - £164 High Farm; £144 Cinderbarrow Farm; £144 Cotland Farm; £144 Racy Ghyll Farm; £132 Howe Green

**Scotch Blackfaced (432 Av £136.58)** - £163 Glen Loughan Road; £160 Lea Croft; £159 Holme House; £159 Ballymena Road; £156, £131 Ireshope Plains; £149 West Stobswood Farm; £147 Thethwaite; £146, £143 Manister Road; £145 Brannock Courts; £143 Hall Bank; £140 Spruce Grove

**Swaledale (190 Av £111.52)** - £158 Riggshield; £150 Cotland Farm; £151 High Beckside; £150, £142 Howe Green; £136 Glen Loughran Road; £135 Burblethwaite; £134 Beeches Goat - £135 Aspatria Hall

#### **Cast Rams £/head**

**Continental** - £314, £268 Holme House; £282 Glen Loughran Road; £260 Far Broom; £242 Park House Farm; £226 Ireshope Plains; £226 Farlough Road

Charollais - £296 Holme House; £268 Brannock Courts; £214 Glen Loughan Road

**Bluefaced Leicester** - £280 Holme House

**Texel** - £262, £242 Cotland Farm; £252 Brannock Courts; £240 Rottington Hall; £234, £216 Sewell Houses

**Suffolk** - £254 Ballymena Road; £232 Glen Loughran Road; £212 Buninver Road

**Beltex** - £229 Howgill; £224 Riggshield; £210 Greenacres

**Zwartble** - £248 Home Farm

**Dutch Spotted** - £232 Greenacres