

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 29th April 2026

On Wednesday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their fortnightly sale of 6,489 prime sheep, comprising of 20 spring lambs, 2,030 prime hogs and 3,693 cast ewes & rams & 746 light lambs.

Another strong entry of 2030 hogs were forward as well as 20 spring lambs and 746 light lambs.

A small selection of spring lambs, with a shortage of handy weight sheep. Topping at 456ppk for 2 weighing 45kg achieving £205 for Texel lambs from Moir Livestock, Home Farm. Top price per head of £216 came for 3 Pure Suffolks, weighing 57kg from Mr M McNally, Jonesborough House.

A much more seasonal show of hogs forward with a serious shortage of well-fed in spec sheep from 40 – 46kg. Meat would be stand on from the last few weeks. Topping the days sale at 526ppk came for a pair of beautiful 38kg Beltex hogs achieving £200 from Messrs W Gribbon & Co, Waterside.

Messrs W & S E Dickinson & Son, Kirkbarrow Hall sold a Beltex weighing 41kg to £210 or 512ppk. Top price per head of £240 came for 2 Beltex hogs weighing 84kg for Messrs M T P & S D Wills, Fawcett Park.

Suffolk hogs sold to £223, weighing 77kg from Holme House with Suffolks realising 415ppk for 1 weighing 41kg achieving £170 from Messrs J Carrick & Son, Ireshope Plains.

Mules topped at £217 for 3 weighing 65kg from W J Whitfield, Pennine View. Mules sold to 384ppk for a pen of 20 weighing 45kg at £173. All classes of hill sheep sold exceptionally well and more can be easily sold.

Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP conducted their weekly sale on Wednesday, offering a substantial entry of 3,693 Cast Ewes and Rams. Trade remained exceptionally strong throughout, with every animal sold, averaging £181.90.

A top price of £370 was achieved for an outstanding pure-bred Texel ewe from Mr D. Coulter, Ballymena Road, purchased by AJ Meats, Birmingham. A further 23 ewes exceeded £300, including a pen of eight Charollais from Mr M. McNally, which realised £300 and sold to Romford Halal.

Texel Ewes Leading the averages at £263.27 was R. G. Mark, Sunnygill Farm, with a run of heavy Texel ewes. Close behind were M/s GE & VH Slater & Son, Whiteley Hey Farm, whose 36 Beltex ewes averaged £267.91, peaking at £290 for a pen of 12 sold to Yorkshire Halal.

Suffolk Ewes A total of 664 Suffolk ewes were forward, all sold, averaging an impressive £200.43. The section topped at £285 for a large pure-bred ewe from Mr B. Dufton.

The trade for Mule ewes was particularly buoyant and being the dearest ever witnessed here. 550 Mule ewes averaged £177.73, with a top of £214 for a pen of 17 English Mules and a pen of 22 Scotch Mules followed closely at £212. Mr P. Baker, Glebe Cottage, Lincolnshire sold a full run of 313 English and Scotch Mules, averaging a remarkable £187.31. Larger pen prices included:

- £210 × 22
- £207 × 24
- £205 × 22
- £194 × 46

Horned ewes reached an all time high, with M/s JJ & E Lawson & Son, Hundith House, topping the section at £178 for six Swaledales, purchased by Mr A. Dawson. Many others comfortably exceeded £150.

Scotch Blackface ewes sold to £170 on two occasions. Notable larger pens achieved:

- £159 × 23
- £151 × 41
- £150 × 25
- £149 × 26
- £148 × 18
- £148 × 50

Cast rams met a firm trade, topping at £278 for a pen of six Texel × Dorset rams from Mr M. McNally. A pen of seven Swaledale rams from M/s Lightfoot, Gillside, achieved £190, again purchased by Mr A. Dawson.

Next Sale The next weekly sale will be held on Wednesday 6th May. Entries are invited and should be advised to:

- Andrew Maughan – 07717 611952
- Paul Gardner – 07552 589141

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Suffolk – £216 Holme Farm; £198 Low Abbey; £196 Home Farm.

Continental - £210, £205, £203, £180 Home Farm; £190 Buninver Road.

Texel - £206 Holme House.

Dutch Spotted - £197 Buninver Road.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Continental – 456.0, 383.0, 363.0, 333.0 Home Farm; 358.0 Buninver Road.

Dutch Spotted – 419.0 Buninver Road.

Suffolk – 381.0 Low Abbey; 379.0 Holme House; 363.0 Home Farm.

Texel – 381.0 Holme Farm.

Prime Hogs £/head

Texel - £240, £214 Fawcett Park; £224, £220, £216, £215, £208 High House Farm; £222, £216, £214, £211, £210 Parkside Crescent; £222, £205 Pennine View; £220, £210 Petteril Bank; £218, £210 (2), £208, £206 Kirkbarrow Hall; £218, £217, £214, £211 (2), £210 (2), Holme House; £218 Waterside Farm; £217, £211 Glen Loughan Road; £214, £210, £205 Sceugh Dyke; £214, £209, £206 Low Row; £212 Ireshope Plains; £211 Harleycroft; £210 Sycamore Rise; £210 East Cliff; £210 Smallthwaite Farms.

Beltex - £226, £214 Ranbeck; £220, £218, £212, £208 (2), £204 (2) Waterside Farm; £220 (2) Fawcett Park; £220 Staffield Old Hall; £216, £214, £204 Hollands; £212, £204 Glebelands; £210 Kirkbarrow Hall; £208 Murrah Hall; £204 Parkside Farm.

Charollais - £225 Pennine View; £208 Holme House.

Suffolk - £223, £216 (2), £213 Holme House; £214, £212 Staffield Old Hall; £212, £205 East Cliff; £212 Hardrigg Hall; £211 Low Row; £210 Lowther Castle Inn; £206 Parkside Crescent; £204, £200 Sceugh Dyke; £203 Town Head; £201 Ireshope Plains; £194 Newbiggin Farm; £194 North Netherscales.

Mule - £217, £200 Pennine View; £208 Fawcett Park; £207, £190 Street House; £198 Ireshope Plains.

Continental - £211 Pennine View; £208 Glen Loughan Road; £199 (2) Ballinaskeagh Road; £196 Newbiggin Farm; £195 Ireshope Plains.

Dutch Spotted - £200 Parkside Crescent; £198 Welton Farm.

Cheviot - £192, £188 Ranbeck; £190 Sceugh Dyke; £188 Ireshope Plains; £188 Parkside Crescent.

Cheviot Mule - £189, £183 Sycamore Rise; £182 Ranbeck.

Blackface - £180 Ireshope Plains; £175 Kirkbarrow Hall; £174 North Netherscales.

Swaledale - £178, £176 Fawcett Park; £177 Street House; £170 Low Row; £166 Shap Abbey; £160 High Crossgill.

Herdwick - £170 Gillside; £167 Gall Farm.

Prime Hogs p/kg

Beltex – 526.0, 486.0 Waterside Farm; 512.0, 486.0, 447.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 500.0 Low Row; 486.0, 474.0 Hollands; 486.0, 442.0 Glebelands; 478.0 Fawcett Park; 464.0 Parkside Crescent; 452.0 Murrah Hall; 449.0 Staffield Old Hall; 443.0 Lower Gate Farm.

Texel – 462.0, 447.0, 437.0, 432.0, 420.0, 417.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 459.0, 440.0, 430.0 Hollands; 451.0, 449.0, 433.0 Harleycroft; 450.0, 415.0 Crewgarth; 437.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 427.0 Ivy Cottage; 427.0 Thrang Crag; 426.0, 417.0 East Newbiggin Farm; 425.0 Wham Head Farm; 425.0, 422.0 Parkside Crescent; 425.0, 422.0 (2) Ireshope Plains; 416.0 North Netherscales; 416.0 Lower Gate Farm.

Continental – 419.0 Smallthwaite Farms; 419.0, 402.0 North Netherscales; 416.0 Thrang Close; 412.0 Lower Gate Farm; 395.0 Gall Farm; 392.0 Holme House.

Cheviot – 418.0 Ranbeck; 416.0, 410 Low Abbey; 414.0, 405.0 South Road; 413.0 Gall Farm; 411.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 409.0 Sycamore Rise; 405.0 Home Farm; 405.0 Murrah Hall; 400.0 North Netherscales.

Suffolk – 415.0, 373.0, 372.0 Ireshope Plains; 395.0 Thrang Crag; 390.0 Nobles Farm; 385.0, 382.0 Staffield Old Hall; 384.0 Plantation View; 380.0 Lowther Castle Inn; 373.0 East Newbiggin Farm; 369.0 Town Head; 365.0 (2) Longlands; 360.0 Sceugh Dyke; 360.0 East Cliff.

Blackface – 410.0 (3), 407.0, 405.0 Kirkbarrow Hall, 409.0 Ireshope Plains; 393.0 Gall Farm.

Blue Texel – 400.0 High Harberwain.

Mule – 389.0, 369.0 Low Abbey; 384.0 Wham Head Farm; 383.0 Hollands; 370.0 Shap Abbey; 367.0 Smallthwaite Farms; 362.0 East Newbiggin Farm; 360.0 Ireshope Plains.

Cheviot Mule – 387.0 Ranbeck; 373.0 Sycamore Rise.

Herdwick – 386.0 Gillside; 363.0 Gall Farm.

Dutch Spotted – 386.0 Thrang Crag; 385.0 Parkside Crescent.

Swaledale – 379.0 Dalebottom Farm; 361.0 Shap Abbey; 340.0 Street House.

Charollais – 370.0 Holme House.

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (120 av £243.14) - £370, £298, £275, £270, £250 (3) Ballymena Road; £350, £320, £310 (2), £250 Tarn End; £345, £295, £272, £268 Holme House; £340, £244 Greenacres; £330, £288, £282 Glen Loughan Road; £325, £290 The Croft; £310, £282 Sunnygill Farm; £305 Bogie Street; £285 Greenacres; £278 Ghyll House Farm; £275, £258 Copperthorns; £260 Peterhouse; £248, £230 Lane End; £248 The Croft; £245 Low Field; £238 Ballymaderphy Road; £235 Wickerslack; £230 Huntly Lodge Farm

Charollais (99 av £230.76)- £330, £295, £245, £244, £228, £224 Glen Loughan Road; £300, £270, £242 (2) Holme House; £252 Tarn End; £248 Manister Road; £230 Ballymena Road; £228 (3) Brannock Court

Continental (1135 av £191)- £310, £244, £236 Sunnygill Farm; £300, £280, £256, £230 Ballymena Road; £290 Hardrigg Hall; £280, £268, £260, £233, £232, £230 Bodoney Road; £265 Whiteley Hey Farm; £262, £236 Glebelands; £262, £232 Riverside House; £260, £230 (2) High & Low Buildings; £258 Redgate End Farm; £250 Shap Abbey; £232, £224, £222 (2), £221, £220 (2) Glen Loughan Road; £232, £224 Bogie Street; £232, £230 (2) Killough Road; £232, £230 West Stobswood Farm; £231 Lansmere; £230 Holme House; £230 Pasture House; £230, £228 Lane End; £228 Coolkeeran Road £225 (2), £221 Tarn End; £222 (2) Ghyll House Farm; £222 Sycamore House; £220 Cairnbridge Farm

Beltex (41 av £254.93)- £290, £260 Whiteley Hey Farm; £285, £232 Bogie Street; £280, £265, £244 Lansmere; £258 Glen Loughan Road; £228 High Pow Farm

Suffolk (664 av £200.43)- £285, £228, £222 Bogie Street; £262, £230 (2), £218 Killough Road; £254 Hardrigg Hall; £246 Low Abbey; £238, £234, £230, £219, £218, £212 Holme House; £236 (2), £224, £222 Glen Loughan Road; £234 Low Stow Bank; £234, £228 (2), £224 Lane End; £230 The Croft; £230, £214, £212 Bodoney Road; £228 Ballynahinch Road; £222, £214, £212 Ballymena Road; £220 Shap Abbey; £218 Buninver Road; £218 Glebe Cottage; £216 Brannock Court; £216, £213, £212, £210 Tarn End; £214 Copperthorns; £212 Greenacres; £210 Midtown Farm (Fisher); £210 Ballymaderphy Road

Blue Texel – £268 West Stobswood Farm; £229 Bogie Street

Dutch Spotted - £235 Ballymena Road

Zwartbles – £234 Ballymena Road; £210 Park Head

Bluefaced Leicester - £230 Welton Farm; £220 Pinewood

Cheviot (239 av £153.10)- £218 Lansmere; £216, £170 Tarn End; £210 Welton Farm; £210 Colene Croft; £194, £184, £168 Murrah Hall; £190 Greenacres; £190, £168 Glen Loughan Road; £186 Bogie Street; £185 (2), £170 Glebe Cottage; £182 Holme House; £179 West Stobswood Farm; £172, £163 High Pow Farm; £172 Midtown Farm (Fisher); £170 Dacre Banks Farm; £168 High House (Dickinson); £168 Auchlyle Farm; £162 High & Low Buildings; £160 Bowfield Farm

Mule (556 av £177.73)- £214, £212, £207, £205, £194 (2), £192 (2) Glebe Cottage; £210 Bogie Street; £206, £182 Blands Farm; £202 High Pow Farm; £200 Petteril Bank; £200 North

Netherscales; £200 Greenacres; £198, £182 Ballymena Road; £193 (2) Glen Loughan Road; £192 Brockwoodlees Farm; £190 Copperthorns; £190 Sycamore Rise; £188 Lansmere; £188 Dacre Banks Farm; £185 High Crossgill

Hampshire - £210 Greenacres

Cheviot Mule - £208 Crake Trees Manor; £200 Glen Loughan Road; £200 Bogie Street

Dorset - £192 Glen Loughan Road; £186 Ballymena Road

Swaledale (162 av £123.81) – £178, £164, £142 Hundith House; £168, £144 Gooselands View Barn; £162 Low Mill; £160 Gillside; £150, £130 Hollins Farm; £150, £135 Hole House Farm; £148 Peterhouse; £132 Street House (Maughan); £132 Thrang Crag; £132 Horsemoor Hills; £130 Lonscale; £130 Pasture House; £130 The Faulds

Kerry - £172 Copperthorns

Scotch Blackfaced (396 av £140.81)– £170, £150 Manister Road; £170, £149 Holme House; £168, £142 Brannock Court; £159, £148 Greenacres; £156 Ireshope Plains; £152 Copperthorns; £151 Coolkeeran Road; £148 High House (Dickinson); £148 (2) Glen Loughan Road; £148 Ballymena Road; £147 Pasture House; £140 Ballymaderphy Road

Herdwick - £150 Racy Ghyll Farm

Welsh - £144 Low Stow Bank; £133 Copperthorns

Shetland - £100 South Road; £100 High Pow Farm

Cast Rams £/head (Total 127 Sold – Averages £201.08)

Continental - £278, £262, £240, £218 Holme House; £275 Whiteley Hey Farm; £268 Tarn End; £268, £248, £236 Witton Farm; £265 Greenlands; £246 Bodoney Road; £242 Brannock Court; £240 (2) Copperthorns; £225 Hardrigg Hall; £220 Ballymena Road; £202 Cairnbridge Farm

Zwartbles - £260 Killough Road

Dorset – £242 Ballymena Road

Beltex - £238 Copperthorns; £206 Lansmere; £204 Hardrigg Hall

Charollais - £214 Bogie Street; £202 Bodoney Road

Suffolk - £214 Glen Loughan Road

Blue Texel - £214 Bodoney Road

Hampshire - £212 Brannock Court

Dutch Spotted – £210 Glen Loughan Road

Bluefaced Leicester - £202 High Crossgill

Texel - £200 The Hills

Swaledale - £190 Gillside

Scotch Blackfaced - £168 Coolkeeran Road

