

# Prime Sheep

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

On Wednesday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their fortnightly sale of 6,483 prime sheep, comprising of 54 spring lambs, 2,385 prime hogs and 3,477 cast ewes & rams & 567 light lambs.

The prime lambs sold to average 449p/kg overall, 458p/kg SQQ (£204.50/hd). Topping the sale at 478p/kg (£215) came for a pen of four Suffolk X lambs from Messrs P & A Jarman, Brow Top. The same home topped per head at £228 for a single Texel X weighing 49kg. Demand is growing for prime lambs with a big amount of clientele forward. More are needed going forward to fulfil the demand.

Hoggs sold to a flying trade throughout, with a mass of heavy sheep on show, this resulted in a whole sale average of 398.76p/kg, SQQ of 418p/kg (£198.50/hd). Topping this section at 559p/kg (£246) was for a pen of 4 Beltex crosses weighing 44kg from Mr G Cartmel, Hollands. Topping the day's sale at £252 came for a single pure Suffolk hogg weighing 102kg from Messrs WR & FD Siddle, Honeypot. Suffolk hoggs sold to 433p/kg (£182) for a pen of 13 weighing 42kg from Messrs RM & SC Jenkinson, Lowergate. Messrs T Armstrong & Son, Sceugh Dyke, sold Scotch Blackfaced hoggs to £212 for 58kg, with Mules selling to £204 for 69kg from the same home. Messrs A Tiffin & Sons, Wham Head Farm, sold Mules to 424p/kg (£191) for 45kg.

Topping the consignment averages at £230.15 came for a run of 13 heavy hoggs from Messrs Pearson, Manor Farm.

We need more numbers each week, please get in touch with any of the team. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

## **Leading Prices**

### **Prime Lambs £/head**

**Texel** - £228, £212, £211, £203 (2) Brow Top; £222, £200 Mill Farm; £218 Sceugh Dyke

**Suffolk** - £224, £218, £208, £207 Macey Bank; £218, £215 Mill Farm; £215 Brow Top

**Charollais** - £205 Brick House

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

**Suffolk** - 478.0 Brow Top; 463.0, 441.0 (2) Brayton Road; 457.0, 450.0 Macey Bank; 454.0, 439.0 Mill Farm

**Texel** - 465.0, 461.0 (2), 460.0, 449.0 Brow Top; 465.0, 427.0 Mill Farm; 454.0 Sceugh Dyke

**Charollais** - 436.0, 427.0 Brick House

### **Prime Hoggs £/head**

**Suffolk** - £252, £230, £216, £200 Honeypot; £232, £230, £202 Staffield Old Hall; £228, £222, £200 Sceugh Dyke; £228, £219, £218, £216, £204 Crompton Farm; £227, £214 Holme House;

£227 Braithwaite Mill; £223 New Hall; £218, £206 Ireshope Plains; £218, £212 East Cliff; £216 High Knipe; £214 Quarry Gill; £212, £206 North Blackbogs; £208, £204 Broomhill Farm  
**Beltex** - £246, £209, £202, £200 (2) Hollands; £240, £224 (2), £222, £213 (2) Honeypot; £234, £226, £212 Barton Hall; £220 Inglewood Edge; £217 Sycamore Rise; £213 Redgill Farmhouse; £210, £205 Moory Lea Farm; £210 Ireshope Plains; £208, £202, £200 Sickergill; £208 The Wreay; £202 Wham Head Farm

**Texel** - £238, £231, £229, £217, £216 Honeypot; £238 Staffield Old Hall; £236, £231, £228 Sycamore Rise; £236, £220, £216 Manor Farm (Pearson); £233 Thwaite Hall; £226 (2), £214 Ireshope Plains; £226 Sceugh Dyke; £226, £224, £210 Braithwaite Mill; £225 (2), £224 (2), £222, £221 Crompton Farm; £225, £219, £216, £211 Holme House; £223 Sceugh Dyke; £222 Clea Hall; £220, £217, £212 High Knipe; £220 Auchengray Farm; £218 Brow Top; £218 Old Parks; £215 Hay Close

**Continental** - £230 Thwaite Hall; £227, £224 East Cliff; £208 Grassknop Farm; £199 Hollands; £196 (2) The Green Farm; £196 Hay Close

**Cheviot Mule** - £230 Clea Hall; £217 Sycamore Rise; £210 New Hall

**Cheviot** - £220 Side Farm; £212, £200, £199 Whygill Head; £208, £206, £200, £197 Sycamore Rise; £206, £195 Quarry Gill; £202 High Knipe; £195 Black Leases; £195 Gaitsgill Hall

**Scotch Blackfaced** – £212, £190 Sceugh Dyke; £208 Ireshope Plains; £199 New Hall; £198 The Green Farm; £194 (2) Black Leases

**Mule** - £209, £204, £199 Sceugh Dyke; £205 Old Parks; £198 New Hall; £198 Redgill Farmhouse; £198 Black Leases

**Charollais** - £204 Staffield Old Hall

**Swaledale** - £198 Middleton of Fintree; £168, £159, £105 Bridge End Farm; £168 Chapel House; £150 Old Parks; £150 Hole House (Ivinson)

**Herdwick** – £198 Clea Hall

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

**Beltex** – 559.0, 510.0, 465.0, 455.0, 440.0, 439.0, 413.0 Hollands; 538.0 Ireshope Plains; 503.0 Lower Gate Farm; 500.0, 438.0 Moory Lea Farm; 488.0, 473.0 Sickergill; 484.0, 418.0 The Wreay; 473.0 Redgill Farmhouse; 463.0, 457.0, 435.0 (2), 415.0 Honeypot; 460.0, 439.0 Brannock Court; 459.0 Wham Head Farm; 450.0, 411.0 Barton Hall; 449.0 Sickergill; 436.0 The Green Farm; 433.0 Hay Close; 422.0 Southernby Hall; 415.0 Inglewood Edge

**Texel** – 495.0, 460.0, 435.0, 432.0, 428.0 High Knipe; 476.0, 417.0, 414.0 Pringle House; 464.0 Brow Top; 458.0 Clea Hall; 456.0 Hollands; 456.0, 455.0, 430.0 Ireshope Plains; 453.0 Sycamore Rise; 443.0, 428.0 Black Leases; 442.0, 429.0, 422.0, 414.0 Holme House; 439.0, 438.0, 433.0 Hay Close; 439.0 Mill Farm; 435.0, 430.0, 429.0 Auchengray Farm; 434.0, 431.0 Sickergill; 433.0 The Green Farm; 433.0 Hesket House; 431.0, 429.0 Lower Gate Farm; 430.0 Currah Close; 426.0 Redgill Farmhouse; 425.0, 420.0 Braithwaite Mill; 424.0, 414.0 New Hall; 417.0 Crompton Farm; 414.0 Reservoir Farm; 413.0 Middleton of Fintree

**Blue Texel** – 446.0 The Wreay

**Cheviot** – 443.0, 439.0, 420.0 Black Leases; 443.0, 429.0 Quarry Gill; 436.0, 402.0, 392.0, 389.0 Sycamore Rise; 432.0, 406.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 424.0 Clea Hall; 415.0, 400.0 Whygill Head; 413.0 Hay Close; 400.0, 391.0 The Beeches; 400.0 Bridge End Farm; 388.0 High Knipe

**Charollais** – 434.0 Staffield Old Hall

**Suffolk** – 433.0 Lower Gate Farm; 428.0 Currah Close; 408.0, 386.0, 382.0 Crompton Farm; 406.0 The Green Farm; 404.0 Staffield Old Hall; 404.0 Quarry Gill; 400.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 400.0, 386.0 Honeypot; 396.0, 390.0, 389.0 Holme House; 396.0, 393.0, 389.0 North Blackbogs; 396.0, 389.0 Ireshope Plains; 393.0 High Knipe; 392.0 Hesket House; 392.0, 380.0

Sceugh Dyke; 392.0 Broomhill Farm; 386.0 Braithwaite Mill; 380.0 Middleton of Fintree; 380.0 Redgill Farmhouse

**Continental** – 436.0 Black Leases; 426.0 (2) The Green Farm; 426.0, 425.0 Hay Close; 423.0 Hollands

**Cheviot Mule** – 428.0 Skelling Farm; 402.0 Bridge End Farm; 396.0 New Hall

**Mule** – 424.0, 400.0, 393.0 Wham Head Farm; 388.0 Hollands; 388.0 Black Leases; 384.0 Hay Close; 383.0, 380.0 Sceugh Dyke

**Scotch Blackfaced** – 420.0, 413.0 Sceugh Dyke; 412.0, 407.0 Middleton of Fintree; 406.0 New Hall; 404.0 (2) Black Leases

**Herdwick** – 398.0 Haltcliffe Bridge; 388.0 Clea Hall

**Swaledale** – 379.0, 366.0, 365.0 Bridge End Farm; 375.0 Hole House (Ivinson); 368.0 Mosedale End

## Cast Ewes and Rams

A very positive surprise was witnessed in the cast ewe ring, with most classes selling to a further rise, and all sold averaging £180.54. Topping the sale at a mind blowing £400 was a tremendous pure-bred Texel from weekly stalwart vendor Mr W. Morison, South Bogbain, selling to A J Meats, Birmingham, with a further 26 ewes exceeding £300 ahead.

Once again, the Suffolks stole the show, with 609 sold to average £201.59. Topping at £284 was a superb pure-bred ewe from Messrs Mitchell, Grassknop, selling to Pak Mecca Meats. Larger pens achieved £242 × 19, £240 × 12, £228 × 25, £214 × 10, £208 × 14, £207 × 27, £206 × 27.

The very best Bluefaced Leicester topped at a mighty £270 ahead from Messrs Shields, Tarn House.

A total of 587 Mule Ewes sold to one of the dearest trades ever, with all sold averaging £181.34. Topping at £214 was a pen of 13 Scotch Mules from Mr B. Duffton, closely followed by £208 ahead for two pens of 19 and 22 from Mr P. Baker, Lincolnshire. Other large pens achieved £200 × 15, £200 × 13, £197 × 31, £197 × 14, £197 × 14, £192 × 12, £190 × 20, £190 × 25.

Horned ewes were again a long way short of requirements, topping at £182 for Scotch Blackfaced from Mr T. A. Byers, Ellen Bank, with 6 sold, and this consignment of 14 averaging £171.57.

Mr A. J. Bell, Thethwaite sold 11 fed Blackfaced to a top of £170. Good meat Swaledale ewes were all above £140, topping at £168 from Mr M. Bousfield, Hegdale. Messrs Bland, Clea Hall sold 5 pure Herdwicks to £156. Fed Shetland ewes brought a great premium, with Mr L. Graham, Shannachar Cottages selling 34 to £118, topping at £136.

All rams sold averaged £202.42, topping at £330 from Mr S. Gregg, Northern Ireland, selling to Mr K. Harryman for a Charollais × Texel. Larger pens from Mr M. McNally achieved £276 for 7 and £250 for 10.

## ***Leading Prices***

### **Cast Ewes £/head**

**Texel (109 Av £272.97)** - £400, £355, £325, £300 (2), £295, £225 Greenacres; £390, £340, £324, £300, £252, £220 Ballymena Road; £385, £282 Ballynahinch Road; £370, £325, £288, £280, £276 Gaitsgill Hall; £365, £350, £345 Bogie Street; £320, £275 Tarn End; £315, £295, £279, £268 Holme House; £315 Farewell Grange; £295, £250 Clea Hall; £275, £262, £248 Sickerhill; £275, £240 Old Wall; £250, £228 Pringle House; £248 Skelling Farm; £242 Gate & West Farm; £240 Barton Hall; £226 Thethwaite Farm

**Continental (890 Av £191.79)** - £322, £285, £231, £228, £221 Brannock Court; £295 Primrose Cottage; £288, £275, £246, £240, £234, £233 (2), £225 Tarn End; £275, £232 Ballymena Road; £264, £258 Holme House; £250, £232 Fawcett Park; £244 Glebe Cottage; £240, £230 Greenacres; £238 Winter Crag; £238 Moory Lea Farm; £236 Brayton Road; £234, £230, £228, £222 High House Farm (Nevinson); £232 Staffield Old Hall; £230 Heskett House; £228, £224 (3) Bogie Street; £226 Clea Hall; £222 Old Wall; £222 Tormore Road; £220 Ballynahinch Road

**Charollais (59 Av £230.81)** - £300, £255 Brick House; £285, £226, £224, £222 Tarn End; £275, £234 Manister Road; £270 (2), £260, £254, £244 Ballymena Road; £227 Holme House; £220, £215 (2) Tullywinny Road; £218 Glebe Cottage

**Suffolk (609 Av £201.59)** - £284, £220 Grassknop Farm; £270, £240, £215, £214, £213, £210 Tarn End; £248 Gate & West Farm; £244, £222, £218 Bogie Street; £242, £240, £228, £225 Holme House; £240 Sceugh Dyke; £236, £232, £216 Staffield Old Hall; £236, £216 Brow Top; £230, £219, £214 (2) Ballymena Road; £228, £212 (2) Glebe Cottage; £228 Redgate; £228 Mill Farm; £224, £211 Brannock Court; £220, £217 Manister Road; £216, £212 Greenacres; £210 Heskett House

**Beltex (48 Av £221.77)** - £290, £258, £242, £238, £234 Inglewood Edge; £270, £260, 250, £241 Barton Hall; £254 Glebe Cottage; £242 Farewell Grange; £240, £220 Bogie Street; £230 Clea Hall; £224 Skelling Farm; £222 Moory Lea Farm

**Bluefaced Leicester (12 Av £221.77)** - £270, £238 Tarn House; £258 Hegdale; £238 Old Parks; £228 Bogie Street

**Dutch Spotted** - £254 Brannock Court

**Blue Texel** - £232, £224 Brannock Court

**Cheviot Mule (27 Av £186.56)** - £230 Greenacres; £189 Deep Clough Farm; £184, £183 Bogie Street

**Mule (587 Av £181.34)** - £214, £197, £190 Bogie Street; £208 (2), £197 (2), £190, £186 Glebe Cottage; £200, £180 Dedra Bank; £200 Gate & West Farm; £200 Tarn House; £198, £180 Deep Clough Farm; £198 Black Leases; £194 (2) Tormore Road; £192 Grassknop Farm; £192 Ghyll House; £192, £181 Holme House; £190 Old Parks; £188 Greenacres; £188 Thethwaite Farm; £186 Ballymaderphy Road; £184 Staffield Old Hall; £182 Low Moor Dyke; £180 Sceugh Dyke; £180 Hegdale

**Zwartbles** - £212 Greystone House; £208 Ballymaderphy Road

**Cheviot (408 Av £152.99)**- £210, £192 High Knipe; £194, £190 Glebe Cottage; £194 Manister Road; £192 Holme House; £190 Tarn End; £189, £181 Bogie Street; £189 Brannock

Court; £188 Deep Clough Farm; £182, £174 (2), £173 Ballymena Road; £182 Clea Hall; £180 Halflawkiln Farm Bungalow; £178, £166 (2) Thethwaite Farm; £178 Inglewood Edge; £174 Tormore Road; £168 Winter Crag; £166, £162 Greystone House; £164, £162 West Stobswood Farm; £161 Bank Hall; £160 Low Stow Bank

**Wensleydale** - £198 Tarn End

**Scotch Blackfaced (288 Av £138.60)** - £182, £172, £161 Ellen Bank; £170, £148 Thethwaite Farm; £166 Ballymaderphy Road; £165 Sceugh Dyke; £164, £141 Holme House; £160 Greenacres; £155 Shannachar Cottage; £152 Bogie Street; £150 Ballymena Road; £149 Manister Road; £149 Broomhill; £148 (2) Killough Road; £146 Shire Lodge; £145 Tarn End; £140 Park Head Farm; £140 Brannock Court

**Swaledale (190 Av £120.33)** - £168 Hegdale; £162, £144 Hole House; £148 Fawcett Park; £146 Tarn House; £146 Walmgate; £143, £132 Fog Close; £143 Old Parks; £140 Deep Clough Farm; £137 Redgate; £136, £134 Moory Lea Farm; £136 Ghyll House; £135 Bridge End Farm

**Goat** - £160 Auchlyle Farm

**Herdwick (41 Av £112)** - £156 Clea Hall; £141 Brimmer Head Farm; £131 Manor Farm (Marrs)

**Shetland (43 Av £119.53)** - £136, £118 Shannachar Cottage; £112 Auchlyle Farm

**Cast Rams £/head (111 sold to Average £202.42)**

**Continental** - £330 Ballynahinch Road; £276, £250 Holme House; £274, £230 Tarn End; £245 Mosedale End; £235, £218 Greenacres; £215 Old Wall; £211, £210, £200 Southwaite; £200 Sceugh Dyke

**Charollais** - £320 Holme House; £252 Tarn End; £222 Ballymena Road

**Beltex** - £280 High House Farm (Nevinson); £245 Inglewood Edge; £228 Sunny Bank

**Suffolk** - £262, £210 Thethwaite Farm; £228 Grassknop Farm; £210 Deep Clough Farm

**Texel** - £254, £200 Ballymena Road; £250 Thethwaite Farm; £248, £220 (2) Greenacres

**Cheviot** - £212 Greenacres

**Bluefaced Leicester** - £204 Greenacres

**Dutch Spotted** - £200 Greenacres