

Prime Sheep

Wednesday 13th May 2026

On Wednesday 13th May, PDFM had a bumper day, with well over 8,000 sheep through the gates. Comprising 156 spring lambs, 3,700 prime hogs, 823 lightweight lambs and 3,878 cast ewes, the sale equated to 8,557 head.

A much larger offering of 156 spring lambs was forward and, with another big rise in trade and demand, the sale averaged 460ppk or 475sqg.

Topping the day's sale at 533ppk, and with the top price per head of £240, was a brilliant Texel X lamb from M/s ES & D Noble, Mill Farm, Beckermet. Also selling to £240 was a single Suffolk lamb weighing 71kg from M/s Graves, Hesketh House.

M/s TF & GL Pollock brought forward their opening run of spring lambs, selling 12 at 46kg to average 476ppk or £219 per head. Spring lambs are needed weekly now to fulfil demand.

Moving into hogs, a blistering show of sheep was forward to average £208.31, exactly £60 up on the same week last year, with 2,000 more sold.

The sale averaged 410ppk overall, or 428sqg, the sale topped at 529ppk for a pen of 3 Beltex at 43kg, selling for £222 from Mr G Cartmel, Hollands. The top price per head of £268 came for an outstanding pen of 6 at 68kg, or 394ppk, from J Bowling & Sons Ltd, York. This home sold a total of 52 sheep at more than £260.

Suffolk hogs soared to £260 for a pen of 13 at 74kg from T Hetherington, Staffield Old Hall. J Carrick & Sons, Ireshope, sold a pen of 13 at 44kg to 455ppk or £200 per head. Mules sold to £232 for a pen of 21 at 63kg from M/s G & R Dawson, York, the same home selling Cheviot hogs to £230 for a pen of 15 at 59kg. J Carrick's Blackface topped at £220 for 12 at 57kg.

M/s Lightfoot, Gillside, sold Herdwicks at £208 for 5 at 54kg. Bobsy Tyson travelled up with some excellent Herdwick hogs, full of flesh, with a pen of 24 at 40kg selling for 425ppk and his run of 70 selling to average 403.9ppk or £166 per head.

Top consignment came from T Hetherington, Staffield Old Hall, with 80 selling to average 65kg at 390ppk or £254.76. Hogs's look set to continue in strong demand, and numbers are needed for next week.

A new record average was achieved with the volume of cast ewes, with all sold averaging £186.64. A top price of £390 ahead was achieved by Mr M McNally, Jonesborough, with a pen of 4 pure-bred Texels selling to weekly supporters Romford Halal, Essex.

A grand total of 39 sold for more than £300 ahead. In addition, a new record for cast rams was set, with Mr W Bethell, County Armagh, achieving £380 for an extreme pure-bred Texel selling to Pak Mecca Meats, Birmingham.

Suffolk stole the show again, with 717 sold to average an eye-watering £213.42, topping at £292 from Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, with superb Suffolk x Texels. Numerous pens sold for £240 plus, with larger pens achieving £260 x16, £248 x17, £245 x19, £238 x11, £238 x19, £230 x10, £226 x26 and £226 x15.

Scotch Mules led the mule section again, with 18 achieving £220 from Mr B Duffton, Huntly, closely followed at £216 for 15 from South Bogbain.

Horned ewes were completely bonkers, with M/s EJ & RJ Wear, Howe Green, topping at £180 for a huge Swaledale ewe. Very closely followed at £178 was an extremely delighted Mr Peter Bland, Knott Houses, selling 9 pure Herdwicks, nearly £40 more than expected!

A total of 277 Scotch Blackface ewes were forward, averaging £156.15 and topping at £175 from Mr A Stevenson, Armoy, with numerous pens at £160 plus.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 20th May. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £240, £218 Mill Farm; £230 Holme House; £224, £218 (2) Wreay Hall Farm; £223 Hesketh House; £220, £218, £214 (2) Crewgarth; £218 Brayton Road; £218, £211, £210 Newstead Grange.

Suffolk - £240, £227, £218, £217 Hesketh House; £235, £218 Holme House; £230 Redgate; £222, £212 Mill Farm; £219, £210 Wreay Hall Farm.

Dutch Spotted - £210 Bodoney Road.

Beltex - £208 Waterside Farm.

Dorset - £208 Buninver Road

Prime Lambs p/kg

Texel – 533.0, 495.0 Mill Farm; 519.0, 474.0, 457.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 510.0, 508.0, 498.0, 484.0, 469.0, 458.0 Crewgarth; 500.0, 486.0, 474.0, 469.0, 467.0, 460.0, 457.0 Newstead Grange; 474.0, 470.0, 450.0 Brayton Road;

Beltex – 484.0 Waterside Farm.

Suffolk – 476.0, 467.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 474.0, 462.0, 454.0 Hesketh House; 472.0, 471.0, 470.0, 453.0 Mill Farm; 470.0, 460.0 Brayton Road; 464.0, 460.0 Cairnbridge Farm; 456.0 Redgate.

Dutch Spotted – 457.0 Bodoney Road.

Prime Hogs £/head

Texel - £268, £260 (3), £258, £240, £236, £231 (2), £230, £229 Crompton Farm; £265, £260 (2), £250 (2), £232 Staffield Old Hall; £265, £240 Greenacres; £260, £252, £248, £238 Ireby Hall; £252, £242, £229 Glebe Cottage; £248, £240 Sleagill House; £248, £242, £236, £228 High Pow Farm; £248, £246, £242, £238 Sceugh Dyke; £244 Jacksonrigg Farm; £244 Blakehills Farm; £238 Lowther Street; £238, £237 Mount Pleasant; £236, £231 East Cliff; £236 Blackness Hall; £236 Beeches; £234 Bells View; £234 Ranbeck; £232 (2) Farlough Road; £230, £228 High Knipe; £230 Holme House; £228 West Stobswood Farm; £228 Fern House.

Suffolk - £260 Staffield Old Hall; £256, £249 Mount Pleasant Farm; £255 (2), £233, £232, £228, £227, £226 Crompton Farm; £248, £236, £234, £225 Sceugh Dyke; £248, £242, £230, £223, £210 Glebe Cottage; £240, £226, £222 (2) East Cliff; £240 Sleagill House; £230 Pennine View; £230 Low Row; £227, £222 Holme House; £225 (2) Greenacres; £224 Hill Crest; £220 Thorneycroft; £218 Fern House; £213 Blackfold; £211 High Knipe; £210 Stubsgill Farm.

Beltex - £265, £260 Crompton Farm; £255, £230 Glebe Cottage; £245, £240 Petteril Green; £242, £237 East Cliff; £238, £222 Hollands; £230 Bodoney Road; £226 Tara; £221 Ranbeck; £220 Galloper Park.

Continental - £255, £236 Mount Pleasant Farm; £247 Heskett House; £243, £240 High Knipe; £242 Blackfold; £236, £220 Holme House; £234 Buninver Road; £232 Howe Green; £229 Glebe Cottage; £222 (2) Tara; £220 East Cliff.

Dutch Spotted - £240 Crompton Farm; £230 Glebe Cottage.

Mule - £232, £230 (3), £228 (2) Mount Pleasant; £220 Lower Gate Farm; £218, £216 Sceugh Dyke; £218 High Pow Farm; £210 Pennine View.

Cheviot - £230 High Pow Farm; £230 Mount Pleasant Farm; £224, £217 High Knipe; £220 Sycamore Rise; £217 Sceugh Dyke; £216 Ireshope Plains; £212 Ranbeck; £212, £211 Blackfold.

Cheviot Mule - £229 Sycamore Rise; £214 Ranbeck.

Charollais - £227 High Knipe.

Scottish Blackface - £220, £212 (3), £206, £197 Ireshope Plains; £217, £212 Mount Pleasant Farm; £200 Nutholm Farm; £199 Blackfold.

Herdwick - £208 Gillside; £192, £188, £182 Town Head Farm.

Swaledale - £190, £177 Gillside; £190, £186 Sleddale Hall; £184, £181 (2) Highrigg; £182 Street House; £180 Hollands; £178 Ranbeck.

Prime Hoggs p/kg

Beltex – 529.0, 516.0, 496.0 Hollands; 522.0, 520.0 Waterside Farm; 520.0, 451.0 Glebe Cottage; 491.0 Tara; 476.0, 450.0, 438.0 Galloper Park; 471.0, 447.0 Petteril Green; 470.0 Ranbeck; 465.0, 460.0 Glebelands; 451.0 Bodoney Road; 444.0 Sleddale Hall; 438.0 Thorneycroft; 433.0 Crompton Farm; 425.0 East Cliff.

Texel – 522.0, 453.0, 451.0; 437.0, 432.0, 428.0, 426.0, 424.0 (2), 422.0 Crompton Farm; 507.0, 464.0 Ireshope Plains; 505.0, 457.0 Glebelands; 500.0, 485.0, 470.0, 465.0, 451.0, 429.0 High Knipe; 480.0 Black Leases; 477.0, 474.0, 452.0, 449.0, 446.0 Scales Farm; 474.0, 467.0, 428.0, 427.0 Hollands; 467.0, 422.0, 421.0 High Pow Farm; 456.0, 443.0 Auchengray Farm; 455.0, 445.0, 438.0, 430.0 West Stobswood Farm; 450.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 446.0, 430.0 Staffield Old Hall; 445.0, 436.0, 431.0 Lower Gate Farm; 444.0 Lingstubbs; 444.0 Sceugh Dyke; 444.0, 426.0 Holme House; 442.0, 434.0 Sycamore Rise; 439.0 Pennine View; 428.0 West View; 427.0 Glebe Cottage; 425.0 Ireby Hall; 425.0 Tara; 424.0 North Blackbogs; 424.0 Blackfold; 422.0 Clear View Farm Lodge; 421.0 Heskett House;

Continental – 476.0, 443.0 High Knipe; 467.0, 416.0 Ireshope Plains; 453.0, 448.0, 427.0, 426.0, 423.0, 418.0, 416.0 Holme House; 444.0, 438.0 West Stobswood Farm; 444.0 North Blackbogs; 440.0, 436.0 Sleddale Hall; 428.0 The Hills; 426.0, 418.0, 417.0 Blackfold; 416.0 Gillside; 416.0, 415.0 Glebe Cottage; 412.0 West View; 412.0 Heskett House.

Cheviot – 457.0, 448.0, 433.0, 426.0 Ranbeck; 456.0, 427.0, 424.0, 415.0 Ireshope Plains; 450.0 Black Leases; 443.0, 431.0, 425.0 High Knipe; 435.0, 414.0 Sycamore Rise; 433.0 Holme House; 416.0, 414.0 Blackfold; 412.0 The Beeches.

Scottish Blackface – 448.0, 420.0, 408.0, 400.0 (2) Ireshope Plains; 424.0 West Stobswood Farm; 424.0 Black Leases; 414.0 Sceugh Dyke; 406.0 Blackfold; 395.0 Gall Farm; 395.0, 393.0 Mount Pleasant.

Suffolk – 455.0, 409.0 Ireshope Plains; 449.0 High Knipe; 444.0 Low Row; 427.0, 419.0, 413.0 Holme House; 426.0 Blackford; 424.0, 422.0 (2), 420.0, 419.0 Crompton Farm; 418.0, 417.0 Sceugh Dyke; 415.0 Scales Farm; 409.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 409.0 Greenacres; 408.0 Fern House.

Cheviot Mule – 437.0, 404.0 Ranbeck.

Charollais – 428.0 High Knipe.

Herdwick – 425.0, 414.0, 396.0, 392.0, 386.0 Town Head Farm; 419.0 Gall Farm; 417.0, 385.0 Gillside.

Mule – 420.0, 407.0, 402.0, 391.0 Lower Gate Farm; 404.0 Gall Farm; 400.0 Sceugh Dyke; 400.0 Stubsgill Farm; 393.0, 386.0, 383.0 (2) Mount Pleasant Farm; 390.0 Street House.

Dutch Spotted – 411.0 Glebe Cottage; 407.0 Crompton Farm.

Swaledale – 393.0 Gillside; 385.0 (2) Highrigg; 372.0 Sleddale Hall; 371.0 Street House

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £262.90) - £390, £295, £265 Holme House; £380 (2), £375, £310 (2), £305, £285, £282, £260, £248, £224 Greenacres; £380, £365, £340, £318, £230 Bodoney Road; £372, £365, £320, £270, £265 Ballymena Road; £360, £298 Bogie Street; £342, £310 Hollins View; £320 Glen Loughan Road; £295 Killough Road; £290 Sleagill House; £290 Crompton Farm; £278 (3), £255, £240 Glebelands; £270 Beeches; £265, £244 Gate & West Farm; £260 Dalebottom Farm; £250 Low Row; £238 Brannock Court; £236 Fawcett Park; £232, £220 Plum Tree House; £230 Wreay Hall Farm; £228 (2) Galloper Park; £228 Hopperhill; £224 Corskellie; £220 Low Garth

Charollais (Av £263.34) - £360, £240 Bogie Street; £295 Glen Loughan Road; £275, £256 Holme House; £270 Bodoney Road; £250, £222 Manister Road; £238, £233 Crompton Farm; £230 Ballynahinch Road

Continental (Av £199.23) - £350, £298, £280 (2), £228 (2) Glen Loughan Road; £310, £292, £236 Holme House; £290 Sleagill House; £282, £268, £248, £238, £232, £220 Waterside Farm; £275, £272, £250, £248, £240, £238, £235, £234 (2), £230, £221 Crompton Farm; £270, £248 Bodoney Road; £270, £238, £236, £230 Brannock Court; £268, £244 Killough Road; £264, £238 Sycamore Rise; £258 Sceugh Dyke; £256 Ballynahinch Road; £250, £240 Lower Gate Farm; £250, £238, £220 (2) Greenacres; £238 Brayton Road; £238 Low Northsceugh; £236, £220 Newstead Grange; £236 Mill Farm; £234 Peterhouse; £230 Hay Close; £228, £225 Manister Road; £228, £224 East View; £226, £224 Ballymena Road

Suffolk (Av £213.42) - £292, £212 Greenacres; £274, £262, £255, £246, £238, £225, £222 Bogie Street; £272, £219 East Cliff; £260, £245, £238 (2), £230, £226, £216, £210 (2) Holme House; £250 (2), £248, £240, £235, £228, £225, £214 Gate & West Farm; £250 (2) Newstead Grange; £246, £230 Low Northsceugh; £246, £224, £216 Corskellie; £245, £232, £212 Hay Close; £242 Wreay Hall Farm; £240, £220 West End; £240, £212 Crompton Farm; £236 (2) Greenacres; £236 Sceugh Dyke; £232, £218, £212 Bodoney Road; £232, £218 Ballymena Road; £230, £226, £217, £212 Glen Loughan Road; £228 Ballynahinch Road; £220 Hazelrigg; £214, £212 Manister Road; £213 Killough Road; £212 Plum Tree House; £212 The Wreay; £210 Mill Farm

Beltex (Av £234.92) - £262 Bodoney Road; £242 Garth House; £240, £234, £220 Littlebeck; £238, £236 (2) Waterside Farm; £220 Greenacres

Dutch Spotted - £252, £218 Bogie Street

Blue Texel - £248 Glen Loughan Road; £240 Bogie Street

Bluefaced Leicester - £232 Haresceugh Castle; £218 Bogie Street

Cheviot Mule (Av £217.60) - £228 Bogie Street; £212 Highrigg; £190 High Springfield

Cheviot (Av £159.72) - £224 Greenlands; £208, £190 Holme House; £208, £174 Greenacres; £204 Bodoney Road; £196, £190, £187, £178 (2) Manister Road; £192, £178, £172 East Farm; £192 Ballynahinch Road; £190, £168 Glen Loughan Road; £190 Bogie Street; £188 Glebe Cottage; £185 Greystone House; £182 Crosby Lodge; £178 High House; £176 Plum Tree House; £176 West Stobswood Farm; £172, £170 High Lodore Farm; £172 Low Stow Bank; £170 Lower Gate Farm; £170 Nook Farm

Mule (Av £173.44) - £220, £200, £186 Bogie Street; £216, £200 Greenacres; £205 Peterhouse; £202 Glen Loughan Road; £202 West End; £200 Milburn Grange; £196 Holme House; £195 Sceugh Dyke; £195 Coolkeeran Road; £192 Reservoir Farm; £190 Sleagill House; £188 East Cliff; £186 Lower Gate Farm; £185 Ballynahinch Road

Zwartbles - £216 Crompton Road; £202 Ballymena Road; £192 Bogie Street

Swaledale (Av £128.35) - £180 Howe Green; £172 Redgate; £160 Street House (Maughan); £160 Crosby Lodge; £160 Greystone House; £156 Dalebottom Farm; £156 Sleddale Hall; £156 Ireshope Plains; £155, £149 Low Side; £148 Fawcett Park; £148 Burtree Ford; £142 Sherriff; £141 Low Snab; £141 Ranbeck

Herdwick (Av £122.95) - £178, £142 Knott Houses; £138 Howe Green; £138 Town Head Farm (Tyson); £134 Noran Bank Farm

Jacob - £176 Killough Road; £170 Greenacres; £160 Nutholm Farm

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £156.15) - £175, £163 Manister Road; £170, £160 West Stobswood Farm; £170, £164 East Farm; £168 Hazelrigg; £168 Holme House; £163 Greenacres; £161 Glen Loughan Road; £160 Ballymena Road; £160 Brannock Court; £160 Nutholm Farm; £158 Park Head Farm; £158 Coolkeeran Road

Rough Fell - £170 High Harberwain

Cast Rams £/head

Texel - £380 Glen Loughan Road; £290, £268, £260 Crompton Farm; £285 Manister Farm; £244 Greenacres; £228 Ballymena Road

Lleyn - £310 Crompton Farm

Continental - £305, £275, £258, £244, £240 Crompton Farm; £285 Dalebottom Farm; £275 Manister Farm; £255 Low Northsceugh; £238 Glen Loughan Road; £228 High House; £220 Littlebeck

Suffolk - £295, £260 Crompton Farm; £275 Glen Loughan Road; £270 Manister Farm; £265 Greenacres; £265 Littlebeck; £230 Blakehills Farm

Dutch Spotted - £262 Ballymena Road; £180 Glen Loughan Road

Zwartbles - £240 Glen Loughan Road

Bluefaced Leicester - £230 Walmgate

Cheviot - £218 Crompton Farm; £200 High Lodore Farm

Blue Texel - £210 Glen Loughan Road

Kerry - £208 Ballymena Road

Herdwick - £200 Millbeck Hall; £180 Hazelgill

Swaledale - £175 Dalebottom Farm; £168 Haresceugh Castle