

# Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Penrith & District Farmers Mart held their weekly sale with 1,079 spring lambs, 1,831 prime hogs and 835 lightweight lambs and hogs sold, giving a total of 3,745 prime sheep through the ring.

A tremendous entry of 1,079 spring lambs was met with another outstanding trade, returning a wholesale average of 475ppk, or £207 per head. Topping the day's sale at 543ppk was a cracking pair of 42kg Texel lambs from Jackie Marshall, Hermitage, selling to £228

Weight was very much the order of the day, with anything 46kg and above in especially strong demand. The top price per head was £270 for a 52kg Texel lamb from Mr A J Bell, Thethwaite, achieving 519ppk. In total, eight lots sold in excess of £250. Mr A J Bell also topped the Suffolk section at £258 for 53kg.

Mr R A Crichton, Rottington Hall, sold a pen of five 45kg Suffolk lambs to 507ppk, or £228, while Mr L W Taylor Ltd, Hill Top, sold 50kg Mules to £220.

Messrs Bland Ltd sold 37kg Herdwicks to 459ppk, or £170. More spring lambs are needed each week and can be sold to a tremendous advantage.

Ewe numbers were back to a strong level, with the trade to match, as 3,476 head sold to an average of £186.74. Leading the sale at £370 was a pure Texel from Mr J Linsley, Cottage Farm, purchased by AJ Meats, Birmingham. In total, 34 sheep sold in excess of £300. Mr M McNally, Jonesborough, sold a pen of 12 to £230, while M/s AJ & LM Haston sold 6 to average £355.

Suffolks continue to be a pleasure to sell, with Suffolk x Texel ewes reaching £315 from M/s J Wilson & Sons, South Field. A total of 643 sold to average a record £208.17, with larger pens also selling strongly at £265 for 12, £230 for 17, £228 for 14, £223 for 20, and £217 for 17.

Mule ewes topped at a tremendous £228 from Mr CB Abernethy, Belvedene. The best Scotch Mules from Mr B Duffton reached £220, with further pens from the same home selling 24 to £208 and 16 to £193.

Horned ewes met an exceptional trade, with Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, selling 17 to £166 and a further pen of 33 to £157. Mr AJ Bell, Thethwaite, sold a full ring of 33 to £158.

Cast rams sold with great ease, topping at £310 for a pure Texel from Mr CB Abernethy, Belvedene, purchased by A & D Meats. Numerous other tups sold between £270 and £300.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

## **Leading Prices**

### **Prime Lambs £/head**

**Texel:** £270, £245, £225 Thethwaite Farm; £264, £241, £235, £228 Hermitage; £258 Claremont Properties; £258, £257, £244 Hesketh House; £250 Ellerslea; £248 (2) Jacksonrigg Farm; £238 (2) Bank House, £238 Powleys Garth; £236, £228 Cardewlees Farm; £235 Green Lane; £235 Belvedene; £233, £226 Rottington Hall; £232 Wreay Hall; £232 South Field; £230 Wood Farm; £228 Bank House.

**Suffolk:** £258, £233 Thethwaite Farm; £252 West End; £248 Hesketh House; £236, £215 Belvedene; £233 Hill Top; £232 Jacksonrigg Farm; £228 Rottington Hall; £227, £224, £223 Claremont Properties; £220 Wreay Hall Farm; £220 Cardewlees Farm; £218 Jacksonrigg Farm; £217 South Field; £216 Hesketh House; £215 Wood Farm.

**Charollais:** £244 Wayside Cottage; £232 Thackwood.

**Beltex:** £238 Belvedene; £218 (2), £216 Home Farm; £210 Crewgarth.

**Zwartble:** £234 Ormside Lodge.

**Blue Texel:** £228 Claremont Properties.

**Mule:** £220 Hill Top.

### **Prime Lambs Ppk**

**Texel:** 543.0, 508.0 Hermitage; 537.0, 498.0 Cleamire; 520.0 Mill Farm; 519.0, 500.0, 495.0 Thethwaite Farm; 517.0, 500.0 Bank House; 517.0 Jackson Rigg Farm; 514.0, 507.0, 505.0 Rottington Hall; 509.0, 504.0, 495.0 Wreay Hall; 505.0, 503.0 Home Farm; 504.0 Hesketh House; 503.0 Newstead Grange; 502.0 Mill Farm; 500.0, 498.0 Brow Top; 497.0 East Cocklaw Farm; 495.0 Mill Farm; 495.0 Newstead Grange.

**Beltex:** 525.0 Crewgarth; 520.0 Haltcliffe Bridge; 519.0 (2), 513.0, 500.0 Home Farm; 502.0 Crewgarth; 496.0 Belvedene

**Suffolk:** 507.0 Rottington Hall; 496.0, 487.0 Thethwaite Farm; 496.0 Hesketh House; 485.0 West End; 484.0, 483.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 482.0 South Field.

**Charollais:** 498.0 Wayside Cottage; 493.0 Thackwood.

**Blue Texel:** 495.0 Home Farm

**Blackfaced:** 489.0 East Cocklaw Farm.

**Dutch Spotted:** 485.0 The Birches.

**Herdwick:** 459.0 Clea Hall.

**Zwartble:** 450.0 Ormside Lodge.

**Mule:** 444.0 Hill Top.

### **Prime Hogs £/head**

**Texel:** £272, £262, £260, £256 Moory Lea Farm; £266, £259, £253, £252 Sceugh Dyke; £264, £239, £238 Cottage Farm; £264 Auchengray Farm; £260, £240 Tann House; £258, £254, £253, £250 Cottage Farm; £254 Ireshope Plains; £250 Randleholme; £248 West Stobswood Farm; £248 Tymparon Hall; £245 Holme House; £244 Ranbeck; £244, £242 Holme House; £244 Far Bank End; £242 Sleagill House; £238 Bunniver Road; £238 High Knipe; £236 South Bogbain Farm; £236 Moory Lea Farm; £230 Thorneycroft.

**Suffolk:** £262, £244, £240 Sceugh Dyke; £250 Sleagill House; £248 Bogie Street; £230 Cottage Farm.

**Cheviot:** £249, £248, £246, £244, £240 Bloan Farm; £238 Dry Howe; £232 Sceugh Dyke.

**Mule:** £244, £215 Sceugh Dyke; £234, £218 Rosgill Head; £232 Hole House.

**Beltex:** £240, £210 Moory Lea Farm; £228 Tann House.

**Dutch Spotted:** £238 Church Meadows.

**Herdwick:** £202 Gaitsgill; £190 Anns Cottage.

**Blackfaced:** £208 South Bogbain Farm; £196 Holme House; £194 Sceugh Dyke.

**Swaledale:** £190 Rosgill Head; £186, £170 Redgate.

### **Leading Prices**

#### **Cast Ewes £/head**

**Texel (Av £370.00)** - £370 Cottage Farm; £355, £298 Dearham Hall; £350, £258, £250 Bunniver Road; £350, £330, £325, £274, £265 (2), £260 Haas Side Farm; £340, £248 South Bogbain Farm; £330, £272, £266, £262 Holme House; £315 Coolkeeran Road; £300, , £276, £256, £248 Bodoney Road; £285 Moory Lea Farm; £278 Wes Stobswood Farm; £275 Thethwaite Farm; £275, £270 The Laurels; £275 Brannock Courts; £246 Tann House; £242 Whitehead Brow; £240 (2) Middleton of Potteron.

**Beltex (Av £231.49)** - £340 South Bogbain Farm; £300 Belvedene; £290 The Laurels; £265 Tann House; £254 (2) Haas Side Farm.

**Charollais (Av £247.00)** - £315 Brannock Courts; £290 Belvedene; £290 Ballymena Road; £268 Manister Road; £244 Bodoney Road.

**Suffolk (Av £208.41)** - £315 South Field; £288, £259 (2) Scales Hall; £285, £270, £255 (2), £248 Tann House; £280 The Laurels; £272, £270, £230 Holme House; £265, £262, £235, £232 Belvedene; £260 Thethwaite Farm; £248 Bodoney Road; £245 Wreay Hall Farm; £244 Bodoney Road; £242 West End; £240 Shethin Farm; £240 South Bogbain Farm; £236 Scales Hall; £230 South Field; £230 Claremont Properties

**Continental (Av £198.91)** - £300 Belvedene; £295, £240 Holme Farm; £295 Tarn End; £280, £274, £260, £245, £242 Shethin Farm; £275, £268, £242 The Laurels; £272, £270 (2), £260, £246 Brannock Courts; £262 Wayside Cottage; £258 (2) Whitehead Brow; £253, £246 Bodo-

ney Road; £250 Claremont Properties; £248 Manister Road; £242 Sleagill House; £240 Bank House; £240 Glen Loughan Road; £240 Ballymena Road; £240 West Stobswood Farm.

**Rouge (Av.£249.33)**- £270 42 Bodoney Road.

**Blue Texel (Av £235.75)** - £262, £250 Wayside Cottage; £245 Shethin Farm; £245 Claremont Properties

**Mule (Av £228.00)** - £228 Belvedene; £220 Scales Hall; £215 South Field; £210 Sleagill House; £208 South Bogbain Farm; £204 Cardewlees Farm; £190 Barrock End; £190 West Stobswood Farm; £190 Holme House; £188 Glen Loughran Road; £184 The Green; £184 Waterside House; £184 Clea Mire; £184 Bank House

**Dutch Spotted (Av. £213.33)** -£228 The Birches.

**Leicester (Av. £184.48)** - £224 Old Parks.

**Dorset (Av £178.78)** - £223 South Bogbain Farm; £200 Coolkeeran Road.

**Cheviot Mule (Av £188.27)** - £212, £201, £200, £198 (2) Tann House; £200 Thethwaite Farm; £198 Manister Road

**Zwartble (Av £151.00)** - £204 Bodoney Road; £200 Belvedene.

**Cheviot (Av £155.54)** - £198 Barrock End; £192 Belvedene; £190 Clea Hall; £190 Low Abbey; £190, £188 Bunniver Road; £188, £186 Brannock Courts; £183, £180 Rookin House Farm; £182 Ballymacicurr Road; £180 West Stobswood Farm.

**Scotch Blackfaced (Av £140.68)** - £166, £157 South Bogbain Farm; £158 Thethwaite Farm; £157, £156 Brannock Courts; £149 Glen Loughan Road; £149 Holme House; £141 Ireshope Plains; £140 Bolton Hall; £140 Nutholme Farm.

**Swaledale (Av £125.22)** - £155 Howgill Castle; £153 Waterside House; £150 Side Farm; £150 Ennerdale; £150 How Hall; £148 Well House; £148 Hegdale; £147 Lowthwaite; £146 Low Mill; £144 Pasture House; £144 Hollands; £142 Low Stow Bank; £140 Low Abbey.

**Herdwick (Av £111.56)** - £146 Anns Cottage.

### **Cast Rams £/head**

**Continental** - £310, £242, £241 Belvedene; £302 How Hall; £298 Holme House; £295 Sleagill House; £280 Riggin Gill Farm; £272 Brannock Courts; £250 Low House.

**Charollais** - £294 Glen Loughran Road; £264 Ballymena Road.

**Texel** - £292 Julian Holme Farm; £270 Low House

**Suffolk** -£292 Belvedne; £268 Shethin Farm.

**Blue Texel** - £276 Belvedene; £258 22 Glen Loughan Road.

**Leicester**- £252 Howgill Castle; £250 Moory Lea Farm.

**Beltex** - £244 Belvedene.

**Herdwick** - £192 Low Stow Bank; £170 How Hall.