

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 10th June 2026

On Wednesday 10th June, Penrith & District Farmers Mart held its weekly sale, with 583 spring lambs, 1,043 prime hogs, 649 lightweight lambs and 3,613 cast ewes, the sale equated to 5,888 head.

A smaller show was forward following a more challenging week of weather. Lambs with weight continued to excel, with those 46kg and above achieving the strongest returns. An overall sale average of 445ppk was achieved, or £194.21 per head.

Topping today's sale at 514ppk were three excellent Texel lambs from Mr R A Crichton, Rottington Hall, weighing 42kg and realising £216. Messrs Metcalfe, Home Farm, followed closely at 511ppk for three lambs weighing 37kg and realising £189.

Topping per head at £254 were Suffolk lambs from R J & R J Benson, Kettleside Farm, weighing 54kg and realising 470ppk. Also breaking the £250 barrier was a pair of Texels from Mr M Strong, Hewer Hill, weighing 53kg and achieving 474ppk, or £251. This consignment also topped the averages at £242 for four.

Top consignor averages per head were as follows:

- 4 @ £242 - M Strong, Hewer Hill
- 10 @ £234.60 - A McCutchen, Bodney Road
- 9 @ £234.44 - R J & R J Benson, Kettleside
- 22 @ £231.05 - M/s T E Irving & Son, East Cliff

Messrs Metcalfe, Home Farm, sold 21 outstanding lambs to average 489.26ppk at 38kg, achieving £188.71 per head.

A strong entry of 1,043 prime hogs was forward, with heavy hogs continuing to meet strong demand, while handy-weight hogs showed greater resistance.

Topping the day's trading at £258 was a superb pen of four Texel hogs, weighing 64kg, from Mr T Hetherington, Staffield Old Hall. The same home also sold three Suffolk hogs, weighing 75kg, at £252.

P Baker sold an excellent pen of six Jacob hogs, weighing 61kg, to achieve £238. The top ppk of 455ppk came for a pen of nine Texels from Blackfold, weighing 55kg and achieving £250. J Bowling & Son Ltd, Crompton Farm, sold Beltex hogs to 453ppk for one weighing 49kg and achieving £222.

Top consignor averages per head were as follows:

- 46 @ £248.61 - P Baker, Glebe Cottage
- 38 @ £243.95 – T Hetherington, Staffield Hall Farm

Another strong entry of ewes was presented, with the sale achieving an overall average of £166.28. Quality remained very good throughout, with the trade topping at £350 for superb pure-bred Texel ewes from Mr D Coulter, Northern Ireland. M/s DJ Wilson, Jubilee Farm, North Yorkshire, sold 18 pure-bred Texels to average £285, topping at £295 for a pen of 16.

Heavier fat ewes were noticeably easier on the week; however, stronger ewes continued to achieve £200 and above. Horned ewes remained one of the easiest commodities to sell, with M/s Lightfoot, Gill Side, selling Swaledales to £148 for a pen of 15. Several pens of Scotch Blackface ewes also achieved £140 and above.

Cast rams remained a very strong trade, topping at £282 for a pen of 11 Texel-cross rams from M McNally, selling to Mr K Harryman, with many other pens achieving £200 and above.

The best nanny goats reached a top price of £202 per head from Mr Mawson, Bailey Ground, Seascale.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 17th June. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Suffolk - £254, £232 Kettleside Farm; £246 Brannock Court; £238 East Cliff; £234 Ballymaderphy Road; £228 Ratten Castle; £220 Field House Farm; £218 Sootyhill; £216 Wreay Hall Farm; £215 Macey Bank; £214 Rottington Hall; £210 Waterside Farm
Texel - £251, £233 Hewer Hill Cottage; £246, £243, £231 East Cliff; £243, £229 Bodoney Road; £238, £220 Waterside Farm; £235 Goose Green Cottage; £234 Threlkeld Hall; £232 Kettleside Farm; £232 Rottington Hall; £230 Salter Hall Farm; £230 Field House Farm; £228 Ratten Castle; £220 High House
Dutch Spotted - £238 Crooklands Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg

Texel – 514.0, 510.0, 495.0 Rottington Hall; 496.0 Hewer Hill Cottage; 494.0 Kettleside Farm; 491.0, 482.0 East Cliff; 489.0 Waterside Farm; 489.0 High House; 488.0 Threlkeld Hall; 485.0 Ratten Castle; 485.0 Newstead Grange
Beltex – 511.0, 497.0 (2), 495.0, 492.0 Home Farm (Metcalf)
Suffolk – 486.0, 462.0, 456.0 (2) Rottington Hall; 475.0 Ratten Castle; 473.0, 470.0 Kettleside Farm; 470.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 457.0 Macey Bank
Rouge – 461.0 Luketon Stud

Prime Hoggs £/head

Texel - £258, £255, £242 Staffield Old Hall; £258, £250, £248, £245, £242, £222 Sceugh Dyke; £256 (2), £254, £244, £238 (2) Glebe Cottage; £250, £240, £230 (3), £222 Blackfold; £245 Field House Farm; £238 Crewgarth; £238 Crompton Farm; £232 Lingstubbs; £230, £222 Sewell House; £228 Bells View; £228 Holme House; £224 Cornyard
Continental - £256 Glebe Cottage; £220, £192, £172 Holme House; £178 Cornyard

Suffolk - £252, £220 Staffield Old Hall; £242, £238, £228 Sceugh Dyke; £220 Wreay Hall Farm; £200 Nook Farm; £190 Nutholm Farm; £182 Lower Gate Farm; £180 Crompton Farm; £174 Tara

Cheviot - £238, £205 Sceugh Dyke; £228 Blackfold; £228 Harleycroft; £206 (2), £204, £188 Bloan Farm; £177 Yarpha Farm

Blue Texel - £238 Crompton Farm; £210 Blackfold

Jacob - £238 Glebe Cottage

Charollais - £228 Holme House

Beltex - £222 Crompton Farm

Dutch Spotted - £218 Sceugh Dyke

Rough Fell - £216 Holme House

Gritstone - £212 Sceugh Dyke

Mule - £204, £190 Sceugh Dyke

Swaledale - £170 Sceugh Dyke

Scotch Blackfaced - £168, £160 (2) Sceugh Dyke

Herdwick - £160 Willows Farm

Prime Hoggs p/kg

Texel – 455.0, 436.0, 435.0, 434.0, 426.0, 424.0 Blackfold; 444.0, 435.0, 395.0 Sceugh Dyke; 441.0, 408.0 Crewgarth; 425.0, 403.0 Staffield Old Hall; 418.0, 406.0, 403.0 Glebe Cottage; 418.0 Crompton Farm; 407.0 Holme House; 404.0 Yarpha Farm; 400.0 Lingstubbs; 396.0 Willows Farm; 395.0 Field House Farm; 393.0 Bells View; 388.0 Fell Hill; 385.0, 383.0 Cornyard; 384.0 Tara; 383.0 Sewell House; 382.0 Reservoir Farm

Beltex – 453.0 Crompton Farm; 395.0 Sleddale Hall; 375.0 Nook Farm

Cheviot – 449.0, 427.0 Sceugh Dyke; 418.0, 408.0, 404.0 (2) Bloan Farm; 415.0 Harleycroft; 402.0 Yarpha Farm

Suffolk – 447.0, 432.0, 372.0 Sceugh Dyke; 379.0 Lower Gate Farm; 379.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 378.0 Tara; 364.0 Sleddale Hall

Blue Texel – 429.0 Blackfold; 403.0 Crompton Farm

Dutch Spotted – 411.0 Sceugh Dyke

Jacob – 390.0 Glebe Cottage

Continental – 387.0 Cornyard; 376.0, 362.0, 355.0 Holme House; 376.0 West Stobswood Farm; 376.0 Glebe Farm; 375.0 Crompton Farm; 350.0 Nutholm Farm

Mule – 380.0, 378.0 Sceugh Dyke

Scotch Blackfaced – 367.0 West Stobswood Farm; 364.0 (2) Sceugh Dyke

Leading Prices

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £214.10) - £350, £278 (2), £250, £245 Ballymena Road; £345 Bogie Street; £325, £295 Shethin Farm; £310 Tarn End; £295 (2) Jubilee Farm; £284, £234, £224, £222, £220 Greenacres; £280 Crompton Farm; £275 Ballynahinch Road; £264, £240 Buninver Road; £262, £256, £250, £230 (2), £224 Holme House; £260 Low Dyke; £258, £255 Brannocks Court; £248, £228 (2), £222 Harleycroft; £228 (2) Coolkeeran Road; £220 Sewell House; £212 (2) Bodoney Road; £212 Bogie Street

Continental (Av £173.35) - £330 Greenacres; £268, £250 (3), £225, £220 Brannock Courts; £260, £250, £145, £218 Holme House; £258 (2), £220, £216 Ballynahinch Road; £258, £235, £230, £216, £212 Shethin Farm; £245 Tormore Road; £234 Hillcrest; £230, £214 Tarn End;

£220 Lowther Street; £216 Glebe Cottage; £215 Crompton Farm; £212 Mill Farm (Noble);
£210 Buninver Road; £210 Braes of Enzie
Charollais (Av £201.31) - £270, £216 Buninver Road; £255 Shethin Farm; £212 Brannocks
Court

Beltex (Av £202.22) - £250, £244, £218 Espland House; £228 Wreay Hall Farm; £228
Crooklands Farm; £224, £218 Whiteley Hey Farm; £218 Brannocks Court; £214 Shethin Farm

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £180.63) - £238 Albery

Suffolk (Av £180.60) - £226, £214 Bogie Street; £222 Thethwaite Farm; £216 Shethin Farm;
£215 Mount Pleasant Farm; £213, £209 (2), £195, £191 (2) Holme House; £210 Manister
Road; £202 Bodoney Road; £200 Brannock Courts; £199 Wreay Hall Farm; £198 Ballynahinch
Road; £196 (2), £192 Buninver Road; £196, £190 Greenacres; £192 (3), £190 Shethin Farm;
£192 Ballymaderphy Road; £192 Brow Top; £190 Belvedene; £190 Lingstubbs; £190 Bogie
Street; £190 Ballymena Road; £190 Field House Farm

Blue Texel (Av £187.38) - £208 Bogie Street

Dutch Spotted (Av £162.60) - £204 Bodoney Road

Cheviot (Av £126.73) - £202, £185 Bogie Street; £182, £165, £160 Balleymena Road; £178,
£164 Shethin Farm; £176 Cornyard; £170 Brannock Courts; £166 Manister Road; £162 Moor
Farm; £160 Mount Pleasant Farm; £160 Greenacres

Zwartble (Av £167.39) - £202 Bogie Street

Rouge - £200 Tormore Road

Cheviot Mule (Av £173.24) - £198 Bogie Street

Mule (Av £153.99) - £192 Ballymena Road; £184 Thethwaite; £178, £176 West Stobbswood
Farm; £176 Bogie Street; £175 Coolkeeran Road; £175 Manister Road; £174 Nutholme Farm;
£170 Lingstubbs; £170 Greenacres

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £118.37) - £148 Shethin Farm; £148 High Greening Farm; £142, £134
Greenacres; £140 Bogie Street; £140 Mount Pleasant Farm; £137 Tarn End; £132, £130, £122
Brannock Courts; £130 Holme House; £130 Huntly Lodge Farm; £125 Ballymaderphy Road;
£122 Braes of Enzie; £121 Shethin Farm

Swaledale (Av £88.40) - £148 Gillside; £124 Scales Farm (Braithwaite); £124 Cornyard; £124
Highbeckside

Jacob (Av £133.50) - £138 Glebe Cottage; £132 Mount Pleasant Farm

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £282 Holme House; £275 Glebe Cottage; £274 Yarpa Farm; £268, £205, £200
Belvedene; £250 Ballymena Road; £250 Coolkeeran Road; £248 Ballynahinch Road; £246
Brannock Courts; £218 Cornyard

Charollais - £270, £262 Belvedene; £248 Manister Road

Texel - £270 Greenacres; £254, £220 Crompton Farm; £248 Belvedene; £238 Mount Pleasant
Farm

Cheviot - £244 Ballymena Road

Suffolk - £235 Belvedene; £220 Crompton Farm; £216 Ballynahinch Road

Dorset - £232 Ballynahinch Road

Bluefaced Leicester - £208 Brannock Courts

Goat - £202 Bailey Ground Hotel