

# Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026

On Wednesday 24th June, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 5,336 prime sheep, comprising of 1,293 prime lambs, 682 prime hogs, 558 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs & 2, 803 cast ewes & rams.

A very positive trade was seen in the lamb ring, with an overall sale average of 402ppk achieved.

Trade was considerably dearer than at the start of the week. The sale topped at £246 per head for 61kg Suffolk x Texel lambs from Messrs Graves, Hesket House, selling at 409ppk to Mr M McIntyre. The same home went on to average 52kg, £216.53 per head, or 413ppk.

Leading the averages was Mr G Pyman, Park View, who sold 21 Texel x Mule lambs to average £223.33 per head, or 429ppk, at 52kg.

Topping the price per kilo was Mr R A Cricton, Rottington Hall, with excellent 45kg Beltex lambs selling at 488ppk, totalling £220, and purchased by Mr G Lomax. The same home also sold 48kg lambs to £224.

An end-of-season show of hogs was forward, with very little meat on offer. The best Cheviot hogs topped at £200 for 60kg from Mr J Page, Farmanby, while Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge, also achieved £200 for 64kg hogs.

Hogs carrying meat remained between 340ppk and 360ppk.

From next week, hogs will be sold after the cast ewes, while remaining in a separate section.

It was another bonanza in the ewe ring, with every animal sold averaging £180.15. Most classes were up a further £5 to £8 on the week. The sale topped at £375 for a tremendous pure-bred Texel ewe from Mr C Abernethy, selling to regular customers Romford Halal, with several other lots realising £300 and above. Charollais ewes from the same home achieved £320, selling to Pak Mecca Meats.

A total of 541 Suffolk ewes came forward, averaging an outstanding £199.94. The section topped at £258 on two occasions for pairs of pure ewes from Messrs W G & B Wilson, Under Cragg, and Mr C Abernethy. Other larger pens sold to £232 for 17, £232 for 15, £227 for 15, £212 for 11, £212 for 14 and £210 for 35.

Demand was strong throughout the ram section, topping at £275 for a tremendous pure-bred Texel from Messrs G & HR Shields, Tarn House. Exceptionally well-fed Beltex tups sold to £260 from Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge.

Horned ewes were well short of requirements, topping at £162 for Northumberland Black-faces from Wanwood Hill, Alston. Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, sold 24 fed hill ewes to £159, while the best Swaledale's reached £150 from Mr M Allan, Knock Hall.

Overall, it was a very dear trade for all classes. Farmers are encouraged to draw ewes forward and make the most of the trade while it remains at these levels.

All classes are needed to fulfil the demand every week here at Penrith. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

### **Leading Prices**

#### **Prime Lambs £/head**

**Texel** - £246, £244 Hesketh House; £240, £230, £224 (2), £212 Colstons; £236, £230, £220, £216 Park View; £232, £215 Sootyhill; £230 Rottington Hall; £230 High Springfield; £228 Holme House; £227, £200 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £218 West End; £215 Salter Hall Farm; £206 Dalemain; £204 Clea Mire; £203 Hallgarth; £202 Hay Close; £200 Grassknop Farm

**Suffolk** - £234, £218, £208, £204 Hesketh House; £230 Lane End; £228, £208 Clea Mire; £221, £214, £206, £196 Low Abbey; £218, £192 Inglewood Edge; £212, £205 Hurlbarrow Farm; £208, £204, £192 Sootyhill; £205 Howe Green; £196 Jacksonrigg Farm; £193, £190 Holme House; £192 Brackenburgh Home Farm

**Continental** - £234, £213 Holme House; £228 Sunnyside; £214 Plumridge; £214 Ballinaskeagh Road; £200 Blands Farm

**Beltex** - £226, £210 Inglewood Edge; £224, £220, £200 Rottington Hall; £212 High Springfield; £210 Grassknop Farm; £202 Hay Close; £200 Ravenwood

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

**Beltex** – 489.0, 467.0, 444.0, 443.0, 427.0, 424.0 Rottington Hall; 476.0 Cottage Farm; 467.0, 435.0 Inglewood Edge; 450.0, 437.0, 423.0 Woodhead Farm (Savage); 441.0, 422.0, 421.0 Hay Close; 426.0 Sunnyside; 425.0 (3), 418.0, 417.0, 414.0 Crewgarth; 424.0, 414.0 High Springfield; 422.0, 411.0, 410.0 Clea Mire; 420.0 Grassknop Farm; 419.0, 411.0 Mill Farm; 418.0 Ravenwood

**Continental** – 447.0 Sunnyside; 428.0 Plumridge; 423.0 Cottage Farm; 418.0 Holme House; 417.0 Blands Farm; 415.0 Ballinaskeagh Road; 414.0 Grandy Close; 410.0 Crewgarth

**Texel** – 441.0, 440.0, 437.0, 411.0 Park View; 439.0, 433.0, 429.0, 423.0, 417.0 Colstons; 430.0, 422.0 (2), 413.0 Sootyhill; 426.0 High Springfield; 422.0, 416.0, 416.0 The Wath; 422.0 Salter Hall Farm; 421.0 Hay Close; 418.0, 417.0, 416.0 (3) Rottington Hall; 418.0 Ravenwood; 416.0 Gale Croft; 416.0 Clea Mire; 414.0 Hesketh House; 413.0, 411.0 West End; 413.0, 410.0 Sunnyside; 410.0 Mill Farm; 410.0 Crewgarth

**Suffolk** – 438.0, 433.0 Clea Mire; 438.0, 428.0, 425.0, 417.0 Low Abbey; 418.0 Hurlbarrow Farm; 418.0 Howe Green; 416.0 (2), 411.0 (2) Heskett House; 411.0 Inglewood Edge; 411.0 Hay Close; 410.0 Sunnyside

### **Prime Hoggs £/head**

**Cheviot** - £200 Farmanby; £195 Greenacres; £170 Welton Farm

**Beltex** - £200, £190 Inglewood Edge; £170 Hay Close

**Texel** - £195 Greenacres; £190 (2), £170 Sceugh Dyke; £190 Holme House; £170 Tymparon Hall; £170 Allerbeck Farm; £170 Hay Close; £170 (2) Belvedene; £170 Town Head (Mounsey)

**Continental** - £180, £170 Belvedene

**Herdwick** - £175 Town Head (Mounsey)

**Suffolk** - £172, £170 Sceugh Dyke

**Shetland** - £170 Auchlyle Farm

**Scotch Blackfaced** - £170 Greenacres

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

**Herdwick** – 372.0 Town Head (Mounsey)

**Texel** – 351.0, 315.0 Tymparon Hall; 347.0, 329.0, 314.0 (2) Allerbeck Farm; 341.0, 327.0, 322.0 Sceugh Dyke; 327.0 Buninver Road; 322.0, 313.0, 310.0 Eamont Terrace; 315.0 Town Head (Mounsey); 315.0 Greenacres;

**Beltex** – 351.0 Nutholm Farm; 345.0, 313.0 Inglewood Edge; 327.0 Allerbeck Farm

**Cheviot** – 342.0 Greenacres; 331.0 Eamont Terrace; 321.0, 320.0 Gate House; 314.0 Murrah Hall

**Suffolk** – 324.0 Allerbeck Farm; 323.0 Town Head (Mounsey); 316.0 Sceugh Dyke; 316.0 Nutholm Farm

**Continental** – 324.0 Auchlyle Farm; 319.0 Holme House

**Scotch Blackfaced** – 304.0 Greenacres; 302.0 Sceugh Dyke

**Blue Texel** – 304.0 Green Farm

### **Cast Ewes £/head**

**Texel (Av £239.35)** - £375, £360, £350 Belvedene; £340, £305, £264, £234 Low Field Cottage; £335 Lane End; £325, £300, £265 Harrot Hill Farm; £300, £274 Bogie Street; £300, £264, £240, £230 Glen Loughan Road; £290, £260, £252 Holme House; £285 Grassknop Farm; £280 Cottage Farm; £275 Low Field; £268 Mill Farm; £258, £240, £238 Ballymena Road; £252, £238, £236 West Stobswood Farm; £250 (2), £238 Undercragg; £248 Greenacres; £244, £232 Manister Road; £235 Belvedene; £232 Copperthorns

**Charollais (Av £240.24)** - £320, £270, £248 Belvedene; £300, £270, £230 Land End

**Continental (Av £188.76)** - £320 Belvedene; £270, £248, £247, £236 Lane End; £258, £238 (2) Harrot Hill Farm; £258 Undercragg; £256 Copperthorns; £254, £238, £234 Buninver Road; £250, £242, £238 Holme House; £248 Rosgill Head; £244, £232 Elm House; £240 Manister Road; £238 West Dowgill; £232 Bogie Street

**Beltex (Av £264.08)** - £295, £270 (2), £264 Elm House; £262 Harrot Hill Farm

**Blue Texel** - £265 Holme House

**Suffolk (Av £199.94)** - £258, £248, £224, £220, £219, £218, £212 Belvedene; £258

Undercragg; £238 North Gill Bank; £232 (2), £212 Holme House; £230 Coolkeeran Road; £228 Field House; £228 Low Abbey; £227 Plumridge; £225 Bogie Street; £222, £220, £216 (2), £214

Buninver Road; £215 Ballymena Road; £214 Ballinaskeagh Road; £212 West End; £212 Cobble End

**Cheviot Mule (Av £195.50)** - £236, £190 Belvedene; £200 Coolkeeran Road; £189 Hay Close  
**Bluefaced Leicester** - £220 Hewgill House; £212 Hill Top; £200 Welton Farm; £200 Bogie Street

**Cheviot (Av £154.53)** - £200, £180 Manister Road; £200 Cottage Farm; £196 (2), £170 Belvedene; £192, £171 Greenacres; £192 Clea Mire; £190, £176 Bogie Street; £188 Hill Top; £188 Leigh Croft; £188 Murrah Hall; £186 Whitrigg Farm; £186 Mid Farm; £178 Glen Loughan Road; £178 Greenhow; £178 Drumcrow Road; £174 Welton Farm

**Mule (Av £162.89)** - £192 Bogie Street; £190, £170 Belvedene; £180, £178 Town Head (Mounsey); £180, £176 Buninver Road; £180, £175, £173 Kettleside Farm; £179, £174 Manister Road; £179 Holme House; £178 Rosgill Head; £178 Low Bendrigg Hall; £174 Cop-perthorns; £173 Low Abbey; £172 Friarbiggin; £170 Fawcett Park; £170 Reservoir Farm; £170 Undercragg

**Masham** - £180 Kettleside Farm

**Scotch Blackfaced (Av £133.28)** - £162 Wanwood Hill; £160 Rosgill Head; £159, £143 Greenacres; £158 Buninver Road; £148 Lane End; £145 Bogie Street; £144 Ballymena Road; £144 Coolkeeran Road; £142 Glen Loughan Road

**Herdwick (Av £106.00)** - £160 West Stobswood Farm

**Swaledale (Av £97.88)** - £150 Greenhow; £148 Fawcett Park; £146 Lane End; £142 Highbeckside

#### **Cast Rams £/head**

**Texel** - £275 Tarn House; £240 Raemoir Road

**Continental** - £260 Inglewood Edge; £240, £230 Belvedene

**Suffolk** - £240 Broomhill Farm; £230 Belvedene

**Dorset** - £220 Greenacres

**Cheviot** - £202 Belvedene; £200 Greenacres