

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 8th July 2026

On Wednesday 8th July, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 5,336 prime sheep, comprising of 1,001 prime lambs, 109 prime hogs, 740 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs & 3,288 cast ewes & rams.

Another strong entry of 1,001 spring lambs was forward, with handy-weight sheep showing a dramatic lift. A whole sale average of 401.5ppk and SQQ of 402.5ppk was achieved. The sale topped at 491ppk for a pair of 44kg Beltex lambs, achieving £216 from Lyle Farming Company, Staingills. This run of 82 lambs sold to average 433ppk/£192.50 for 44kg.

A top-price-per-head of £268 was achieved for a pair of Suffolk lambs, weighing 79kg from HM Livestock, Shethin Farm. Messrs WW Armstrong, Stoneybeck Farm, sold a lovely Beltex lamb, weighing 57kg to 418ppk/£238.

Messrs Cannon, Low Abbey, sold a great pen of 7 Suffolk lambs at 51kg to £220/431ppk. This run of 49 lambs sold to average 413ppk/£198 for 47kg.

Mr W Morison, Greenacres, sold 14 lambs to average £211 for 53kg.

Once again lambs over 50kg were regularly in excess of £200, with Holme House selling a run of 14 Dorsets at 53kg to £214.

More lambs are needed to fulfil demand for all classes, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

A smaller offering of 140 hogs was forward, with meaty hogs still required. L Graham, Shannachar Cottage, sold five Cheviot hogs at 41kg to 380ppk, achieving £156. The same home also sold Dutch Spotted hogs at 73kg to a top price per head of £210.

Messrs T Armstrong & Son, Sceugh Dyke, sold 50kg Suffolk hogs to £180, or 360ppk. Hogs can still be marketed here in Penrith. If you still have hogs to sell, please get in touch.

Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 3,288 cast ewes and rams, as we move into mid-July, numbers are up by more than 1,000 head on the year, with averages up over £20 ahead. A ringside of 14 active buyers ensured strong, honest competition, driving premium returns for all vendors.

The whole sale averaged £174.67, with most classes simply £5- £8 ahead up on the week. The top price of £370 went to regular customer Mr W Morison, South Bogbain for tremendous pure-bred Texels and numerous others selling at £300 and above.

M/s B S & J Strong & Son, Hewer Hill sold a consignment of pure-bred Texels to average £301.66, topping at £325 for a pair selling to Shan's UK Ltd.

A total of 726 Suffolk-bred ewes were forward, averaging an excellent £191.33 and topping at £270 on two occasions. Larger pens sold to strong demand, including 19 at £220, 14 at £218, 12 at £212, 23 at £211, and two pens of 21 and 11 at £208.

M/s TJ & JM Powley, Bland Farm, sold a run of 48 North of England Mule ewes to average £184.50, topping at £194. Horned ewes remained well short of buyer requirements, with Swaledales selling to £155 from M/s S & W Maughan, Street House. Scotch Blackface sold to £162 from Mr B Dufton, while South Bogbain again sold a pen of 20 well-fed hill Blackface ewes to £150.

Cast rams were very easily sold, with returning customer Mr H McRae, Aberdeen, achieving £360 for pure Texels and Mr C Abernethy selling a pair to £270.

Once again, numbers are most certainly required for next week's sale, please get in touch.

All classes are needed to fulfil the demand every week here at Penrith. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 15th July. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Suffolk - £268, £236, £216 Shethin Farm; £230, £198 Thackwood; £228, £218 Clea Mire; £220 (2), £206, £196 Low Abbey; £218 Greenacres; £213, £196 Staingills; £210 Holme House; £208, £198 Wreay Hall Farm; £202, £196 Kettleside Farm; £196 Highrigg

Charollais - £244 Wayside Cottage; £202 Thackwood

Beltex - £238 Stoneybeck Farm; £228 Newstead Grange; £216, £208 (2), £207, £200 Staingills; £206 (2) Wreay Hall Farm; £204 Drawbriggs Court

Texel - £236, £204 Newstead Grange; £228 Holme House; £224 Holme Farm (Bousfield); £218 (2), £215, £208, £200 Staingills; £215 Shire Lodge; £214, £204 Sceugh Dyke; £214 Clea Mire; £210 Greenacres; £204 Colby Hall; £202 Lamonby Hall; £200, £198 Ravenwood; £198 (2) Wreay Hall Farm; £196 Lane End

Dorset - £214 Holme House

Rouge - £208 Greenacres

Continental - £205 Holme House

Blue Texel - £198 Shire Lodge

Mule - £194 Sceugh Dyke

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 491.0, 473.0, 465.0, 460.0, 441.0, 433.0 Staingills; 458.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 451.0 Clea Mire; 443.0, 442.0 Drawbriggs Court; 426.0, 424.0 Home Farm (Metcalfe)

Continental – 418.0, 404.0 Holme House; 414.0 Oakdene; 411.0 Leigh Croft; 411.0 Shethin Farm; 402.0 Thackwood

Texel – 489.0, 452.0, 433.0, 432.0, 425.0, 421.0, 419.0 (2), 417.0, 416.0 Staingills; 460 Haas Side Farm; 435.0 Park Nook; 431.0 Sootyhill; 424.0, 416.0 Colby Hall; 423.0 Ravenwood; 423.0 Low Blaithwaite; 422.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 421.0 Lamonby Hall; 418.0 Stoneybeck Farm; 417.0 Lane End; 416.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 415.0 Cairnbridge Farm

Suffolk – 431.0 (2), 420.0, 411.0, 408.0, 402.0 Low Abbey; 419.0, 415.0 Clea Mire; 418.0 (2) The Wath (Wilson); 413.0 Thorneycroft; 412.0 Holme House; 410.0, 407.0 Staingills; 409.0 Sootyhill; 408.0 Shethin Farm; 408.0, 404.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 407.0 Highrigg; 407.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 405.0 Park Nook; 404.0 Thackwood; 404.0 Kettleside Farm; 404.0 Greenacres

Charollais – 415.0 Shethin Farm; 407.0 Thackwood

Mule – 378.0 Basco Dyke Head

Dorset – 404.0 Holme House

Blue Texel – 404.0 Shire Lodge

Prime Hoggs £/head

Dutch Spotted - £210, £188 Shannachar Cottage

Texel - £208, £200, £190 (4), £170 (2) Shethin Farm

Continental - £195 Shethin Farm; £180, £176 Greenacres

Blue Texel - £186 Shethin Farm

Cheviot - £180 Sceugh Dyke; £176 Shannachar Cottage

Suffolk - £182, £180 Scuegh Dyke; £176 Greenacres

Mule - £162 Highrigg

Scotch Blackfaced - £150 Lane End

Prime Hoggs p/kg

Cheviot – 380.0, 367.0 Shannachar Cottage; 367.0 Sceugh Dyke

Suffolk – 360.0 Sceugh Dyke; 334.0 Shannachar Cottage

Continental – 353.0 Greenacres; 341.0 Threlkeld Hall

Texel – 333.0 Shethin Farm; 332.0 Shannachar Cottage; 322.0 Shethin Farm

Badgerfaced – 329.0 Shannachar Cottage

Blue Texel – 315.0 Shethin Farm

Mule – 306.0 Highrigg

Leading Prices

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £255.63) - £370, £315, £295, £290 South Bogbain Farm; £350 Cragg Side; £325 Hewer Hill; £310 Bogie Street; £305 Terrace Farm; £290 Hewer Hill; £270, £255, £252 West Stobswood Farm; £270 The Buidings; £270, £220 Belvedene; £260 Terrace Farm; £250 Holme House; £248 Willmount Road; £238 (2) Rottington Hall; £228 (2) Holme House.

Continental X (Av £189.73) - £275, £264, £248 (2) Lane End; £270, £250 Terrace Farm; £265 Willmount Road; £256, £244 Greenacres; £255 Skilmafilly Farm; £255, £252, £250, £224 Bell Mount Hall; £240 Bodoney Road; £240 Haas Side Farm; £232 (2) Buninver Road; £232 Willmount Road; £230 (2) Belvedene; £230 Holme House; £229, £228 (2) Park Road; £224 Staingills; £224, £220 Shethin Farm; £222 Rottington Hall.

Suffolk (Av £191.33) - £270, £230 Bogie Street; £270 South Bogbain Farm; £258, £250, £228, £226 Tarn End; £235, £230 (2) Belvedene; £235 (2) Skilmafilly Road; £235 Willmount Road; £222 Rottington Hall; £221 Plumbridge House; £220 Holme House; £219 Buninver Road; £218 Willmount Road.

Beltex (Av £217.41) - £258, £228 Whiteley Hey Farm; £234 Ghyll Side.

Blue Texel (Av £212.67) - £250, £222 Whiteley Hey Farm; £230 Wayside Cottage.

Dutch spotted (Av £199) - £218 Willmount Road.

Cheviot (Av £154.54) - £196 Cragg Side; £190 Skilmafilly Farm; £185 Welton Farm; £181 Whitrigg Farm; £176 Cottage Farm; £166 West Stobswood Farm; £164 South Bogbain Farm; £158 Belvedene; £152 Leigh Croft; £152 Friarbiggin.

Mule (Av £163.19) - £194, £186 Blands Farm; £192 Shethin Farm; £188 Holme House; £186 Bogie Street; £185 White Kirkley Farm; £185 (2) Belvedene; £184 Plumbridge; £182 South Bogbain Farm.

Cheviot Mule (Av £176.78) - £189 Shethin Farm; £195 Bogie Street; £194 Buninver Road; £188 Clea Mire.

Blackfaced (Av £131.38) - £162, £150 Bogie Street; £148 Holme House; £145 (2) Buninver Road; £142 Thethwaite Farm; £140 Cottage Farm; £135 West Stobswood Farm.

Swaledale (Av £101.83) - £155, £136 Street House; £134 Fordlands Farm; £132 Bowderdale; £132 Gooselands View; £132 Lonscale.

Herdwick (Av £128) - £128 Holme End.

Rough Fell (£111.60) - £158 The Wath.

Shetland (Av £98.35) - £110 Greenacres; £1047 Shannachar Cottage.

Cast Rams £/head

Texel (Av £209.63) - £360 Shethin Farm; £270 Belvedene Farm

Continental X (Av £182.45) - £245 Holme House; £220 Lane End.

Charollais (Av £220) - £220 Holme End.

Dutch Spotted - £218 Shannachar Cottage.

Shetland (Av £115) - £130 Shannachar Cottage.