

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 15th July 2026

On Wednesday 15th July, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 5,128 prime sheep, comprising of 1,855 prime lambs, 109 prime hogs, 399 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs & 2,762 cast ewes & rams.

A bigger entry of spring lambs was seen locally this season, with numbers here in Penrith up by 600 on last year. Fed sheep and lambs, particularly those weighing 45kg and over, proved exceptionally good to sell. An overall average of 407ppk was achieved, or £183.18 per head. Topping today's sale at 500ppk was a 44kg Beltex from E S & D Noble, Mill Farm, achieving £220.

The sale topped at £268 per head on two occasions, firstly for a 66kg Suffolk lamb from Messrs Graves, Heskett House, achieving 406ppk and secondly for a 68kg Suffolk from Parkside Livestock, Aberdeen. Messrs Graves, Heskett House, sold their run of 46 excellently well-fed lambs to average 51.96kg, 434.85ppk, or £225.93 per head.

Other top consignments:

Parkside Livestock: 10 at 54kg, realising £224.

J D Johnston, Castle Bank: 9 at 52kg, realising £221.56.

T Armstrong & Son, Sceugh Dyke: 7 at 51kg, realising £221.29.

D W Cannon, Low Abbey, sold Suffolks to 460ppk for a pen of seven weighing 48kg, or £221. This home's run of 39 Suffolk Mule lambs averaged 49kg, 428ppk, or £211 per head.

Numbers in the cast ewe ring were strong, although still well short of buyers' requirements. Vendors took full advantage of 13 active buyers today, ensuring all customers achieved a premium over other centres.

Topping the sale at £350 was Mr K Hunt, Braithwaite Shields, with a superb pure-bred Texel selling to Mr James Linsley.

A pair followed very closely at £340 from Mr P Qua, Northern Ireland, selling to weekly customers A J Meats, Birmingham. Plenty of customers averaged over £200, with the whole sale averaging £171.38.

All 506 Suffolks sold to average £188, topping at £280 from Parkside Livestock, Aberdeen. Larger pens sold to £220 x 13, £212 x 11, £212 x 16, £206 x 11 and £200 x 15.

Heavy fat ewes sold very well, unlike reports from other markets. Bluefaced Leicester ewes from Messrs Lord, West Dowgill, achieved £230 ahead. Plenty of Mules £190 ahead, topping at £206 from Mr A G Teasdale, Colstons.

Horned ewes continued to achieve strong returns, with Mr M McNally, Northern Ireland, selling 25 Scotch Blackfaces to £155. There were some marvellous returns among the small ewes, with first-time vendors travelling from Cwmbran, South Wales, Mr S Wadley sold a ring full of Welsh Mountains to £106, and Mr T J Noble, Mellgates, sold pure Shetlands to £88 a head.

Cast rams fell short of requirements, with plenty more easily sold. Texels topped at £260 from Messrs R & J M Ridley, Ranbeck.

All classes are needed to fulfil the demand every week here at Penrith. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 22nd July. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Suffolk - £268, £248 Parkside Crescent; £268, £242, £226 (2), £216, £213, £212 Heskett House; £234 East Cliff; £221, £212, £211 Low Abbey; £216, £208 Holme House; £215 Mellgates; £214, £211, £209 Cliburn Hall; £214 Park Head; £210 West End (Hall); £210 Low Row; £208 Cairnbridge Farm; £208 Hay Close; £207 Ratten Castle

Texel - £260, £256, £244, £220 Heskett House; £254 South Field; £240, £230, £228, £210 Castle Bank; £238 Hallgarth; £236, £216, £213 Holme House; £230, £215 Sycamore Rise; £226, £216, £213, £212 Staingills; £223, £220 Sceugh Dyke; £222 Haythwaite; £220, £216 Longhurst Farm; £218 (2) Clifton Moor Farm; £217 Colstons; £216 Colene Croft; £210 Low Row

Beltex - £226, £220 (2), £218 Low Row; £220 Mill Farm; £218 West End (Hall); £210 (2) Staingills

Dutch Spotted - £208 Parkside Crescent

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 500.0 Mill Farm; 464.0, 455.0, 449.0 (2), 441.0, 431.0, 426.0, 424.0 Low Row; 463.0, 435.0 Woddhead Farm; 457.0, 447.0, 430.0, 425.0 Staingills; 443.0, 423.0 (2) Crewgarth; 434.0 Grassknop Farm; 433.0 Gale Croft; 431.0, 430.0 Milburn Grange; 429.0 Mill Farm

Texel – 481.0, 480.0, 471.0, 453.0, 444.0, 436.0, 428.0 Staingills; 470.0 Colene Croft; 461.0, 437.0, 430.0, 429.0 Woodhead Farm; 452.0, 449.0, 433.0, 427.0 Heskett House; 438.0, 429.0 (2) Castle Bank; 437.0, 423.0 Sceugh Dyke; 436.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 433.0 Hallgarth; 429.0 Cottage Farm; 429.0 Newbiggin Farm; 428.0 Pringle House; 426.0, 422.0 Sycamore Rise; 426.0 Longhurst Farm; 425.0 Colstons; 424.0, 422.0 Gale Croft; 424.0 West End (Hall); 423.0 Clea Hall; 423.0 Westward Park

Suffolk – 460.0, 433.0, 422.0, 412.0 Low Abbey; 441.0, 440.0, 435.0, 433.0, 426.0 (2) Heskett House; 429.0 West End (Hall); 423.0 Staingills; 423.0 Hay Close; 420.0 Parkside Crescent; 420.0 Park Head; 418.0, 414.0 Cliburn Hall; 416.0, 415.0 Holme House; 416.0 Nook Farm;

416.0, 415.0 (2), 413.0 Hay Close; 415.0 West End (Hird); 415.0 Staingills; 414.0 Ratten Castle; 413.0 Hurlbarrow Farm

Blue Texel – 455.0 Hay Close

Dutch Spotted – 416.0 Parkside Crescent

Rouge – 404.0 Grassknop Farm

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £248.00) - £350, £270, £240 Braithwaite Shield; £340, £325, £272, £246 (2) Brannock Courts; £330, £325, £294, £280, £268, £265, £258, £252, £230 Shethin Farm; £295, £245 Clickham; £295, £252, £238 Belvedene; £285, £262, £248, £240 (2), £236, £228 Holme House; £285, £265, £226, £224 Ballymena Road; £275 Low Row; £250 Greenacres; £250 Clea Hall; £228 Parkdargue; £226 Bogie Street; £226 The Faulds; £

Charollais (Av £219.91) - £285, £234, £226 Brannock Courts; £258, £220 Shethin Farm; £258, £225 Belvedene; £244 Ballymena Road; £222 Manister Road

Continental (Av £189.02) - £284, £256, £246 Low Row; £275, £248, £238, £234 (3) Newbiggin Farm; £265, £232 Holme House; £255, £236 Braithwaite Shields; £255 Ballymaderphy Road; £250, £242, £235, £230, £226 Belvedene; £248, £230, £228 Holme Wrangle; £246 Ploveriggs; £242 Auchengray Farm; £242, £238 Bogie Street; £240, £220 Brannock Courts; £238 (2) Manister Road; £232 Nutholm Farm; £230 Westward Park; £220 The Wath; £220 Pringle House

Suffolk (Av £188.00) - £280 Parkside Crescent; £248, £220, £212 (2) Holme House; £236, £232 Bogie Street; £228 Close House; £228, £206 Parkdargue; £228 South Field; £224 Holme Wrangle; £220, £214 Belvedene; £220, £206 Clickham; £214 Nutholm Farm; £212 Staffield Old Hall; £210, £206 Ballymena Road; £210, £206 High House (Dickinson); £208, £206 Brannock Courts; £208 Low Row; £206 Shethin Farm

Blue Texel (Av £238.00) - £262 Low Row; £258 Shethin Farm; £220 Hay Close

Beltex (Av £222.64) - £258, £234 Nutholm Farm; £248 Bogie Street

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £184.91) - £230 West Dowgill; £228 Bogie Street; £212 Old Parks; £204 Barnshangan

Cheviot Mule (Av £178.92) - £218, £190 Ballymaderphy Road; £204, £201 Shethin Farm; £202 Nutholm Farm

Zwartbles - £208 Bogie Street; £185 Belvedene

Cheviot (Av £128.25) - £206, £176 (2) Nook Farm; £190 Nutholm Farm; £189 Holme House; £180 Ranbeck; £178, £160 Shethin Farm; £174 Witton Farm; £174 Bogie Street; £171 Braithwaite Shields; £163 The Wath

Mule (Av £160.91) - £206 Colstons; £204, £198 Bogie Street; £200, £196 Ballymena Road; £198 Staffield Old Hall; £198, £192 Shethin Farm; £196 Parkdargue; £188 Barnshangan; £188 Witton Farm; £186 Rosgill Head

Dutch spotted - £200 Brannock Court

Masham - £190 South Field

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £126.65) - £156, £133 Holme House; £144, £130 Greenacres; £140 Cottage Farm; £134 Gall Farm; £132 Manister Road; £130 Brannock Court

Jacob (Av £146.36) - £156 Greenacres

Rough Fell - £150 The Wath

Swaledale (Av £94.83) - £132 Town Head Farm (Wharton); £126 West Dowgill; £124 May Cottage; £123 Branthwaite Farm; £120 Spring Graove

Goat (Av £116.00) - £125 Cairn Cottage; £110 Auchlyle Farm
Kerry Hill (Av £110.67) - £124 Tarn End
Herdwick (Av £88.77) - £121 Auchengray Farm; £120 Clea Hall
Welsh - £120 Manister Road; £106 Spring Grove
Shetland (Av £78.42) - £88 Mellgates; £82 Auchlyle Farm

Cast Rams £/head

Texel (Av £260.00) - £260 Ranbeck
BDM - £228 Belvedene
Continental (Av £215.64) - £236 Auchengray Farm; £232 Belvedene; £216 Holme House
Cheviot (Av £185.13) - £220 Holme House; £196 Greenacres
Bluefaced Leicester (Av £185.14) - £238 Town Head Farm (Wharton); £220 Leigh Croft; £200 Barnshangan
Swaledale (Av £118.00) - £168 Branthwaite Farm