

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 12th August 2026

On Wednesday 12th August, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 5,928 prime sheep, comprising 1,793 prime lambs, 500 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs, and 3,635 cast ewes and rams.

Another great day's trading here in Penrith, with trade up 1p on the week, averaging 335ppk or £156 per head.

Thirty sheep sold for £200 or more, with 50 lambs achieving over 400ppk. Messrs W Gribbon & Co, Waterside Farm, travelled down with an excellent run of lambs, topping the price per kilogram at 488ppk with a pen of 10 lambs weighing 42kg and achieving £205 per head. The lambs were purchased by Mr A Dawson on behalf of Vivers Scotlamb. The full run of 30 lambs averaged 42.9kg, 462ppk and £198.57 per head.

The top price per head was £209 for a 67kg lamb from Messrs Wales, Thackwood, with another from the same home weighing 69kg and selling for £207. Messrs D W Cannon & Son, Low Abbey, sold another brilliant run of 52 Suffolk lambs, averaging 53kg, 341ppk or £184 per head. Messrs Graves, Heskett House, sold their run of 33 lambs, averaging 53kg and 344ppk, to achieve an average of £183.50 per head. Mrs D Bezuidenhout, Marton Gill, sold a run of eight Dutch Spotted lambs, weighing 53kg and averaging 340ppk, to achieve £181 per head. Meaty, well-fed lambs continue to excel and more can be sold to vendors' advantage.

A marvellous show of cast ewes and rams met a full complement of buyers, who were in excellent form. The sale achieved an overall average of £160.22 and topped at £380 per head for an outstanding pure-bred ewe from Mr D Moir, Home Farm, sold to regular supporters A J Meats, Birmingham. Plenty of ewes continued to sell at £300 per head and above.

Heavy fat ewes met a very sharp trade, improving by £10–£15 on the week, with numbers well short of buyers' requirements. The Suffolk section topped at £286 for an entry from Mr C Abernethy, Belvedene, sold to Shans UK, followed closely by an entry from Mr D Moir at £284. A total of 486 Suffolks averaged £199.22, up £12 on the week.

Plenty of overweight ewes sold at £250 per head and above. One of the very best Cheviot Mules sold to £270 from Riverside Farming. All three nations were represented in the Mule section. Welsh Mules topped at £210 per head from R F Staveley, Gate & West Farm. Mr P Moir sold ten Scotch Mules to £208 and ten English Mules from Messrs D G & L M Strong, Sleagill House, sold to £194.

Horned ewes carrying fresh meat commanded a good premium, topping at £156 for a pen of Woodlands from Mr L D Jackson, Firbank. Swaledales topped at £132 from Messrs T Carrick &

Sons, High Crossgill, with plenty selling around £120. The plainest end of the offering sold at reduced rates.

Cast rams lacked weight today, although many more could have been sold. The section topped at £244 for a pair of Texels from Mr W Morison.

Please keep the numbers coming to satisfy this strong ring of buyers.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 19th August. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Charollais - £209, £207 Thackwood; £202 Holme House; £172 Street Head (Wilson)

Texel - £206, £201, £184, £182, £174 Heskett House; £200 West Foreshield; £196, £184 Brigg Farm House; £188, £170 Ratten Castle; £187, £185, £182, £174 Ireby Hall; £186, £185, £170 Holme House; £186, £170 Newbiggin Farm; £184, £178 Cobble Hall; £184, £177 Hermitage; £184 Longhurst Farm; £181, £172 Sceugh Dyke; £181, £170 Hewer Hill; £178 Old Parks; £178 Colstons; £178 Highgarth Meadows; £174 Dale Head; £171 Buninver Road; £170 (2) Woodhead Farm

Beltex - £205 (2), £193, £191 Waterside Farm; £201 Glebelands; £197 Newbiggin Farm; £193, £180, £160 Holme Wrangle; £192, £180, £166 Woodhead Farm; £188, £183, £182, £180 (2), £176, £170, £164 Clifton Moor Farm; £188, £164 Lamonby Hall; £184 Hermitage; £180 Longhurst; £176 Green Farm; £171 Brockwoodlees Farm; £169, £167, £164, £162 Crewgarth; £160 Asby Mill

Dutch Spotted - £204, £200, £190, £170, £169 Marton Gill; £200 Mellgates; £174, £165 Cobble Hall

Suffolk - £200, £176, £168 (2) Mellgates; £200, £170 Pennine View; £198, £186, £181 Heskett House; £196 Asby Mill; £195, £193, £189, £185, £183, £173 Low Abbey; £192, £181 South View (Wilson); £188, £176, £170 Holme House; £186 Waterside Farm; £180, £173 (2) Kettleside Farm; £172 Park Nook; £171 Dale Head; £170 East Mid Lamberkin Farm; £164 West End; £162 Home Farm (Moir); £160 Grassknop Farm

Continental - £182 Asby Mill

Mule - £142 Manor Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 488.0, 478.0, 466.0, 449.0 Waterside Farm; 438.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 438.0 Newbiggin Farm; 437.0 Glebelands; 429.0 (2) Holme Wrangle; 409.0, 395.0 Woodhead Farm; 400.0, 363.0 Green Farm; 393.0, 378.0, 360.0 Crewgarth; 385.0 Hopperhill; 384.0 Lamonby Hall; 373.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 371.0 Oaklands; 367.0 Longhurst Farm; 360.0 Thackwood
Texel – 395.0, 386.0, 377.0 Woodhead Farm; 395.0, 353.0 (3) Newbiggin Farm; 387.0, 379.0 Dale Head; 376.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 374.0, 357.0 West Foreshield; 369.0, 350.0 Crewgarth; 365.0 Riverside; 363.0 Cairnbridge Farm; 361.0, 360.0, 357.0 Hermitage; 361.0 Belvedene; 360.0 Mellgates; 356.0, 352.0 Oaklands; 356.0 High Springfield; 356.0 Brigg Farm House; 355.0 Green Farm; 353.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 352.0, 350.0 Fenton Farm; 350.0 Carnetly

Dutch Spotted – 364.0 (2), 338.0 Marton Gill; 343.0 Hill Top (Taylor); 339.0 Mellgates; 337.0 Cobble Hall

Charollais – 351.0 Street Head (Wilson)

Suffolk – 350.0, 349.0, 342.0, 339.0 (2), 333.0 Low Abbey; 347.0, 344.0, 342.0 Hesketh House; 345.0 Lea Croft; 342.0, 331.0 South View (Wilson); 340.0, 333.0 (2) Kettleside Farm; 336.0, 331.0 Park Nook; 336.0 Riverside; 334.0 Julian Holme Farm; 333.0 Pennine View; 333.0 Grassknop Farm; 332.0 Waterside Farm; 332.0 Holme House; 330.0 Ellonby Hall Bungalow; 330.0 Eden Terrace

Continental – 337.0 Asby Mill

Mule – 307.0 Manor Farm

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £239.63) - £380, £340, £295, £260 Home Farm (Moir); £335, £314, £305, £289, £259, £249 Holme House; £325, £305 (2), £276, £228 (2) Belvedene; £325 Ballymena Road; £320, £285, £256 Shethin Farm; £310, £278, £265, £260 The Buildings; £305, £300 (2), £290, £282, £278, £268 Greenacres; £294, £264, £228 Buninver Road; £285, £240 Cobble Hall; £266 Ireby Hall; £258, £248 Riverside; £248 Bogie Street; £245 East Mid Lamberkin Farm; £240, £232 Brannock Court; £240 Ballymaderphy Road; £238 Greenlands; £236, £230 Langton Field

Continental (Av £181.31) - £305, £280, £265, £228 West Stobswood Farm; £290, £260, £232 Holme House; £285 Ireby Hall; £270, £262, £254, £236 Riverside; £265, £228 (2) Brannock Court; £262, £240 Shethin Farm; £260, £251, £246, £234 Glebelands; £258 Ballymena Road; £255, £250, £242 Bogie Street; £254 Home Farm (Moir); £245, £230 Sycamore House; £235, £230 Espland; £230 (2) Sleagill House

Suffolk (Av £192.22) - £286, £246 (2), £220 Belvedene; £284, £238 Home Farm (Moir); £282, £234, £230 Bogie Street; £260, £250, £240 Shethin Farm; £245, £234, £180 Riverside; £228 Buninver Road; £228 Greenacres; £226 Ballymaderphy Road; £220 Raemoir Road; £182 Ballymena Road

Beltex (Av £177.92) - £280 Buninver Road; £258, £238 Home Farm (Moir); £240 North Netherscales; £224 Riverside

Cheviot Mule (Av £172.96) - £270, £236 Riverside; £242 Cotland Farm; £224 Shethin Farm; £222 Bogie Street

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £177.23) - £268, £238, £230 Tarn House; £230 High Crossgill

Rouge - £268 Hewer Hill

Charollais (Av £199.31) - £262 (2) Ballymena Road; £236 Waters Farm; £226 (2) Brannock Court; £226 Riverside; £220 Manister Road

Cheviot (Av £140.60) - £230, £214, £196, £182 Belvedene; £220 Ballymaderphy Road; £214 Greenacres; £186 Bogie Street; £182 Shethin Farm

Blue Texel - £230 Home Farm (Moir)

Zwartble - £220 Home Farm (Moir); £206 Bogie Street

Dutch Spotted - £218 Bogie Street

Mule (Av £155.14) - £210, £188 Gate & West Farm; £208 Home Farm (Moir); £200 Redgate; £194, £180 High Knipe; £194 Sleagill House; £190 Shethin Farm; £188 Sycamore Rise; £186 Salter Hall Farm; £182 Ballymena Road; £180 North Netherscales

Woodland - £156 Firbank

Goat - £152, £122 Galloper Park

Jacob (Av £123.18) - £146 Manister Road; £140 High Head Chapel

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £114.84) - £144 Home Farm (Moir); £130 Thethwaite Farm; £126 Greenacres; £125 Holme House; £122 Manister Road; £120 Shethin Farm

Rough Fell - £144 High Harberwain

Lleyn - £140, £130 Hesketh House

Swaledale (Av £80.20) - £132, £115 High Crossgill; £120, £106 Redgate; £120 Deepdale Hall; £120 Low Mill; £120 Keisley; £112 Highbeckside; £105 Waters Farm

Herdwick (Av £107.30) - £109 Middle Fell Farm

Cast Rams £/head

Texel - £244 Greenacres; £238 Manister Road; £230 Ballymaderphy Road; £225 High Crossgill; £212 Westward Park

Bluefaced Leicester - £240 Home Farm (Moir)

Continental - £230 Westward Park; £212 Holme House

Scotch Blackfaced - £230, £170 Greenacres; £152 Thethwaite Farm

Suffolk - £222 Belvedene