

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 19th August 2026

On Wednesday 19th August, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 6,238 prime sheep, comprising 2,173 prime lambs, 488 lightweight collections of hoggs and lambs, and 3,577 cast ewes and rams.

A much larger offering of sheep forward with meaty fed sheep in short supply with this class of sheep very much stand on from last week, however grass fed types below 44kg prove harder to sell and would be as well sold in our Monday store sale.

A wholesale average of 314 ppk or £145.50 per head. Topping the day's trading at £200 came on 2 occasions, firstly from RA Crichton, Rottington Hall for 45kg or 444ppk. Secondly from E S & D Noble, Mill Farm for 47kg at 426ppk and this home also topping ppk for 458ppk for 2 at 43kg achieving £197.

M/s RG Todd, Crosby Hall closely following at 449ppk for 3 at 42kg achieving £184. Suffolk lambs topped at £185 for 57kg from M/s IS & CA Mounsey, Town Head. Lambs 54kg plus still selling in excess of £170.

Top Consignment Averages:

- 5 Av £192.80 Mr Rodger, Ireland
- 14 Av £184.14 M/s ES & D Noble, Mill Farm (421.93ppk)
- 10 Av £174.80 M/s EA & N Thompson, Bromley Green
- 48 Av £172.08 M/s RG Todd, Crosby Hall
- 8 Av £170.25 M/s T Armstrong & Son, Sceugh Dyke

Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 3,577 cast ewes and rams on Wednesday.

Much greater numbers came forward today with all buyers forward ensuring all classes spiked bidding and competition from the word go. All sold averaging £151.29 topping at £320 went to Mr D Coulter, with superb pure Texel ewes selling to AJ Meats, Birmingham.

Plenty of continental bred ewes achieving £220- £240, the best Suffolk X Ewes achieving £252 and all 410 averaging £191.22. M/s JS & JA Bird, High Wreay Farm sold Suffolk Mules to £232 and averaging £219.62, that includes a pen of 6 Texels at £270.

The very best horned ewes sold to £158 from M/s EJ & RJ Wear, Howe Green for Swaledale's and the same home with other pens to £130 and £118.

Cast rams topped at a market record with a pair of pure Suffolks from Mr M McNally, Jonesborough at £380 ahead selling to Shan UK LTD and a pair of pure Texels to £350.

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

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 26th August. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £200, £197, £189 Mill Farm; £198, £188, £184 Crosby Hall; £196 Ballymaderphy; £194, £178 Rottington Hall; £192, £184, £182 Hesketh House; £192 Clea Mire; £191, £180 Bromley Green; £190, £180 Low Row; £188 Auchlyle Farm; £185 Low Houses; £185 Inglewood Edge; £184 Greenacres; £182 Sycamore Rise; £180 Sleagill House; £180 Clifton Moor Farm; £178, £176 Undercragg; £178 Threlkeld Hall; £178 Town Head (Mounsey); £175 Holme House

Beltex - £200 Rottington Hall; £195, £167, £165 Braithwaite Mill; £185, £180, £158, £156, £155, £150 Sycamore Rise; £180, £177, £171, £158 Galloper Park; £172 Inglewood Edge; £164, £156 Hewer Hill; £160 Gale Croft; £160, £152 Pringle House; £158 Brockwoodlees Farm; £153 High Wreay Farm

Suffolk - £185 Town Head; £180, £175, £174 Hesketh House; £177, £170, £166, £164 Willmoteswick Farm; £176 (2), £162 Low Row; £176 Undercragg; £175, £168, £160 Holme House; £174, £163 Cliburn Hall; £170, £162 Braithwaite Mill; £168 Galloper Park; £165 Clea Mire; £162 Sleagill House; £162 Greenacres; £161 Miller Hill; £160 (2) Sycamore Rise

Cheviot - £166 Auchlyle Farm

Charollais - £139 Bomby

Mule - £132 Hesketh Farm; £131 Welpo Bridge Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg

Texel – 458.0, 440.0, 426.0, 386.0 Mill Farm; 449.0, 440.0, 410.0, 369.0 Crosby Hall; 422.0, 395.0, 364.0 (2), 356.0, 351.0 Rottington Hall; 402.0 Inglewood Edge; 385.0, 373.0, 361.0 Green Farm; 385.0 Shethin Farm; 383.0 Bromley Green; 376.0 Walton High Rigg; 365.0 High Harberwain; 362.0 Friarbiggin

Beltex – 444.0 Rottington Hall; 428.0, 412.0, 385.0 Galloper Park; 411.0, 360.0 Sycamore Rise; 406.0 Braithwaite Mill; 405.0, 341.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 381.0, 358.0, 354.0 Inglewood Edge; 374.0 Inglewood Edge; 356.0 Gale Croft; 347.0 Hewer Hill; 340.0 High Wreay Farm

Continental – 340.0 (2) Scales Hall (Jenkinson)

Charollais – 339.0 Low Side

Suffolk – 333.0, 330.0, 328.0 Hesketh House; 331.0, 320.0 Sycamore Rise; 330.0 Clea Mire; 329.0, 328.0, 327.0, 325.0 Willmoteswick Farm; 328.0, 320.0 Cliburn Hall; 326.0 (2), 324.0 Low Row; 325.0 Town Head (Mounsey); 324.0 Sleagill House; 323.0 Galloper Park

Mule – 288.0 Undercragg; 281.0 Hesketh Farm

Leading Prices

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £239.63) - £320, £280 (2), £236 Ballymena Road; £315 Welpo Bridge Farm; £310, £265 Home Farm (Moir); £300, £270, £256, £228 Holme House; £274, £248, £245, £238 Brannock Courts; £270, £238, £220 West Stobswood Farm; £270, £218 High Wreay Farm; £250, £246 Shap Abbey; £250, £216 Miller Hill; £248 Sycamore Rise; £238, £214 Walton High Rigg; £230, £220, £218 Buninver Road

Continental (Av £165.92) - £278, £228, £210 Sickersgill; £270, £265, £250, £238, £226, £222, £220, £216 Belvedene; £270, £258, £246, £228, £216, £210 Buninver Road; £270, £250, £230, £214 Ballymacilcurr Road; £245, £230 (2), Ballymaderphy Road; £245 Brannock Courts; £238 Inglewood Edge; £234 Manister Road; £230, £228, £219 Home Farm (Metcalf); £230 Far Broom; £228 West Stobswood Farm; £225, £217 Belmont; £224 Shap Abbey; £220 Low Hill; £218 Plumbridge; £218 Ruckcroft; £218 Home Farm (Moir); £215 Grassknop Farm; £213 (2) Holme House, £212 Shethin Farm

Suffolk (Av £192.22) - £252, £235 Brannock Courts; £252, £201 Buninver Road; £238 Miller Hill; £232, £218 High Wreay Farm; £228, £220, £214 Belvedene; £226, £202 Ballymena Road; £224, £207, £206 Holme House; £217 Plumbridge; £208 Sleagill House; £206 Manister Road; £206 Shap Abbey; £204 Ballymerphy Road; £202 Killough Road; £200 New Rent Farm

Charollais (Av £199.31) - £240, £222 (2) Mains of Balhall Farm; £238, £224, £216 Holme House; £220 Ballymena Road

Beltex (Av £177.92) - £218 Brannock Courts; £210 (2) Inglewood Edge; £210 Crosby Hall; £210 Far Broom

Mule (Av £155.14) - £200 Lodge Farm; £190, £170 Ballymena Rd; £180, £170 Belvedene; £178 Birks Farm; £176 Holme House; £172 Sleagill House; £170 Grassknop Farm; £170 Gate & West Farm; £170 Home Farm (Moir); £170 Shethin Farm

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £177.23) – £190 Hollins Farm

Cheviot (Av £140.60) - £179 Holme House; £178 Low Abbey; £170, £160 Shethin Farm; £170 Mosedale End; £170 Grassknop Farm

Cheviot Mule (Av £172.96) - £176 High House; £173 Shethin Farm

Zwartble - £170 Mains of Balhall Farm

Swaledale (Av £80.20) - £158, £130, £122, £118 Howe Green; £130 Hollins Farm; £118 Slack Farm; £118 Peterhouse

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £114.84) - £122 Greystone House; £118 West Stobswood Farm; £115 Marshes Gill Farm; £110 Holme House

Herdwick (Av £107.30) - £105 Low Braithwaite Farm; £100 Howe Green

Cast Rams £/head

Suffolk - £380 Holme House; £280 Auchlyle

Texel - £350 Ballymacilcurr Road; £200 Town Foot

Continental - £240 Killough Road; £235 Ballymaderphy Road; £200 (2) Auchlyle Farm; £200 Town Foot

Dorset- £238 Holme House

Cheviot - £200 Auchlyle Farm

Scotch Blackfaced - £152 Holme House; £145 Greenacres

Herdwick- £150 Clea Hall