

# Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 6,547 prime sheep, comprising 2,344 prime lambs, 504 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs, and 3,699 cast ewes and rams.

Another outstanding day's trading at Penrith Auction saw 2,344 lambs forward, averaging £156.49 per head—£15 more than in the corresponding week last year—and 331p/kg. Heavy sheep had looked set to become harder to sell earlier in the week, but there was no let-up today, with prices as strong as we have seen for several weeks.

The day's trade topped at 439p/kg for a superb 41kg lamb from R A Crichton, Rottington Hall, which realised £180. Numerous pens sold for more than 400p/kg. The top price per head was £210 for 61kg Texel lambs from R W & G Dickinson, High Knife.

A number of lambs sold for more than £200. Mr M G Hunter, Oaklands, sold a cracking pen of 14 Texel lambs, weighing 62kg and realising £207 per head. Suffolk lambs topped at £198 for 58kg from W J Whitfield, Pennine View, while the Bindloss family, Shap Abbey, sold 44kg Suffolk lambs for £158, or 360p/kg. Numerous vendors averaged more than £170 for their entire run of lambs this week.

P E & M A Holmes sold 15 lambs to average £185.93, with Mr M G Hunter close behind, selling 40 to average £184.73. The prices below are well worth a read: sheep continue to sell exceptionally well, supported by an active ringside of 11 buyers competing for your stock. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Never before have ewes sold dearer in the first week of September but today proved exceptional. Most classes were £5–£10 dearer on the week, with all ewes sold averaging £163.88. Topping the sale at £360 was an outstanding pure-bred Texel ewe from Mr B Duffton, Huntly, purchased by Mr J Linsley. A further 21 ewes sold for more than £300, with another 147 exceeding £250.

All heavier ewes were well above £200, with the best Suffolk ewes reaching £235 from Messrs Pollock, Braithwaite Mill. Many pens realised £210–£220. Some excellent pens of Scotch Mule ewes were forward, topping at £212 from Mr B Duffton. His exceptionally large ewes followed closely at £198 for a pen of 14, while Mr H McRae sold a pen of 15 for £190.

Horned ewes saw a more modest rise but remained short of requirements, topping at £170. Some strong Northumberland Blackface ewes were forward, with plenty selling from £130 to £150.

Beltex ewes averaged £218.02 despite carrying comparatively little weight and topped at £248 from Shap Abbey.

Mr T Mackenzie, Drumreach Farm, returned to Penrith with a colossal pen of 14 North Country Cheviot ewes, which achieved £190 apiece, while plenty more sold from £160 to £170.

Cast rams were on fire, with the best reaching £300 on three occasions, and numbers fell well short of requirements. All jokes aside, many more could have been sold to the vendors' advantage.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

### **Leading Prices**

#### **Prime Lambs £/head**

**Texel** - £210, £176, £175 High Knipe; £208, £186, £180, £177 Clea Mire; £208 Old Parks; £207, £187 Oaklands; £206 Street; £198, £188 Plantation View; £198 Street Head (Wilson); £192 Morton Sceugh; £191 Church Street; £190 Clifton Moor Farm; £190 Tilery Farm; £184 Salkeld Road; £182, £180 Sycamore Rise; £180, £178 Milburn Grange; £178, £175 Hermitage; £178 Glebelands; £178 Broomhill Farm; £178 Heskett House; £176 (2), £175 Thorneyland; £176 Rottington Hall; £176 Fowrass; £175 Willimoteswick Farm

**Beltex** - £208 Mill Farm; £188 Gale Croft; £184 (2), £172 Glebelands; £182 (3), £170 Thorneyland; £182 Church Street; £180, £178, £171 High Knipe; £180, £178, £170 Rottington Hall; £180, £170 Crossfell House; £180 Shap Abbey; £178, £172 (2), £170 (2) Hollands; £174 Sycamore Rise; £172 Clea Hall; £172 Milburn Grange; £170 Foxton Farm

**Zwartbles** - £200, £170 Ormside Lodge

**Suffolk** - £198 (2), £184 (2), £182 Heskett House; £198 Pennine View; £195, £172 Tilery Farm; £194, £180 Low Row; £186, £179, £170 Mellgates; £186 Street Head (Wilson); £182, £172 Braithwaite Mill; £178 High Knipe; £178 Sceugh Dyke; £176 Stackyard House; £176 South View; £174, £172, £170 Willimoteswick Farm; £174 Scales Farm (Pollock); £174 Crossfell House

**Continental** - £198, £184 (2) Holme House; £195 Sceugh Dyke; £192 Heskett House; £180 Currah Close

**Dutch Spotted** - £198, £190 Holme House

**Cheviot** - £167 Nook Farm; £164, £163, £162 Clifton Moor Farm

**Charollais** - £164 Manister Road

**Mule** - £163 Harbour Flatt; £144 South Field Farm

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

**Beltex** – 439.0, 405.0, 396.0 Rottington Hall; 430.0 Milburn Grange; 419.0 Shap Abbey; 418.0, 400.0, 391.0 Glebelands; 414.0, 387.0, 379.0 Thorneyland; 405.0, 393.0 Foxton Farm; 400.0, 380.0 Gale Croft; 390.0, 386.0, 381.0, 374.0 (2) Hollands; 390.0, 379.0 Green Farm; 389.0, 373.0 High Knipe; 378.0 Sycamore Rise

**Texel** – 398.0, 373.0 (2), 364.0 Clea Mire; 391.0 Sycamore Rise; 387.0 Glebelands; 386.0, 363.0, 359.0 Ratten Castle; 381.0 Thackwood; 379.0, 376.0, 357.0 Hermitage; 378.0, 364.0 Foxton Farm; 374.0, 367.0 Thorneyland; 371.0 Huntly Lodge Farm; 367.0 (2), 355.0 Rottington Hall; 367.0 Milburn Grange; 364.0 Sandhills; 363.0 Glebelands; 362.0 Drovers Cottage; 357.0 Oaklands; 356.0 Howe Farm; 355.0 Braithwaite Mill; 355.0 Gale Croft

**Suffolk** – 359.0, 336.0 Shap Abbey; 350.0, 339.0 (2) Foxton Farm; 348.0 Rottington Hall; 344.0 Huntly Lodge Farm; 342.0 Tilery Farm; 341.0 Pennine View; 340.0, 335.0, 333.0 Willimoteswick Farm; 340.0 High Wreay Farm; 338.0 South View; 338.0 Mellgates; 337.0, 335.0, 330.0 (2) Heskett House; 336.0, 334.0, 333.0 Low Row; 335.0 Lea Croft; 335.0 Crossfell House; 332.0, 330.0 Street Head (Wilson); 331.0 Tilery Farm; 331.0 Braithwaite Mill; 331.0 Silver Howe Farm; 330.0 High Knipe

**Continental** – 347.0, 341.0 Holme House; 343.0 Heskett House; 340.0 Nook Farm

**Dutch Spotted** – 345.0, 322.0 Holme House

**Cheviot** – 333.0 Nook Farm; 331.0 High Harberwain; 330.0 West Hot Bank

**Charollais** – 328.0 Manister Road; 323.0 (2) Thackwood

**Mule** – 313.0 Harbour Flatt

**Scotch Blackfaced** – 312.0 Mellgates

### **Leading Prices**

#### **Cast Ewes £/head**

**Texel (Av £224.80)** - £360, £338 Tarn Foot; £350, £230 Home Farm (Moir); £350 West Stobswood Farm; £344 Cottage Farm; £330, £295, £270 (2) Shethin Farm; £315, £250, £240 Drumreach Farm; £300 (3), £285, £250 Greenacres; £300 (2), £285 Holme House; £300, £290, £274 Brannock Court; £292, £268 Ballymena Road; £250 (2) Belvedene; £232 High House (Dickinson)

**Continental (Av £182.13)** - £292, £252, £230 Hollands; £278, £270, £238, £230 Holme House; £278, £254, £234 Drumreach Farm; £278, £236 Foxton Farm; £272, £246 Fenton Farm; £270 East Mid Lamberkin Farm; £268, £256, £244 Huntly Lodge Farm; £265, £260 Brannock Court; £260, £230 Manister Road; £260 Eastfields Farm; £260 Corskellie; £255, £250 Shap Abbey; £252 Glebelands; £250, £242 Buninver Road; £250 Plantation View; £250 Greenacres; £245 Shethin Farm; £245, £240 Crossfell House; £244 Tottlebank Farm; £240 Ratten Castle; £232 Low House (Dickinson); £232 Tarn Foot; £230 Ballymacilcurr Road

**Charollais (Av £210.00)** - £262 Broadwater Farm; £242 Huntly Lodge Farm; £238 Ballymena Road; £228 Buninver Road

**Blue Texel (Av £231.08)** - £260, £240 Tarn Foot; £254 (2) Drumreach Farm

**Beltex (Av £218.02)** - £258, £242 Shap Abbey; £248 (2), £242, £238 (2) Inglewood Edge; £235 Low Moor Dyke

**Suffolk (Av £181.97)**- £235 Braithwaite Mill; £234 Buninver Road; £230, £216, £214, £212 Belvedene; £230, £210 Brannock Court; £230 Broadwater Farm; £225, £220 Kinniard Farm; £224 Foxton Farm; £220, £208 Holme House; £220 Sceugh Dyke; £218 High Knipe; £217

Eastfields Farm; £214 Glen Loughan Road; £212 Ballymaderphy Road; £212 Ballymacilcurr Road; £210, £208 Tarn Foot; £208 Drumreach Farm; £208 Corskellie; £208 Shethin Farm  
**Bluefaced Leicester (Av £180.94)** - £230 West Dowgill

**Cheviot Mule (Av £177.02)** - £226, £200 Glebelands; £210 Coolkeeran Road; £208 Low Bradley; £200 (2) Low House (Dickinson); £200 East Mid Lamberkin Farm; £196 Hunters Place; £194 (2), £180 Ballymaderphy Road; £190 (2) Huntly Lodge Farm; £190 Fenton Farm; £188, £186, £181 Manister Road; £188 Crewgarth; £184 Holme House; £184 Broadwater Farm; £181 Buninver Road

**Badgerface** - £222 Broadwater Farm

**Mule (Av £152.70)** - £212, £198, £186 Tarn Foot; £209, £184 Belvedene; £195 Braithwaite Mill; £192 Ballymena Road; £190 Shethin Farm; £190 Ratten Castle; £186 Broadwater Farm; £185 Foxton Farm; £182 Sycamore Rise; £180 Woodhouse (Horsley); £180 Huntly Lodge Farm; £180 Holme House; £180 Milburn Grange; £180 Kinniard Farm; £180 Sceugh Dyke

**Cheviot (Av £136.85)** - £190 Drumreach Farm; £182 Belvedene; £180, £170 Ballymena Road; £176 Nook Farm; £174 Tarn Foot; £172 Ballymacilcurr Road; £170 Greenbank Farm; £166 Hollands; £162 Ballymaderphy Road; £160 Shethin Farm

Wensleydale - £185 Ellonby Hall Bungalow

**Scotch Blackfaced (Av £117.22)** - £170, £160, £134 Buninver Road; £152 Holme House; £144 Ballymacilcurr Road; £140, £134 Ellen Bank; £140 Huntly Lodge Farm; £138 West Hot Bank; £134 Tarn Foot; £130 (2) Drumreach Farm

**Goat** - £168 Glen Loughan Road; £148 Ellonby Hall Bungalow

**Lleyn** - £150, £146 West Hot Bank; £150 Shethin Farm

**Welsh** - £142 West Hot Bank

**Herdwick** - £124 Kinniard Farm; £120 High Knipe; £116 Home Farm (Moir)

**Swaledale** - £114 Fellside Farm; £102 West Hot Bank

### **Cast Rams £/head**

**Texel** - £300 (2) Holme House; £300 Brannock Court; £220 Greenacres

**Charollais** - £295 Foxton Farm

**Continental** - £260 Eastfields Farm; £245 Ormside Lodge; £240, £234 Holme House; £230 Home Farm (Moir)

**Bluefaced Leicester** - £255 West Dowgill

**Beltex** - £214 Ballymacilcurr Road

**Cheviot** - £200 Greenacres