

Penrith Breeding Sheep 2026

Tuesday 8th September 2026

On Tuesday 8th September Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their Great Annual Show & Sale of 6,578 Breeding Sheep comprising of Mule Gimmer Shearlings, '2' Shear Mule Ewes, Suffolk cross & Texel Shearlings & Ewes 3 Shear & above, kindly sponsored by Peter Horn Mobile Sheep Dipping.

Comfortably one of the best shows of sheep in the country, with a clearance of 99.9% achieved. Some returns were up £30, and in some cases as much as £60, ahead of other centres. The show alleys were packed with quality sheep from the Eden Valley and attracted customers from all over the United Kingdom. A grand total of 77 pens of sheep sold for more than £300, with consignments throughout the day also averaging over £300.

Older ewes opened the day with the annual consignment of Mule three-shears from renowned local farmers Messrs J J & A Brough, The Clappers. This consignment averaged £266.15 and topped at £270 on two occasions.

Mule two-shears went on to average an all-time high of £255.89, up £24 on the year. Champion honours went to Messrs R Brough, Langfauld, with a tremendous pen of ewes showing great power and carcass, which sold for £315 to J Y Elliott. This consignment of 50 went on to average a staggering £292.11.

Annual consignors Messrs M W Hewitson, Shatton Lodge, sold a run of 180 to average an eye-watering £281.46, topping at £330 for the second-prize pen of ewes, which went to long-standing purchasers Mr A Todd, Settle.

On to the Mule shearlings, with possibly one of the best shows of sheep seen here at Penrith and pen after pen of quality. Champion honours went to local Mule enthusiast Mr S Ridley with a pen of tremendously well-turned-out shearlings, which sold for £340 to Bromfield Farm, Aspatria. This consignment of 34 achieved the highs of the day, averaging £330.29, including two ultimate Scotch Mules, which sold for £460.

Also achieving £340 was Mr J Acklerley, Milton Mains, with the third-prize pen of shearlings selling to regular buyers Messrs Pollock, Wreay Hall Farm. This run of 130 averaged £298.59. Leading the averages were Messrs J J & E Lawson & Sons, Hundith House, with 60 averaging £305, closely followed by 145 from Mr T A Foster, Ryehill, at £297.45.

Quality continental shearlings sold to a storming trade, with the ringside still packed with buyers eager to purchase sheep. Topping the section at £660 was an outstanding pen of seven pure Texels from the Beard Family, Dormansteads, Roweltown, with a further pen of seven selling at £460, all were purchased by Mr A Metcalfe, Yarl'sber.

The pre-sale show was kindly judged by Emma Carvey, who awarded first place to Mr Jack Douglas, Cambeckhill. This pen later sold for the section's second-top price of £510 for a pen of five, selling to Mr Ethan Rudd, Lazonby. Jack's run of 19 averaged £454.75.

Messrs Bindloss, Shap Abbey, received second place in the morning's judging, and this pen later sold for £450 to Mr James Thompson. Ewes with strength and length proved easy to sell, while the more Beltex-type sheep were less favoured. K E & T W Jackson, 3 Margarets Croft, sold a pen of 10 Texels to £420, purchased by E D Ringer, Northampton. Mr J E Gardett, 2 Wayside Cottage, sold Blue Texels to £310, purchased by Mr Neil Millbourn,

Walby Grange. Suffolk X shearlings topped at £295 for a pen of eight from the Bindloss Family, purchased by W J & V J Case, Ulverston. Numerous pens of quality sheep still sold for more than £400, resulting in a continental shearling average of £270.50, up £30 on last year.

The early morning judging saw a quality gathering of show pens presented before this year's judges: Mr P Price, Hereford (Mule 2 Shears); Mr J Shinn, Devon (Mule Shearlings); and Emma Carvey, Northallerton (Continental Shearlings).

We would like to sincerely thank all three judges for taking the time to expertly cast their eyes over the sheep forward and for the knowledge and experience they brought to the judging.

A large entry of show sheep were forward, in the best of order and condition, a credit to all vendors.

The following prizes were awarded: -

Show Results

Class 1 - Mule '2' Shears - competing for The John Dickinson, "High House" Memorial Trophy

- 1st** Messrs R Brough, Langfauld
- 2nd** PT & SM Hewitson, Byresteads Farm
- 3rd** MW Hewitson, Shatton Lodge

Class 2 - Mule Shearlings - competing for The John Mounsey Memorial Trophy

- 1st** Mr S Ridley, The Lodge
- 2nd** Mr TA Foster, Rye Hill
- 3rd** Mr J Ackerley, Milton Mains

Class 3 - Continental Shearlings

- 1st** J Douglas, Cambeck Hill
- 2nd** Messrs M Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey
- 3rd** J Douglas, Cambeck Hill

Sale Averages:

Mule Shearlings - £260.83, up £35 on the year

Mule 2 Shears - £255.89, up £24 on the year

Continental Shearlings - £270.49, up £30 on the year

Mule Flock Averages (50 plus sheep)

Shearlings

£305.00 (60) Hundith House; £299.65 (145) Rye Hill; £298.59 (130) Milton Mains; £294.61 (100) Broomhill (Baty); £284.00 (70) Low Moor Dyke; £282.36 (120) Cleamire; £275.66 (160) Yew Tree Farm (Ridsdale); £243.82 (55) Low Cockhow; £238.15 (300) Oakfield Farm; £235.32 (70) The Keld; £231.00 (70) Summer Ground

2 Shears

£292.11 (50) Langfauld; £281.46 (180) Shatton Lodge Farm; £277.65 (200) Stubbsgill; £268.09 (180) Byresteads Farm; £255.05 (240) East Cliff; £245.42 (170) Wardhead; £239.19 (155) Lingstubbbs

Leading Prices

Shearlings

Texel - £660, £460, £340 Dormanstead; £440, £405, £305, £300 (2), £275, £275 Towcett

Farm; £430, £340 Amersber Cottage; £420 (2), £320, £305, £300, £290, £280, £270 (2), £260 (3) Margarets Cottage; £380, £270 Bells View; £370, £280, £275 Colstons; £330, £325, £295, £290 (3), £270 (2), £265 Irton House; £325, £320, £310, £280 Braithwaite Shields; £310, £305 Clea Hall; £285, £265 Howgill; £270 (2) Brougham Castle; £270, £260 Lady Ing
Continental - £540, £440, £420, £400 Cambeck Hill; £450, £385, £370, £350, £320 (2), £310 (2), £295, £280 (2), £275 Shap Abbey; £380 The Lodge; £290 Clea Hall; £290 Moory Lea Farm; £290 Dormanstead; £290 Birks Head; £275 Margarets Croft; £270 Braithwaite Shields; £270 Towcett Farm

Mule - £460, £340, £315, £300 The Lodge; £340, £320, £300 (2), £290 (4) Milton Mains; £320, £305, £300 (3), £290 (2) Rye Hill; £320, £280 (2) Yew Tree Farm; £310, £305 (2), £300 Hundith House; £305, £300 (2), £295, £290, £280 Broomhill (Baty); £305, £290, £280 (2) Cleamire; £300 (2), £280 Sceugh Farm; £300, £280 (2) Low Moor Dyke; £290 Gap Shield

Blue Texel - £310, £300 & £270 Wayside Cottage

Suffolk - £295, £275, £270, £260, £255 Shap Abbey; £285 Towcett Farm; £280 Braithwaite Shields; £270, £255 Hallrigg; £265 Clea Hall

Beltex - £280, £250 Sunny Bank

Masham - £245 Firbank

Cheviot - £260 Shap Abbey

Cheviot Mule - £235, £230 The Cottage

2 Shears

Texel - £550, £540, £520, £350 Dormanstead; £290, £260 (2), £250 (3), £240 Howgill; £330, £300 (2), £240 Lingsubbs

Mule - £330, £380, £300, £280 (3), £270 (2), £265, £260 Shatton Lodge Farm; £315, £290, £270 Langfauld; £300, £290, £280 (2), £260, £250 (2) Byresteads Farm; £290 (4), £280 (2), £270, £260 (2) Stubbsgill Farm; £270 (3), £260 (3), £250 (4) East Cliff; £260, £250 (2) Wardhead; £250 (3) Lingstubbs; £250 Low Moor Dyke; £250 Braithwaite Shields

Cheviot Mule - £270, £260, £250 The Keld; £250, £245 Briggie Farm

3 & 4 Shears

Texel - £550, £540, £520 Dormanstead; £240 Lingsubbs

Mule - £270, £260 Clappers Farm

Cheviot - £290, £260 Shatton Lodge Farm

Suffolk - £260, £250 (2), £240 (5) Shap Abbey

Beltex - £250 Dormanstead