

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 9th September 2026

On Wednesday 9th September, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 6,481 prime sheep, comprising 1,769 prime lambs, 416 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs, and 4,296 cast ewes and rams.

A slight reduction in numbers to 1,769 was recorded; however, trade soared to new heights, with the strongest prices seen for several weeks. The overall average reached 343.63ppk, or £161 per head—£7 up on the corresponding week last year.

Topping the day's trade at 508ppk was a superb pen of 12 Beltex lambs from Messrs W Gribbon & Co, Waterside, weighing 39kg and selling for £198 per head.

The top price per head of £224 was achieved twice: first for an excellent pen of well-fed, 65kg Texel lambs from Messrs T Armstrong, Sceugh Dyke, and again for 70kg Suffolk lambs from T F & G L Pollock, Wreay Hall Farm. Claremont Properties followed at £214 per head with two 51kg lambs, achieving 420ppk.

David Cannon once again topped the price per kilo for Suffolk lambs, selling a pen of five at 48kg for £178 per head, or 371ppk. Messrs A & N Bennett, Hollins, also stole the show with a pen of five Mule lambs weighing 56kg and achieving an impressive £188 per head, or 336ppk.

Three vendors sold consignments averaging more than £190 per head:

- Messrs H G Jackson, Littlebeck: 12 lambs averaging £190.83 per head, or 443.83ppk.
- Messrs T Armstrong, Sceugh Dyke: nine lambs averaging £190.22 per head, Or 342.40ppk.
- Messrs R Noble, Murrah Hall: 10 lambs averaging £190 per head, or 422.22ppk.

Lambs remain in short supply, and greater numbers are required next week to meet growing demand.

Colossal numbers of ewes were forward to a packed ringside of buyers from across the United Kingdom, with strong interest in both feeding and killing ewes.

Despite the huge volumes of sheep forward, demand remained very strong, with returns mirroring last week's Bonanza Sale. Topping the sale at £370 per head was Mr M McNally with an extreme pure ewe selling to Romford Halal, Essex. A pen of four from Mr C B Abernethy, Belvedene, achieved £350, selling to A J Meats, Birmingham, with numerous others reaching £300 per head and above.

A tremendous show of Scotch Mules was forward today, with first-time vendors Messrs J L Horner, Closeburn Farm, Angus, topping at £220. Mr B Duffton presented a tremendous run, with pens selling to £204 for 13, £190 for 28, £190 for 24, £184 for 26 and £175 for 32.

The best of the horned ewes reached £127 for a pen of 17 Swaledales from Messrs R & S Scrymgeour, Kinnard Farm, Angus, while a pen of 23 Scotch Blackfaced ewes from Mr W Morrison, South Bogbain, achieved £132.

Cast rams were comfortably over £200 per head, with pure Suffolks topping at £250 from Mr E Hird, Park Head.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 16th September. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel – £224, £206 Sceugh Dyke; £211 Hay Close; £210 Hollins Farm; £198 (3), £194, £178 Mid Farm; £194 (2), £192, £182, £180 Sycamore Rise; £194 Clifton Moor Farm; £192, £190, £185 Kirkbarrow Hall; £190, £187, £180 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £190 Nook Farm; £188, £183 Holme House; £188 Old Wall; £188, £186 Well Head Farm; £187, £170 (2) Wreay Hall Farm; £186 (2) Crosby Hall; £182 (2), £184 Crosby Hall; £182 Fell View; £181 (2) Peterhouse; £180 Staingills; £184, £178 Waterside House; £180, £174 Haltcliffe Bridge; £172 Stanley House; £170 Low Mill

Suffolk – £224, £202, £198, £188, £182 Wreay Hall Farm; £198 Thethwaite Farm; £192, £174, £172 (3), £170 Hay Close; £188 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £180 (2), £178 (2), £170 Willimoteswick Farm; £177 Hole House; £176 Holme House

Beltex – £214, £188 Hay Close; £200, £188 Thethwaite Farm; £199, £195 Wreay Hall Farm; £198 Waterside Farm; £194 Crosby Hall; £192, £190 (2) Littlebeck; £190 Brockwoodlees Farm; £190 Murrah Hall; £190 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £190 Stanley House; £186 Well Head Farm; £184

Dutch Spotted – £195 Kirkbarrow Hall; £180 Holme House

Charollais – £190, £172 Ghyll Side

Mule – £188 Hollins Farm

Continental - £188 Hollins Farm

Blue Texel - £180 Holme House; £170 Fell View

Cheviot – £159 Brockwoodlees; £158 Anns Cottage; £155 Nook Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 508.0, 445.0, 386.0, 368.0 Waterside Farm; 463.0, 452.0, 427.0 Littlebeck; 442.0, 433.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 442.0, 372.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 432.0, 390.0, 385.0, 379.0, 373.0 (2), 366.0 (2) Stanley House; 431.0, 383.0 Crosby Hall; 422.0 Murrah Hall; 420.0, 376.0 Hay Close; 414.0, 383.0 Haltcliffe Bridge; 404.0 Well Head Farm; 381.0 Riggshield; 370.0 Thethwaite Farm; 370.0 Low Mill; 367.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm

Texel – 452.0, 398.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 447.0, 416.0, 405.0 Fell View; 439.0 Staingills; 432.0, 385.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 414.0, 367.0 Crosby Hall; 400.0, 371.0, 367.0, 366.0, 365.0 Sycamore Rise; 398.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 395.0, 376.0 High Springfield; 381.0 Pringle House; 378.0 Clea Hall; 377.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 373.0, 369.0, 367.0 Anns Cottage; 371.0 (2)

Nook Farm; 368.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 368.0 Low Bradley; 367.0 Hole House; 367.0 (2) Staingills

Blue Texel – 425.0 Fell View; 361.0 Rose Cottage

Suffolk – 392.0, 356.0, 354.0, 344.0 (3), 341.0 Hay Close; 371.0, 367.0, 353.0, 344.0, 342.0, 340.0 Willimoteswick Farm; 360.0, 357.0, 354.0, 348.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 347.0 Thethwaite Farm; 344.0 (2) Nook Farm; 342.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 340.0 Hole House; 340.0 Low Mill; 340.0 Springhaven

Cheviot – 338.0 Brockwoodlees Farm

Mule – 336.0 Hollins Farm; 305.0 Low Farm

Dutch Spotted – 325.0 Kirkbarrow Hall

Herdwick – 306.0 Oakdene

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £244.92) - £370, £300 Holme House; £350, £335, £305 (2) Belvedene; £318 Cottage Farm; £300 Aspatria Farm; £300 West Stobswood Farm; £298, £280 Brannock Court; £295, £262 Ballymaderphy Road; £288, £236 Ravenwood; £275, £242 Ballymena Road; £260, £242 Clea Hall; £255 Littlebeck; £240 Closeburn Farm; £230 Greenlands; £220 Belmont

Continental (Av £175.04) - £290, £238, £230 Kirkbarrow Hall; £280, £270, £245 Belvedene; £280, £240 Holme House; £280, £236 (2) Sickergill; £280, £228 West Stobswood Farm; £278, £270 (2), £240, £230 (2) Cottage Farm; £270, £260, £250, £235 Shethin Farm; £270, £238, £232 Aspatria Hall; £260 Littlebeck; £248, £230 Clea Hall; £228 Ballmacilcurr Road; £228 Crosby Hall; £228 Ravenwood; £226 Shap Abbey; £226 Home Farm (Metcalf); £225 Buninver Road

Beltex (Av £194.58) - £270 Shethin Farm; £230 Low Houses

Charollais (Av £213.30) - £250 Holme House; £240 Manister Road; £220 Ballymena Road

Suffolk (Av £186.90) - £250, £210 Shethin Farm; £230 (2), £218, £216 Town Foot; £230, £220 Ballymaderphy Road; £230, £218, £216 Holme House; £230, £218 Buninver Road; £228 Aspatria Hall; £222 Ballymena Road; £218 Ballmacilcurr Road; £214 Manister Road; £212 Kirkbarrow Hall

Blue Texel - £230 Rose Cottage

Mule (Av £147.30) - £220, £192, £180, £170 Closeburn Farm; £204, £190, £184, £175, £170 Town Foot; £190 Holme House; £185, £182 West Stobswood Farm; £184 Coolkeeran Road; £182 Wreay Hall Farm; £180 Ballmacilcurr Road; £178 Shethin Farm; £175 Parkdargue; £172 Sceugh Dyke

Cheviot Mule (Av £154.67) - £192, £186 Shethin Farm; £192 Miller Hill; £190 Well Head Farm; £182 Belvedene; £176 Osmond Flatt; £170 Brockwoodlees Farm

Cheviot (Av £137.46) - £192, £172 Holme House; £188 Buninver Road; £180, £172, £160, £150 Town Foot; £178 Miller Hill; £172 Belvedene; £170 Crosby Hall; £169 Shethin Farm; £153 Clea Hall; £150 Thethwaite Farm; £150 Murrah Hall

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £158.40) - £190 Castle Nook; £188 Pennine View

Easycare - £165, £130, £120 Staingills; £124 West Stobswood Farm

Goat - £150 Auchlyle Farm

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £112.45) - £142 Holme House; £132, £114, £113 Greenacres; £130 Shethin Farm; £130 Coolkeeran Road; £123 Manister Road; £118 Carsenestock Farm; £118 Town Foot; £114 Belvedene; £110 Ballmacilcurr Road

Welsh - £138 Shethin Farm

Jacob - £128 West Stobswood Farm; £126 Pennine View

Woodland - £128 Pennine View

Swaledale - £124, £108 Kinnaird Farm; £112, £106 Howe Green

Rough Fell - £124 Waterhouses

Herdwick - £120 Deepdale Hall

Cast Rams £/head

Suffolk - £250 Park Head; £235 Belvedene; £230 Shethin Farm; £220 Holme House; £200 Auchlyle Farm

Continental - £235 Belvedene; £230, £210 Holme House; £205 Ballymena Road

Texel - £235 Shethin Farm; £210 Greenacres; £210 Town Foot; £205 Ballymena Road; £200 Shap Abbey

Cheviot - £224 Ballmacilcurr Road

Dorset - £205 Shethin Farm

Goat - £155 Auchlyle Farm

Scotch Blackfaced - £150 Greenacres