

Breeding Rams

Tuesday 15th September 2026

On Tuesday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their Annual Prize Show & Sale of 846 Suffolk, Texel, Beltex, Charollais and Continental breeding rams, generously sponsored by EQ Accountants, Marsh Commercial and Dean Nelson Fabrication.

It was an incredible day throughout, with a blistering trade from start to finish. Powerful tups were definitely the flavour of the day, with numerous tups selling in excess of £2,000. All tups sold to average £920.75, up £76 on last year.

The early morning prize show drew much interest, with a large number of quality tups presented for judging.

The Texel and Continental ram judging was in the capable hands of Mr P Weaver, Little Manor Farm, Newark, while the Suffolk judging was in the competent hands of Mr M Watson, Four-O-Boot Farm, Carlisle. The following awards were given:

Show Results

Class One - Texel Ram (Shearling & Over)

Receiving the Challenge Trophy, given by the Solway & Tyne Texel Breeders Club

- 1st** Messrs Wales, Thackwood – lot 354
- 2nd** Mr J Winter, Clickham – lot 121
- 3rd** Mr S J Hastwell, The Buildings – lot 522

Class Two - Texel Ram Lamb

- 1st** Mr A Hewson, Burgh Head – lot 78
- 2nd** Messrs Mounsey, Wardhall – lot 605
- 3rd** C P & J A Brough, West Park Farm – lot 591

Class Three - Continental Shearling Ram

- 1st** Messrs Wales, Thackwood – lot 367
- 2nd** Messrs Wales, Thackwood – lot 380
- 3rd** Mr J Douglas, Cambeck Hill – lot 200

Class Four - Continental Ram Lamb

- 1st** Messrs C P & J A Brough, West Park Farm – lot 592
- 2nd** Messrs C P & J A Brough, West Park Farm – lot 593

Class Five - Suffolk Ram (Shearling & Over)

- 1st** Mr J Douglas, Cambeck Hill – lot 205
- 2nd** Mr C Armstrong, Studholme – lot 4
- 3rd** Messrs R K & M D Denby, Riddings Hill – 742

Class Six - Suffolk Ram Lamb

Receiving the Hughie Rebanks Memorial Trophy

- 1st** Miss L Hutchinson, Howgill Foot – lot 397
- 2nd** Mr J Hewson, Burgh Head – lot 72
- 3rd** Miss L Hutchinson, Howgill Foot – lot 395

Topping the day's trading at £3,200 came on two occasions, both from annual consignor Mr G Pyman, Park View, with his run of excellent Texel tups showing power and great character. The first sold to C W & C M Todd, Longhurst Farm, and the second to M W Hewitson, Shatton Lodge.

Also selling at £3,000 was Mr James Winter with a huge Texel shearling. This powerful sheep was purchased by Messrs Raine & Davidson, Thorneygale. James's pen of 17 Texel tups sold to average a staggering £1,817.

Aside from the Texel trade, Suffolk tups were also in hot demand, driven by the heavy fat sheep trade. They topped at £2,200 on two occasions, firstly for a very classy Suffolk lamb with stretch and presence from Lilia Hutchinson, Howgill Foot, selling to the Richardson Family, Ghyll House. Messrs T E Irving & Son, East Cliff, also sold a shearling at £2,200 to the Bindloss Family at Shap Abbey.

Beltex X tups were selective, with quality tups in short supply. Messrs Bindloss topped the section at £2,800 for a streaky tup purchased by Messrs D W Cannon & Son, Willimoteswick. Another great consignment later in the day came from Mr S J Hastwell, The Buildings, selling five excellent tups to average £1,700.

As mentioned earlier, trade held firm right to the end, with Mr E J C Dean, Kirkhouse, selling 24 tups to average £1,685 and topping at £1,800.

The very last tup through the ring, an excellent Suffolk shearling from Mr Ryan Roddam, sold at £1,600, with his home's three finishing the day to level at £1,333.

A total of 240 buyers purchased tups, with the ring as busy as it has been seen for a long time. The sale here at Penrith is gaining a huge reputation for excellent quality and powerful tups.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next year.

Breed Averages & Top Price

Suffolk Shearlings - Breed av. £995, top price £2500 (Messrs TE Irving & Sons, East Cliff) up £36 on the year

Texel Shearlings - Breed av. £1052, top price £3200 (Mr G Pyman, Park View) up £125 on the year

Suffolk Ram Lambs - Breed av. £805, top price £2200 (Miss L Huntchinson, Howgill Foot) up £82 on the year

Texel Ram Lambs - Breed av. £678, top price £1400 (Messrs Mounsey, Wardhall Guards) up £31 on the year

Leading Prices

Shearlings

Texel - £3200 (2), £2800, £2500, £1800 (2) Park View; £3000, £2400, £2200, £2000 (2), £1900, £1800 (4), £1600 (3) Clickham; £2600, £2000, £1800 (2), £1600 (6) Cambeck Hill; £2600, £1600 (2), £1500 The Buildings; £2400, £2300, £1900, £1800 (2), £1700, £1500 (3) Thackwood; £2200, £1900 Curwen Hill Farm; £1800, £1700, £1500 Laneside; £1800, £1700 Kirkhouse; £1700 Fern Gully; £1600, £1500 (2) Little Manor Farm; £1600 Slealands; £1600 Dearham Hall

Beltex - £2800, £1700, £1400 (2) Shap Abbey; £1600, £1500, £1400, £1200 (2) Far Broom; £1200 Curwen Hill Farm; £1200 Thackwood

Suffolk - £2200, £2000, £1900, £1600, £1400 (4), £1300, £1200 (3) East Cliff; £2000 (3), £1400 (3), £1200 Cambeck Hill; £1600, £1300 Shap Abbey; £1600, £1300 Blackthorn Way; £1400, £1200 Honeypot; £1300 (2) Cracrop Farm; £1200 The Buildings; £1200 Holme House; £1200 Burgh Head

Continental - £1700, £1600 (3), £1500, £1400 (2), £1300, £1200 (4) Thackwood

Charollais - £1150 The Wreay; £1100, £1000 (3) Thackwood; £1000 Hope House Farm

Blue Texel - £1000 Park View

Lambs

Suffolk - £2200, £1300, £1000 (4) Howgill Foot; £1600, £1100, £1000, £900, £850 Burgh Head; £1000, £950 (2), £900, £850 East Cliff; £950, £850 The Croft; £900 (2) Studholme Bungalow; £900, £850 (3) Hegdale; £900 Grassknop Farm; £850 Rowan Garth

Texel - £1400 Wardhall Guards; £850 Burgh Head

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Texel - £1000 Wardhall Guards