

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 16th September 2026

On Wednesday 16th September, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 6,979 prime sheep, comprising 2,131 prime lambs, 271 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs, and 4,577 cast ewes and rams.

A larger show of 2,131 prime lambs was forward, with another great trade throughout. The meaty sheep were a storming trade, and more can easily be sold to vendors' advantage.

Sheep are definitely requiring feed, and a large gap is opening for these types. Topping the sale at £230 came on two occasions. Firstly, for two 64kg Texel lambs at 359ppk from T I Wetherall & Son, High and Low Buildings, secondly, for 67kg Texel lambs from A H Ritson, Ireby Hall.

Suffolk lambs sold to £222 for 66kg, achieving 336ppk from Messrs Sowerby, Town Head. Top pence per kilo came for three lambs weighing 46kg, achieving 467ppk from Messrs Gardner, Glebelands. Closely following came six lambs weighing 40kg at 465ppk, or £186 per head, from T A Robson & Son, Newstead Grange.

Suffolk lambs sold to 356ppk for a pen of five weighing 55kg, achieving £196 from Messrs Graves, Heskett House. Heavy sheep continue to fly in Penrith, and more are needed to fulfil demand. There were some great consignment averages today, with numerous vendors over £185. Topping at £201 came from William Morrison, South Bogbain, for six.

Possibly one of the largest entries ever forward at Penrith saw a full ringside of buyers in attendance, ensuring all classes were keenly bid for and trade remained competitive from start to finish. Leading the sale at £365 was Mr D Gordon, with superb pure-bred ewes selling to A J Meats, Birmingham. A pair from Mr D McNally also achieved £350.

Messrs Jenkinson, Clifton Moor, sold a run of 107 Texel-cross ewes to average £216.70, topping at £345, with others selling to £330 and £300.

Pure-bred Suffolk ewes topped at £300 from Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, and Mr B Dufton sold Suffolk half-breds to £215. The same home sold a further 13 to £248, with a grand total of 432 sold to average £188.50.

Cast rams traded comfortably between £250 and £300 for the stronger sorts, with Mr McNally selling Charollais to £300. The best hill tups sold to £214 for Cheviots from Mr A J Bell, Raughton Head.

Horned ewes topped at £150 for Woodlands, while the best Swaledales sold to £138 from Mr C Todd, Kirkgate, Loweswater.

As seen last week, it was not just weight driving the Mule ewe trade, with returns remaining comparable. Scotch Mules topped at £194, with numerous other pens selling between £180 and £195.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 23rd September. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel – £230, £204, £200 Ireby Hall; £230, £202, £192, £180 High & Low Buildings; £220, £180 Newbiggin Farm; £218 Park Nook; £214, £181 High Knipe; £214 Greenacres; £210, £188, £184 Holme House; £210, £182 Bromley Green; £200, £183 Wham Head Farm; £199, £198, £186, £181 Newstead Grange; £198, £197, £188, £186 Sycamore Rise; £198, £192, £180 Milburn Grange; £192 Glebelands; £190, £186 Sceugh Dyke; £190 Longhurst Farm; £185 Heatherbrae; £180 Gosling Terrace

Suffolk – £222, £212, £188, £178 Townhead Farm; £210 High Knipe; £210, £196, £194, £192, £177 Hesketh House; £198, £178 Tilery Farm; £194, £173, £167 Ireshope Plains; £188, £162 Street Head (Wilson); £186, £170, £163 Sycamore Rise; £183 Rosgill Head; £182 Park Nook; £180, £170 West End; £178 Inglewood Edge; £176, £166 Rosgill Head; £175 Greenacres; £172, £163 Heatherbrae; £172 High Knipe; £170, £166 Holme House; £170 High Wreay Farm; £165 Ellerslea; £164 Hurlbarrow Farm; £161 Lamonby Hall; £160 Julien Holme Farm

Beltex – £215, £196, £182, £180 Glebelands; £205 Ellerslea; £204, £196, £192, £190, £182, £180, £176 (2) Hollands; £200, £180, £178, £170 Brockwoodlees Farm; £191, £170 (2) Tottlebank Farm; £190, £175, £170 Greenhow; £188, £180, £176, £167 Inglewood Edge; £184, £175, £168 High Knipe; £176, £170 Galloper Park; £172 Home Farm (Metcalf)

Charollais – £198 Brannock Court; 166 Fellside

Blue Texel - £190 Burblethwaite

Continental - £178 Pennine View; £164 Greenhow; £164 Tilery Farm

Cheviot – £177, £166 Dalveen; £167 (2) Inglewood Edge

Mule – £176 Ireshope Plains; £150 Greenhow; £147 West Foreshield; £142 Burblethwaite Farm

Dutch Spotted - £168 Tottlebank Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 467.0, 456.0, 396.0, 375.0 Glebelands; 453.0, 452.0, 444.0, 436.0, 429.0, 419.0, 409.0, 392.0, 386.0, 385.0, 369.0 Hollands; 446.0, 369.0 Ellerslea; 440.0, 395.0, 390.0 Galloper Park; 418.0, 391.0, 389.0 High Knipe; 409.0, 405.0, 370.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 406.0, 402.0, 384.0 Tottlebank Farm; 391.0, 383.0, 376.0 Inglewood Edge; 388.0, 367.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 374.0 Home Farm (Metcalf); 365.0 Fellside

Texel – 465.0, 463.0, 440.0, 411.0, 405.0, 367.0 Newstead Grange; 424.0, 400.0, 361.0 Newbiggin Farm; 405.0 Wham Head Farm; 395.0, 381.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 382.0 Home Farm

(Metcalf); 378.0, 363.0 High & Low Buildings; 375.0 Fellside; 375.0 Longhurst Farm; 374.0, 364.0 Milburn Grange; 373.0, 367.0 Clea Hall; 373.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 371.0 Green Farm; 365.0 The Cottage; 364.0 High Knipe; 362.0 Bromley Green; 362.0 Glebelands

Blue Texel – 361.0 Home Farm (Metcalf); 345.0 Ellerslea

Suffolk – 356.0, 354.0, 353.0, 343.0 Heskett House; 351.0, 347.0, 340.0 Sycamore Rise; 349.0, 348.0, 342.0, 336.0 Townhead Farm (Sowerby); 346.0 Ireshope Plains; 345.0 Cape Farm; 344.0, 337.0 High Knipe; 344.0, 336.0 Lea Croft; 342.0, 337.0 Ellerslea; 340.0 (2) West End; 340.0 Julien Holme Farm; 340.0 Holme House; 339.0 (2), 338.0 Rosgill Head; 337.0 Park Nook; 337.0 Heatherbrae; 336.0 Inglewood Edge; 335.0 Lamonby Hall

Continental – 351.0 West Foreshield; 342.0 Pennine View

Cheviot – 346.0, 340.0, 332.0 Dalveen; 341.0 (2), 336.0 Inglewood Edge; 333.0 Clea Hall; 333.0 (2) Cottage Farm

Charollais – 341.0 Brannock Court

Mule – 332.0 Ireshope Plains; 320.0 West Foreshield; 309.0 Burblethwaite Farm; 309.0 Gap Shield

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £215.65) - £365 Willmount Road; £350, £305, £280, £270 Holme House; £345, £330, £300, £270 (2), £244, £232 Clifton Moor Farm; £305, £244 Lane End; £288 Ballymaderphy Road; £270 Greenacres; £265, £255 Town Foot; £265, £240 Fenton Farm; £234 Ballymacilcurr Road; £232 (2) Buninver Road

Beltex (Av £203.73) - £300 High & Low Buildings; £255, £222 High Field; £235 Manister Road; £228 (2) Hollands; £222 Gosling Terrace; £220 Wham Head Farm

Suffolk (Av £188.50) - £300, £250, £208 Greenacres; £285, £250, £248, £225, £216 Town Foot; £275, £220 Buninver Road; £265 High & Low Buildings; £260 Ballymacilcurr Road; £232 Belvedene; £230, £222, £216 Lane End; £230, £220 Holme House; £220 (2), £206 Brannock Court; £218 Tillydesk Farm; £216 Killough Road; £205 Clifton Moor Farm

Blue Texel (Av £191.00) - £280 Town Foot; £250 (2) Low Moor Dyke

Continental (Av £174.94) - £268, £258, £252 Holme House; £265 (2), £260, £240, £230 Town Foot; £265 Glebelands; £264 Willmount Road; £258, £256, £234 Brannock Court; £252, £238 Wham Head Farm; £248 Ballymena Road; £245 (2) Greensyke Farm; £245, £240 Huntly Lodge Farm; £245, £238 Shethin Farm; £244 Coolkeeran Road; £242 Hollands; £240 High & Low Buildings; £235 (2) Manister Road

Bleu du Maine - £268 Lane End

Charollais (Av £213.71) - £258 Buninver Road; £250, £230 High Field; £235 Manister Road

Cheviot Mule (Av £161.71) - £228 Glebelands; £202, £178 Holme House; £180 Belvedene; £178 Fern House; £170 High & Low Buildings

Cheviot (Av £121.94) - £210, £172, £156 Town Foot; £186 Shethin Farm; £178 Tillydesk Farm; £176, £154 Buninver Road; £176 Fern House; £172, £157 Thethwaite Farm; £162, £150 Brannock Court; £158 Ballymacilcurr Road; £154 East Rackwood Hill; £150 Albert Place

Mule (Av £142.28) - £199 Tarn End; £196, £175 Coolekeeran Road; £195 Greenacres; £188 Hole House; £186 Town Foot; £186 Ballymacilcurr Road; £186 Shethin Farm; £180 Lane End; £180 Tillydesk Farm; £180 Brannock Court; £178 Killough Road; £176 Holme House; £176 Pennine View; £174 Parkdargue

Easycare - £174 Ballymaderphy Road

Woodland (Av £133.50) - £150 Dale Foot Farm

Swaledale - £138 Kirkgate; £130 Greystone House; £118 Hartley Castle; £118 Waters Farm; £117, £107 Gap Shield; £108 Randalholme

Jacob - £138 Belvedene

Goat - £125 Killough Road

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £107.21) - £122 Holme House; £118, £110 Greenacres; £118 Albert Place; £116 Lane End; £115 Buninver Road; £114 Manister Road; £110 Thethwaite Farm

Shetland - £118 Greenacres

Herdwick - £108 Julian Holme Farm

Cast Rams £/head

Charollais - £300 Holme House; £245 Killough Road

Continental - £290 Greystone House; £220 Holme House

Bluefaced Leicester - £290 Holme House

Suffolk - £280 Holme House

Dutch Spotted - £260 Fern House; £260 Holme House

Texel - £260, £205 Fern House; £205 Brannock Court

Beltex - £260 Thethwaite Farm

Blue Texel - £255 Sleetburn Farm; £205 Brannock Court

Cheviot - £214 Thethwaite Farm; £195 Lane End

Swaledale - £158 Greystone House

Jacob - £152 Belvedene