

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 30th September 2026

On Wednesday 30th September, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 7,873 prime sheep, comprising 2,891 prime lambs, 222 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs, and 4,760 cast ewes and rams.

Another excellent entry of 2,891 prime lambs was forward, with meaty, well-fed sheep continuing to sell extremely well across all classes.

Lambs weighing 45kg and under were particularly sought after today, showing an improvement on the week, while those weighing 46–50kg met slightly more resistance. The day's sale topped at 465ppk for a 40kg lamb from Mr G Cartmell, Hollands, which realised £186. The same home also sold a pen of 42kg Beltex lambs at 457ppk, realising £192.

The top price per head was £222 for 65kg Suffolk lambs from R W & G Dickinson, High Knipe. T E Clarke, Howgill Castle, sold a pen of 10 Mule lambs weighing 54kg, which realised £168. The prices below speak for themselves, reflecting a great day's trading at Penrith and demonstrating that large numbers can be handled with ease.

Record numbers of cast ewes and rams were forward, with vendors queuing out of the gate to take advantage of a packed ringside of 12–15 active buyers. This ensured strong competition across all categories, including numerous grazing orders for both hill and lowland breeds.

A record average of £330.18 was achieved by Messrs N & C Bainbridge, Lane Side, with 11 pure-bred Texel ewes. A pen of three topped at £380, selling to Mr K Harryman, while a pair followed closely at £365.

Mr B Duffton, Bogie Street, sold Suffolks to a staggering £300. A grand total of 504 averaged £188.88, with larger pens selling at £240 x 10, £238 x 14 and £218 x 17.

Rams produced some exceptional returns, with Texels from Mr S Lawson, Huntly Lodge, topping at a staggering £400 per head and a further 19 selling for more than £250 per head. Some tremendous pens of Cheviot ewes came through the ring, topping at £215, with larger pens selling at £200 x 20 and £183 x 15. North Country Cheviots sold to £161 x 20, £160 x 15, £160 x 26 and £150 x 13.

A monster Blackie ewe topped at £170, while larger pens sold to £158 x 15, £144 x 23, £128 x 23, £128 x 15 and £127 x 32. Swaledales sold to £152 from Messrs D W Cannon, while Messrs Strong, Well House, sold 21 to £133.

The strongest Mules comfortably reached £200, with plenty selling from £180 to £190. Larger pens sold to £196 x 33, £195 x 12, £189 x 17 and £178 x 25.

All in all, demand remained consistently strong from start to finish, and all customers enjoyed a very good day's trading.

Once again, we would like to thank our vendors for their patience throughout the day and for their continued support.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 7th October. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141 or Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Suffolk - £222, £177 High Knipe; £206, £170 Sleagill House; £198, £170 Sceugh Dyke; £196 Ireshope Plains; £191 Tilery Farm; £190, £170 West End (Hird); £188 Rosgill Head; £182 Grassknop Farm; £180, £170 (2) Rottington Hall; £180, £170 Pennine View; £177 Town Head (Hird); £176 Sleddale Hall; £176 Fenton Farm; £172 Long Park Farm; £171 (2) Brocklebank Farm

Texel - £200 Thrang Crag; £200 Westward Park; £198 Castle Bank; £195, £188 Sleagill House; £195 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £194, £191, £190, £180 Sycamore Rise; £194, £180 Clifton Moor Farm; £192, £190 (2) Wham Head Farm; £192 Newbiggin Farm; £192 Stoneybeck Farm; £192 Laneside; £190 Flakebridge Farm; £188 Willow Farm; £187 Milburn Grange; £187 Setmabanning; £185 Pennine View; £184 Hermitage; £184 Tilery Farm; £183, £181 Hewer Hill; £182 (2) High Knipe; £182, £180 Fenton Farm; £182 Oaklands; £180 Bromley Green; £180 Old Wall

Beltex - £198, £192, £186, £184 High Knipe; £198 Gale Croft; £198 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £196 (2), £192, £186 Hollands; £195, £190, £180 Glebelands; £193, £188 Wham Head Farm; £190 Brockwoodlees Farm; £185 Mid Farm (Bewley); £184, £180 Littlebeck; £182 Murrah Hall; £180 Newbiggin Farm; £180 Hewer Hill

Continental - £194 Mid Farm (Bewley)

Charollais - £194 Mid Farm (Bewley)

Blue Texel - £190 (2), £182 North Gill Bank

Ryeland - £178 Ireshope Plains

Mule - £168 Howgill Castle

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 465.0, 457.0, 436.0 (2), 432.0, 419.0, 417.0 Hollands; 453.0, 432.0 Glebelands; 450.0, 431.0 Gale Croft; 446.0, 444.0, 400.0 Galloper Park; 445.0 Copperthorns; 440.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 428.0, 382.0 Littlebeck; 410.0 Hewer Hill; 407.0 Wham Head Farm; 400.0 Milburn Grange; 396.0, 370.0 Newbiggin Farm; 395.0, 386.0, 380.0 Thrang Crag; 392.0, 391.0 High Knipe; 387.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 385.0, 373.0 Mill Farm (Noble); 376.0 Stanley House; 372.0 Murrah Hall

Texel – 455.0, 371.0 Westward Park; 407.0 Sickergill; 400.0, 391.0 Clea Mire; 400.0, 387.0, 367.0 Hermitage; 396.0, 392.0, 367.0, 361.0 High Springfield; 393.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 383.0 Bank House; 383.0 Gale Croft; 382.0 Ratten Castle; 374.0 Oaklands; 371.0 Stanley House; 370.0 Friarbiggin; 365.0, 360.0 Hollands; 365.0 Dalemmain; 364.0, 360.0 Newbiggin Farm; 364.0 Willow Farm; 364.0 Ormathwaite Farm; 363.0 Long Park Farm; 362.0 Huntly Lodge Farm; 360.0 Stoneybeck Farm

Blue Texel – 396.0, 382.0 North Gill Bank

Cheviot – 355.0 Huntly Lodge Farm; 339.0 Skelling Farm

Charollais – 353.0 Mid Farm (Bewley)

Suffolk – 343.0 Bank House; 342.0 High Knipe; 340.0, 333.0 (2) Rottington Hall; 338.0 Ireshope Plains; 337.0 Huntly Lodge Farm; 336.0 Rosgill Head; 336.0 Sycamore Rise; 333.0, 332.0 Sleagill House; 333.0 West End (Hird); 332.0 Sleddale Hall; 331.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 331.0 Willimoteswick Farm; 331.0 Grassknop Farm

Mule – 326.0 Southernby Hall; 316.0 Midtown Farm (Fisher); 311.0 Howgill Castle

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £243.31) - £380, £365, £320 Laneside; £350 Town Foot; £325, £238 Belvedene; £320, £295 Huntly Lodge Farm; £314 Ballymena Road; £270, £260, £258, £242, £240, £222 Holme House; £270, £252, £240 Greenacres; £270, £242, £240 Buninver Road; £265 Westward Park; £258, £252, £250 (2), £242 Grassgarth; £255, £244, £235 (2) Ballymacilcurr Road; £255 The Croft; £222 Shap Abbey

Continental (Av £181.36) - £345, £258, £235 (2), £224 Huntly Lodge Farm; £302, £232 Fenton Farm; £290, £275, £265, £258, £248, £245, £235, £230, £227, £226 Town Foot; £285, £230 North Gill Bank; £275, £248 Thrimby Hall; £260, £228 High Hall; £258 Tymperon Hall; £254, £248, £230 (2), £226 Brannock Court; £250, £222 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £248, £232 (2) Clifton Moor Farm; £245, £242 Kirkbarrow Hall; £240 Starrah; £240 Ballymacilcurr Road; £238 Grassknop Farm; £230, £222 Grassgarth; £228 Flakebridge Farm; £228 Killough Road; £228 Manister Road; £226 Ballymena Road; £226 Penny Hill Park; £225 Sleagill House; £222 (2) Holme House

Suffolk (Av £188.88) - £300, £255, £250, £230, £215 Town Foot; £260, £238, £218 Holme House; £255, £214 (2) Ballymena Road; £240, £218 Buninver Road; £238 Brannock Court; £232 Sleagill House; £224 Wilsey Down; £222, £218, £216 Manister Road; £222 Glen Loughan Road; £222 Sycamore House; £220 Ballymacilcurr Road; £218 Killough Road; £216, £214 Ballymaderphy Road; £216 Rottington Hall; £212 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £210 Kin-naird Farm

Beltex (Av £208.47) - £270 Laneside; £248 Town Foot; £244 Firbank; £238 Hollands; £228 Thethwaite Farm; £222 Farewell Grange

Cheviot Mule (Av £167.50) - £242 Shethin Farm; £216, £196 Town Foot; £192 Uras Farm; £190 Nook Farm; £188 Barrock End

Dutch Spotted - £232 Town Foot

Bluefaced Leicester - £230 Town Foot

Charollais (Av £200.80) - £220 Killough Road; £212, £200 Ballymaderphy Road; £212 Lane-side; £200 (2) Ballymena Road

Cheviot (Av £139.52) - £215 Greenacres; £204, £188, £180, £170, £161, £160 Town Foot; £200 Holme House; £198 Clifton Moor Farm; £192, £188, £160 Shethin Farm; £186 Enthorn; £185, £178, £168, £160 (2), £155 Huntly Lodge Farm; £160, £158 Fenton Farm; £160 Ballymena Road

Mule (Av £152.15) - £200 Uras Farm; £200 Greenacres; £198 Rottington Hall; £198 Tymperon Hall; £196 Holme House; £195, £189 Town Foot; £194 East View; £185 Kinnaird Farm; £184 Buninver Road; £184 Killough Road; £180 Coolkeeran Road

Lleyn - £172 Belvedene; £154 Coolkeeran Road; £142 Town Foot; £136 Killough Road; £132 Ballymena Road

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £113.45) - £170, £125 Glen Loughan Road; £158, £127 Holme House; £144, £128 Town Foot; £136, £122 Huntly Lodge Farm; £136 Ballymena Road; £130 Parkdargue; £128 Starrah; £128 Albert Place; £128 Greenacres; £126 Gall Farm; £120 Killough Road

Swaledale (Av £91.67) - £152, £118 Willimoteswick Farm; £133 Well House; £130 How Hall; £128 Starrah; £122 Penny Hill Park; £120 Hartley Castle; 118 Low Mill; £118 Haresceugh Castle; £117 Waters Farm

Goat (Av £102.43) - £150, £135 Starrah

Herdwick (Av £79.19) - £148 Glen Loughan Road; £135 Wilsey Down; £120 Kinnaird Farm

Rough Fell - £136 High Harberwain

Shetland - £100 Thethwaite Farm; £89 Shethin Farm

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £400 Huntly Lodge Farm; £325 Brannock Court; £275 Holme House; £265, £225 Ballymena Road; £265 Thrimby Hall; £262 Starrah; £235 Ballymaderphy Road

Texel - £345 Glen Loughan Road; £250 Brannock Court; £228 Shap Abbey; £228 Farewell Grange

Suffolk - £330, £225 Ballymaderphy Road; £280 Low Mill; £238 Manister Road; £235 Shap Abbey

Charollais - £280 Killough Road

Bluefaced Leicester - £270 Burtree Ford

Cheviot - £265 Huntly Lodge Farm; £218 Greenacres

Zwartbles - £240 Holme House

Clun - £200 Ellonby Hall

Blue Texel - £200 Brannock Court

Swaledale - £170 Shap Abbey; £160 Hartley Castle

Herdwick - £135 Bennett Head Farm