

Late Autumn Fair of Breeding Sheep

Tuesday 13th October 2026

On Tuesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their Late Autumn Fair of 1,179 breeding sheep, including the second sale of North of England Mule gimmer lambs, breeding ewes, shearlings & gimmer lambs. This sale also included The Annual "Troutbeck" sale of Swaledale, Bluefaced Leicester, Cheviot, Suffolk & Continental rams.

Quality stock once again sold with ease, with the sale opening with breeding ewes. The first pen through the ring came from Messrs Hall, Bells View, who sold four two-shear ewes to £310.

X-Kiwi Marketing then sold two-shear Charollais ewes to £300. Messrs G M S Carruthers, Towcett Farm, presented a strong run of Texel shearlings, while W E Strong & Partners, Midtown Farm, topped the trade at £330 for two, with a further pen of eight selling for £320. D H Hogg, Melbourne House, sold two pure Cheviot shearlings for £300, while a pen of eight Mules from Messrs D C & C A Knipe, High Carlingill, realised £280.

A small offering of strong gimmer lambs was forward, with prices still exceeding £200. The trade topped at £205 for a pen from Messrs Braithwaite, Scales Farm. Two further pens sold for £200: a pen of eight from Messrs I R & O M Wilson, High Beckside, and a pen of ten from Messrs Taylor, Waterhouses.

Moving on to the tups, as at our previous sale, powerful sheep continued to sell exceptionally well. G Pyman, Park View, brought forward a superb pen, topping at £1,800 for a Texel shearling purchased by Messrs Raine, Fog Close, with others from the same home achieving £1,600. Messrs K O Stone, Nun Cote Nook Farm, also sold Texels to £1,200, with four from this home averaging £1,025. Tup lambs sold well, with Suffolks achieving £1,000 from Mr Jonny Powely, Blands Farm. Beltex lambs achieved £1,000 from G Pyman, Park View, while Texels sold to £900 on two occasions from Mr R Brough, The Croft.

Leading Prices

Breeding Females

Shearlings

Texel - £330, £320, £270, £260 Towcett Farm; £300, £260, £240 (2) Castle Nook; £270, £260 Margarets Croft; £240, £210 Ascott Way; £230 Sunny Bank; £220, £200 Silverband

Cheviot - £300 Melbourne House

Mule - £280, £270 High Carlingill; £275, £230, £215, £210 Hole House Farm; £260 Bank End Mill; £230 Ascott Way

Continental - £260 Castle Nook; £205 Silverband

Dutch Spotted - £205 Bank Hall

Beltex - £200 (2) Sunny Bank

2 Shear Plus

Texel - £310, £280 (2) Bells View

Charollais - £300 Arthur Street

Mule - £210 Meadow Close; £180 Hudgill Rigg; £180 Applegarth; £180 Bank End Mill

Suffolk - £190 Meadow Close

Zwartble - £180 Melbourne House

Leicester - £180 Bank Hall

Gimmer Lambs

Mule - £205 Scales Farm (Braithwaite); £200, £182, £170, £160, £150 Highbeckside; £200, £174 Waterhouses; £160, £158, £150 (3) Shap Abbey; £155, £150 Mellgates; £155 Bowderdale; £155 Street House (Maughan); £150 (2) Bank End Mill; £150 Amos Hill

Suffolk - £190 Bennett Head Farm

Texel - £185 Bowderdale

Herdwick - £150 Bennett Head Farm

Cheviot-Mule - £150 Mellgates

Cheviot - £145 Melbourne House

Breeding Rams

Shearlings

Texel - £1800, £1600, £1300 (2), £1100, £850 (2), £800 Park View; £1200, £1150, £1050, £700 Nun Cote Nook Farm; £1150 Clickham Farm; £950, £900, £850, £780 Laneside; £780, £700 Higher Lingart Farm; £720 Amos Hill

Suffolk - £950, £750 Blands Farm; £700 Burgh Head

Bluefaced Leicester - £700 Burgh Head; £400 Street House; £400 Old Parks

Blue Texel - £620, £500 Wayside Cottage

Beltex - £600 (2), £550, £500 (3) Shap Abbey

Cheviot - £550 Farmanby; £500, £400 Howrigg; £400 Red Squirrel Terrace; £400 Melbourne House

2 Shear Plus

Texel - £750 Colstons; £550, £500 (2) Howgill

Beltex - £620 Colstons

Ram Lambs

Suffolk - £1000 Blands Farm; £800 The Croft; £750 Burgh Head

Beltex - £1000 Park Head

Texel - £900 (2), £800 The Croft; £700 Burgh Head

Bluefaced Leicester - £500 Burgh Head; £450 (2) West Dowgill