Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 11th November 2026

On Wednesday 11th November, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 8,035 prime sheep, comprising 3,036 prime lambs, 616 lightweight collections of hoggs and lambs, and 4,383 cast ewes and rams.

Trade remained exceptionally firm throughout, very much in line with last week. The wholesale average of £159.50 per head was up on the corresponding week last year, with an average of 329ppk, or 355ppk SQQ. A total of 42 lambs sold for more than £200.

The best lambs and handy weights showed the largest rise on the week. Topping the day's sale at 522ppk was a superb 41kg Beltex lamb from the Hall Family, Inglewood Edge, which achieved £214 and was purchased by Mr A Dawson on behalf of Vivers Scotlamb.

A 39kg lamb from Mr M Mackey, 5 Currah Close, also sold at 500ppk, realising £195. The top price per head of £218 was achieved by a pen of 7 lambs weighing 64kg from J G & D H Nevinson, High House Farm. This consignment also topped the averages, with 24 lambs averaging £196.58.

Suffolk lambs once again sold well, topping at £200 for a pen of 12 weighing 64kg from S G & L M Strong Ltd, Sleagil. This consignment of 42 lambs averaged £196.

Messrs J M Carruthers & Son, Grassgarth, presented lambs for sale at Penrith for the first time, with 25 averaging £182.64 per head and 406ppk. A pen of 7 weighing 44kg achieved £196.

Suffolk lambs sold to 361ppk for a 38kg lamb from Mr T Edmondson, High Mansrigg, which achieved £137. Mule lambs sold to £170 for 55kg lambs from Messrs T Armstrong & Son, Sceugh Dyke.

Another large entry in the ewe section, with all buyers present, saw trade mirror the previous week's levels. The top price of £370 was achieved by Mr P Qua, Northern Ireland, for a superb pure Texel, which sold to Romford Halal, Essex. Plenty of ewes sold for £290–£310, with numbers falling well short of buyers' requirements.

Beltex ewes sold to £340, a market record for pure Beltex, achieved by Messrs T N & J Hall, Ainstable Hall, selling to Pak Mecca Meats.
Weight continued to pay, with Suffolks comfortably making £200–£220. The top price of £265 was achieved by Mr S McSwiggan with a pen of 10 Suffolk x Texel ewes. Mr E Sherwin, Bedale, sold pure Wensleydale ewes to £236 and Mashams to £210.

Some excellent pens of Cheviot Mule ewes saw Mr B Duffton achieve £204 for a pen of 20, while H M Livestock sold a pen of 20 to £198.

Horned ewes were very good to sell, with numerous bidders ensuring strong competition across all classes. Swaledales topped at £128 from Messrs Thompson, Hawbank, with plenty of pens making £110–£120.

Cast rams sold readily, reaching a top price of £300 on three occasions from Croft Farm, with plenty of others making £240–£270.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 18th November. Please notify entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £218 High House Farm; £216 Sceugh Dyke, Lane Side; £212, £193 Sleagill House; £208 Clifton Moor Farm; £198, £193, £180, £178, £176 Clea Mire; £194 Stanley House; £192, £190 High Mansrigg; £190 Milburn Grange; £190 Clifton Moor Farm; £190 Fawcett Park; £190 Crosby Hall; £188 Sceugh Dyke; £188, £178 Wreay Hall; £187 High House Farm; £185 Lane Side; £185 Pennine View; £185 Ireby Hall; £184 Peterhouse; £184 Hollands; £184 Brockwoodlees; £183 West End; £183 Greenhow; £180 Clifton Moor Farm; £180 Sleagill House; £179 Sandhills £178 Lower Gate Farm; £179 Sandhills; £178 Lower Gate Farm; £177 Bank House; £176 (2) Low Row; £175 Brockwoodlees; £175 Clifton Moor Farm.

Beltex - £214 Inglewood Edge; £200, £184 Fawcett Park; £200 Crosby Hall; £196 Grassgarth; £195 Currah Close; £191 Wreay Hall; £190 Hollands; £190 Grassgarth; £189, £188, £186 Hollands; £186 Murrah Hall; £180, £179 Hollands; £180 Stanley House; £180, £174 Ewan Close; £178 Cleamire; £178 Brockwoodlees; £176 Low Row; £176 Westray Farm; £175 Station House; £172, £170 Sickergill; £170 Wickerslack.

Suffolk - £200, £191 Sleagill House; £198, £193 Buninver Road; £195, £186, £180 (2), £175, £174 Bogburn; £194 High Mansrigg; £188 Wreay Hall Farm; £186 Hill Top; £184, £180 West End; £182 Station House; £180 Fawcett Park; £180 Fawcett Park; £180 High and Low Buildings; £179 Wreay Hall; £179 West End; £174 High Mansrigg; £172 Scales Farm; £172 Low Row; £172 Thethwaite Farm; £170 (2) West End; £170 Claremont Properties, Pennine View.

Cheviot - £198 Blasterfield Farm; £164, £160 Ranbeck; £160 Greenhow.

Continental - £180 Green Farm; £178, £176, £172, £165 Bogburn; £169 Claremont Properties.

Charollais - £172 Bogburn; £170 Street Head.

Mule - £170 Sceugh Dyke; £168, £160 Howgill Castle; £164 Yew Tree Farm; £164 Greenhow; £163 Waterside House; £159 Harbour Flatt.

Dutch Spotted - £163 Galleywreay Farm; £161 Wood House.

Cheviot Mule - £161 Sceugh Dyke.
Rouge - £160 Street Head.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 522.00, 400.00, 390.00 Inglewood Edge; 500.00 Currah Close; 465.00, 461.00, 419.00, 409.00, 407.00 Hollands; 457.00, 383.00 Low Row; 455.00 Crosby Hall; 445.00, 442.00 Grassgarth; 434.00 Wreay Hall Farm; 433.00 Murrah Hall; 430.00, 415.00 Sickergill; 424.00 Clea Mire; 424.00, 400.00, 390.00 Stanley House; 420.00, 405.00, 400.00, 381.00 Ewan Close; 400.00, 391.00 Fawcett Park; 388.00 Lower Gate Farm.
Continental – 450.00 Green Farm; 361.00 High Mansriggs; 360.00 Hay Close.
Texel – 438.00, 367.00, 360.00 Hollands; 433.00, 395.00, 379.00 Stanley House; 432.00 High Lodore Farm; 419.00, 384.00, 356.00 Clea Mire; 414.00, 389.00, 356.00 Lower Gate Farm; 412.00, 359.00 Bank House; 405.00 Wreay Hall Farm; 398.00 Sandhills; 382.00 Lane Side; 378.00 Greenhow; 378.00, 367.00 Low Row; 376.00, 369.00 Fell View; 374.00, 362.00 Dalemain; 373.00 Ploveriggs; 371.00, 362.00 Green Farm; 371.00, 357.00 Inglewood Edge; 368.00, 363.00 High Harberwain; 367.00 Belvedene; 363.00 Station House; 361.00 Low Moor Dyke; 361.00 Milburn Grange; 360.00 Willimoteswick; 360.00 Ploveriggs; 359.00 Clifton Moor Farm; 359.00 Hewer Hill; 356.00 Ranbeck; 356.00 Lea Croft; 355.00 Anns Cottage.
Blue Texel – 371.00 Town Head Farm.
Suffolk – 369.00 Westray Farm; 361.00, 343.00 High Mansriggs; 351.00 Bank House; 348.00 Eden Terrace; 340.00, 330.00 Inglewood Edge; 339.00 Willimoteswick Farm; 338.00, 336.00, 334.00, 333.00 Hay Close; 337.00 Station House; 332.00, 326.00 Sleddale Hall; 332.00 Hurlbarrow Farm; 330.00, 324.00 Hall Garth; 327.00 Wreay Hall Farm; 327.00 High & Low Buildings; 324.00 Ploveriggs; 324.00 Fenton Farm.
Cheviot – 362.00, 338.00, 332.00 High Lodore Farm; 361.00, 328.00 Inglewood Edge; 336.00 Blasterfield Farm; 333.00 Hole Farm; 326.00 Skelling Farm.
Herdwick – 357.00, 338.00 High Lodore Farm.
Charollais – 355.00 Dunbar.
Mule – 333.00, 304.00 Friarbiggin; 320.00 Gall Farm; 314.00, 302.00 Yew Tree Farm; 313.00 Lea Croft; 309.00 Sceugh Dyke; 308.00, 302.00, 300.00 Howgill Castle; 308.00 Greenhow; 300.00 Waterhouses; 300.00 Hollands; 300.00 Harbour Flatt.
Cheviot Mule – 330.00 Lea Croft.
Blackface – 322.00 Gall Farm; 251.00 Cottage Farm.

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £243.52) - £370, £250, £238 Brannock Court; £355, £290, £282, £265, £255, £240 Holme House; £335 Ballymacilcurr Road; £300, £235 West Stobswood Farm; £300 Huntly

Lodge Farm; £300 Prior House; £290, £270 Laneside; £272 Thethwaite Farm; £270 Shethin Farm; £255 Old Wall; £250 The Barn; £246 Cottage Farm; £240 Prior House; £234 Littlebeck; £230 Home Farm (Moir); £218 Unity Farm; £218 Belvedene; £218 Wreay Hall Farm

Beltex (Av £198.61) - £340, £256, £253 Ainstable Hall; £248, £222 Fawcett Park; £242 Tann House; £238 West Stobswood Farm; £238 Murrah Hall; £230 Ballymacilcurr Road; £216 Home Farm (Moir)

Continental (Av £168.34) - £272, £270, £240, £218, £212, £210 Ballymacilcurr Road; £262, £230, £222, £218 (2), £212, £210 Tann House; £262 Ainstable Hall; £260 (2), £228, £222 West Stobswood Farm; £260, £238 Hollands; £255 Thethwaite Farm; £254 Brannock Court; £248, £236, £230 Sickergill; £242, £230, £222 Shethin Farm; £232 Greenlands; £231 Manister Road; £230 Unity Farm; £228 Killough Road; £224, £210 (2) Holme House; £222 Buninver Road; £220 High Knipe; £218 Home Farm (Moir); £218 Tillyfour; £217 Greenacres; £210 Barnskew

Suffolk (Av £180.78) - £265 (2) Buninver Road; £265, £208, £204, £198 Brannock Court; £244, £225, £216, £195 Belvedene; £238, £206 Shethin Farm; £238 Home Farm (Moir); £234 Prior House; £224, £208, £200 Tann House; £218, £196, £194 Holme House; £210, £206, £200 Manister Road; £210 Croft Farm; £203 Longwool Lodge; £200 Ballymacilcurr Road

Charollais (Av £185.00) - £245 Ballymaderphy Road; £231 Manister Road

Wensleydale (Av £225.00) - £236, £203 Longwool Lodge

Blue Texel (Av £209.29) - £220 Holme House

Dutch Spotted (Av £157.88) - £215 Ballymacilcurr Road

Masham (Av £196.00) - £210, £182 Longwool Lodge

Cheviot Mule (Av £176.55) – £204, £180 Tann House; £198, £182, £182 Shethin Farm; £196, £182 Tillyfour; £190 Hole Farm (Mark); £186 West Stobswood Farm; £182 Huntly Lodge Farm; £180 Manister Road

Cheviot (Av £125.48) - £196, £177 Prior House; £190, £160, £154 Parkside Crescent; £180 High Knipe; £178, £155, £150 Home Farm (Moir); £175, £152 Belvedene; £162 Yarpha Farm; £159 Hole Farm (Mark); £158 Ballymaderphy Road; £155 Ballymacilcurr Road; £150 Shethin Farm; £150 Tillyfour

Mule (Av £149.59) - £192, £180 High Knipe; £189, £174 Tillyfour; £188, £184 (2) Tann House; £188 Wreay Hall Farm; £188 Shethin Farm; £187 High Mansriggs; £179 Broomhill Farm; £176 Ainstable Hall; £174 Street Head (Wilson); £172 Nutholm Farm; £172 Manister Road; £172 Greenacres

Hampshire (Av £195.00) - £195 Greenacres

Zwartbles (Av £148.75) - £175 Greenacres; £172 Mount Pleasant Farm

Easycare (Av £133.36) - £152 Holme House

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £111.93) - £130, £126, £105 Shethin Farm; £130, £114 Tann House; £130, £110 Holme House; £127, £105 Ballymacilcurr Road; £122 Shawclough Road; £120 Huntly Lodge Farm; £118 Thethwaite Farm; £115, £104 Brannock Court; £114 Greenacres; £104 Nutholm Farm

Swaledale (Av £90.75) - £128 Howburn; £118 Throstle Hall; £118 Well House; £117 Hollins Farm; £117 Harbour Flatt; £116 Low Garth; £112 Dalebottom Farm; £112 Hurlbarrow Farm; £109 Laneside; £108 Bowderdale; £107 Town End Farm (Crocker)
Herdwick (Av £85.81) - £122 Huntly Lodge Farm; £116 Chapel House Farm; £114 Salkeld Road; £108, £106 Greenacres; £108 Hollins Farm; £108 Throstle Hall
Rough Fell (Av £104.67) - £113 Waterhouses
Shetland (Av £86.97) - £108 Shethin Farm; £108, £105 Home Farm (Moir)

<u>Cast Rams £/head</u>
Texel - £300, £270 Croft Farm; £250, £200 Brannock Court; £235 Ballymaderphy Road; £214 Lacklost
Beltex - £300 Croft Farm; £245 Greenlands; £200 Ainstable Hall
Charollais - £300, £225 Holme House; £240 Manister Road; £220 Brannock Court
Continental - £270 Croft Farm; £255, £235 Stamphill Farm; £220 Holme House
Suffolk - £270 Parkside Crescent; £225 Low Meathop
Cheviot - £255 Croft Farm; £218 Belvedene; £190 Chapel House Farm
Wensleydale - £250 Longwool Lodge
Bluefaced Leicester - £228 Waterside House; £208 Manister Road; £208 Croft Farm; £200 Holme House; £196 Ballymaderphy Road
Dutch Spotted - £215 Home Farm (Moir)
Scotch Blackfaced - £162 Brannock Court; £150 Holme House
Herdwick - £142 Chapel House Farm