

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 26th November 2025

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 6,517 prime sheep, comprising of 2,339 prime lambs and 4,178 cast ewes & rams.

A slightly smaller show of 2,339 lambs were forward with no let off with regards to trade all classes of lambs once again dearer on the week. 43-46kg lambs seem to be in peak demand now. Topping the days trading at 444ppk came for super single Beltex lamb weighing 45kg and achieving £200 from Messrs J C Robinson, Black Leases purchased by Mr W Shearer.

A total of 64 lambs sold more than 400ppk. Top price per head of £201 came for a pen of 9, weighing 65kg from Messrs J G & D H Nevinson, High House Farm. This homes run of 25 sold to average £199.56, weighing 64kgs.

A wholesale average of 327ppk and an sqq average of 346ppk, equating to £153.30 per head. Suffolk lambs topped at £194 for a pen of 3, weighing 64kgs from Messrs T E Irving & Son, East Cliff. This homes run of mainly Suffolk X Mule Lambs sold to average 57kg or £182.72 or 320.5ppk.

Suffolks also sold to 353ppk for 38kg achieving £134 from F R Crew, The Gall. The same home topped ppk with mule lambs, weighing 37kg realising £130 or 351ppk.

Mules topped at £165 for 57kgs from GMS Carruthers, Towcett.

Herdwicks sold to 335ppk for a pen of 7 weighing 46kg, achieving £154 from Messrs Bland Ltd, Clea Hall. Many more lambs can be sold with ease. It's our Christmas Show next week and we look forward to welcoming you all.

4,178 Cast Ewes forward to average £143.31 that's including 1080 Swaledale and Scotch Blackfaced.

All in all, a Bonanza of a trade was witnessed with plenty of vendors averaging more than £200. Numbers like this can be handled with great ease each week especially with 13 active buyers around the ring selling ewes with over 500 ewes in excess of £200.

A staggering trade throughout the sale with Mr H McRae, Shethin Fam, Aberdeenshire, topping at £355 with a pure Texel selling to Pak Mecca Meats, Birmingham. Very closely followed at £350 from Messrs F J & E M Mason, Sickergill selling to AJ Meats, Birmingham.

405 Suffolk ewes sold to average a mind blowing £190.03 topping at £300 for a Suffolk x Texel with larger pens £230x20; £210x18; £204x23.

Weights sold with great ease, Scotch Mules to £198 from Mr W Morrison, South Bogbain and Shethin Farm achieving £208 for a ring full of Cheviot Mules.

Horned Ewes again up the gears topping at £155 for a monster of a ewe with larger pens achieving £138x15; £134x22; £126x16; £120x16; £117x36.

Swaledale's peak at £136 from Messrs MTP & S D Wills, Fawcett Park and Messrs Wilson, Itonfield selling 13 Herdwick ewes to £124.

A mention must be made to Mr A R Edmondson, Hawkswell selling 46 Herdwick and Swaledale ewes to average a staggering £110.26 with a pen of 12 Swaledales to £122.

Rams topped at a mighty £295 for a Bluefaced Leicester from Mr T A Benn, Low Mill, but numerous rams £220-£235.

More sheep can be sold to vendor's advantage. Numbers are needed each week now going forward. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141, or Andrew Maughan on 07717611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 444.0, 411.0 Black Leases; 427.0, 422.0, 396.0, 376.0 Shap Abbey; 415.0, 386.0 Waterside Farm; 413.0, 402.0 Sickergill; 413.0, 390.0 Riggshield; 409.0 High Knipe; 405.0, 393.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 405.0 Tymperon Hall; 402.0 Hermitage; 398.0 Black Leases; 395.0, 386.0 Murrah Hall; 390.0, 386.0, 383.0, 381.0, 374.0 Thorneyland; 386.0, 380.0 Green Farm; 384.0, 374.0 Bank House; 378.0, 374.0 High Knipe; 378.0 (2) Gallowberry; 378.0 The Wreay (Graham); 371.0 Walton High Rigg

Texel – 424.0 North Gill Bank; 419.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 394.0 Old Wall; 393.0, 388.0 Kirkhouse; 385.0 Shap Abbey; 378.0, 373.0 Little Ecclestone Hall Cottage; 378.0 Towcett Farm; 370.0, 358.0 Riggshield; 367.0, 350.0 Sickergill; 365.0 Cleamire; 362.0 Hermitage; 362.0 Clea Hall; 361.0 West View; 359.0 Croft Ends Farm; 357.0, 351.0 Bank House; 357.0 Reagill Grange; 356.0 The Hollins; 356.0 Bromley Green; 355.0 Friarbiggin; 355.0 Hay Close; 354.0 High Harberwain; 353.0 High Lodore Farm; 353.0 Gall Farm; 353.0 Green Farm; 351.0 Ormathwaite Farm; 351.0 Old Wall; 350.0 Ireby Hall

Blue Texel – 395.0 Kettleside

Cheviot – 362.0, 339.0 High Lodore; 320.0 Nook Farm

Continental – 356.0 High Lodore Farm; 350.0, 343.0 Shethin Farm; 350.0 Riggshield; 346.0, 340.0 Kirkhouse; 343.0 Gall Farm; 336.0 (2) Little Ecclestone Hall Cottage; 335.0 Friarbiggin

Suffolk – 353.0 Gall Farm; 348.0 Kirkhouse; 346.0, 333.5 West View (Davidson); 338.0, 334.0, 318.0 Croft Ends Farm; 333.0 Bank House; 330.0 Friarbiggin; 325.0, 321.0 East Cliff; 320.0, 316.0 Sleagill House; 320.0, 315.0, 311.0 Hallgarth; 320.0 Ploveriggs; 316.0, 314.0 Highrigg; 314.0 The Wreay (Graham); 312.0 Low Row; 312.0 Ghyll House

Mule – 351.0, 332.0 Gall Farm; 313.0 Sceugh Dyke; 307.0, 304.0, 300.0 Bell Mount; 307.0 Old Parks; 306.0, 300.0 Low Mill; 304.0 Howgill Castle; 303.0 Doddick Farm

Charollais – 338.0 Little Ecclestone Hall Cottage

Herdwick – 335.0 Clea Hall

Cheviot Mule – 315.0 Nunfield Farm; 308.0 Clea Hall

Prime Lambs £/head

Continental X: £198 Sleagill House; £180, £161, £157 Sunny Bank; £173 Ireby Hall; £172, £154 (2), £151 Shethin Farm; £166 The Wreay; £166, £165 Sceugh Dyke; £165, £154 Towcett Farm; £158 Sceugh Dyke; £153 Kirkhouse; £152 Salkeld Road; £151 Little Eccleston Hall; £151 Ormathwaite Farm; £150 Lingstubs; £150 Burblethwaite Farm.

Suffolk: £194, £192, £180 East Cliff; £192, £164 Low Row; £192 Sleagill House; £181, £167 Low Row; £180 Sleagill House; £174, £160 Highrigg; £172, £164 Towcett Farm; £169 Stoneybeck Farm; £168 Hall Garth; £164, £153 Ghyll House; £162 Croft Ends Farm; £162 West View; £159, £157, £150 Croft Ends; £155 Hole House; £154 Kettleside Farm; £154 The Wreay; £154 Nook Farm; £153 Bank House; £150 Hall Garth.

Cheviot: £150 Black Leases; £149 Ploveriggs; £145 Clea Hall, Murrah Hall; £144 Nook Farm.

Texel: £201 High House; £200 Shap Abbey; £200, £198 High House Farm; £198 Lane End; £198, £187 Stoney Beck; £196, £188 Reagill Grange; £190, £176 Shap Abbey; £188 East Cliff; £186, £181 Clea Mire; £185, £184 (2), £170 Sleagill House; £185 Clubbs Old Wall; £184 Shethin Farm; £182 Sceugh Dyke; £181 Bell Mount; £180 (2) Brockwoodlees; £180 Ploveriggs; £178, £174 High Knipe; £178 (2) Ireby Hall; £176, £174, £170 Towcett Farm; £174 Park House; £174 Sleagill House; £174 North Gill Bank; £174 Bromley Green; £173 Scratchmere Scar; £173 (2) Cleamire; £172 Cainbridge Farm; £170 Hermitage; £170 (2) High Harberwain; £170 Low Row; £170 Riggshield; £170 Haber; £170 Little Eccleston Hall.

Mule: £165 Towcett Farm; £165, £158, £149 Howgill Castle; £154, £147 Sceugh Dyke; £153 Bell Mount; £150 Grasvegas; £149 Hole House; £149 Bell Mount; £147 Low Mill.

Cheviot Mule: £148 Clea Hall; £145 Nunfield Farm

Herdwick: £154 Clea Hall.

Beltex: £200 Black Leases; £190 Sickergill; £190 (2), £188 (2) Shap Abbey; £189 Black Leases; £189 High Knipe; £186 Riggshield; £179 Black Leases; £178 Tymparon Hall; £177, £166 Brockwoodlees; £177 Hermitage; £177 Sickergill; £176 High Knipe; £174 Gallowberry; £173 Reagill Grange; £170 The Wreay; £170 Hermitage; £170 Gallowberry; £170, £166 Murrah Hall; £166 Waterside Farm; £166 Green Farm; £166 Thorneyland; £166 Waterside Farm; £165 Bank House .

Dutch Spotted: £178 Lane End.

Blue Texel: £170 Kettleside Farm.

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (av £223.74) - £355, £300, £282, £270, £244, £236, £224, £218 Shethin Farm; £340 Cottage Farm; £325, £260, £248 Tarn End; £285, £258, £240, £238, £230, £222 Bogie Street; £320, £230 (3), £218 Greenacres; £278, £265, £256, £248 (2), £220 Fawcett Park; £275, £265, £258, £238, £218 Holme House; £270, £250, £238, £226, £216 Grassgarth; £252, £222 Riggshield; £250 Ploveriggs; £245 Ireby Hall; £240, £230, £220 Drumreach Farm; £238 Greenlands; £216 Cottage Farm

Continental (av £178.98) - £350, £225 Sickergill; £258 The Croft; £250, £240, £222, £214 Holme House; £242, £235, £232 Unity Farm; £240 Haber; £238 Lane End; £230, £214 Clea Hall; £222, £218 (2), £210 (2) Tarn End; £218 Galloper Park; £216 (2), £210 West Stobswood Farm; £216, £212, £200 Grassgarth; £216, £200 Greenacres; £216 Greenlands; £208 East Newbiggin Farm; £206 Burblethwaite Farm; £200 Old Mill Flatt

Suffolk (av £190.03) - £300, £250, £242, £230, £210, £204, £197, £188, £186 (2) Holme House; £240 Drumreach Farm; £238, £212, £206, £203, £194, £192, £185 Tarn End; £238 Belvedene; £208, £198 Bogie Street; £204, £202, £194, £186 Lane End; £200 (2) Calees Cottage; £200 Sceugh Dyke; £198, £186 Shethin Farm; £197 Town Head (Potter)

Beltex (av £191.43) - £240 Woodfoot; £222 Tarn End; £218, £210 Clea Hall

Charollais (av £202.00) - £220 Drumreach Farm

Cheviot Mule (av £184.25) - £208 Shethin Farm; £170 Drumreach Farm

Cheviot (av £135.57) - £200 (2), £188, £171, £163 Lane End; £194, £162 Drumreach Farm; £186 Side Farm; £174 High Knipe; £168 Holme House; £168 Shethin Farm; £168, £164

Belvedene; £167 Merryvale; £164 West Stobswood Farm; £161 Huntly Lodge Farm

Dutch Spotted - £200 Tarn End

Mule (av £154.08) - £198 Greenacres; £184, £168, £159 Bogie Street; £178 Drumreach Farm; £176 Holme House; £174 Old Mill Flatt; £172, £166 Shethin Farm; £172, £160 (2), £158, £155 Huntly Lodge Farm; £170 Peterhouse; £167, £164 Tarn End; £164 Tymparon Hall; £164 Merryvale; £162 Town Head (Potter); £160 Rectory Farm; £160 Dryevers Farm; £160 High Knipe; £160 Haber; £160 East Cliff; £160 Black Leases; £156 Sceugh Dyke; £156 Riggshield; £156 Hawkswell Farm; £155 East Newbiggin Farm

Lleyn (av £130.74) - £190 Sickergill; £154 Coach House; £140 Huntly Lodge Farm; £137 Shethin Farm; £134 Greenacres

Zwartble (av £158.17) - £174 Holme House; £168 Drumreach Farm

Bluefaced Leicester - £170 Lonscale; £168 North Gill Bank

Scotch Blackfaced (av £104.22) - £155, £120 Shethin Farm; £150, £112 Bogie Street; £138, £110 Greenacres; £134, £126, £117, £111 Irvine Farm; £134, £114 Huntly Lodge Farm; £130, £115, £110 West Stobswood Farm; £130 Tarn End; £119 Drumreach Farm; £116 Friarbiggin

Rough Fell - £142 Cottage Farm

Swaledale (av £89.57) - £136, £114 Fawcett Park; £126 Peterhouse; £122 Side Farm; £122, £114 Hawkswell Farm; £118, £116 Low Mill; £118 Town Head Farm (Wharton); £117 Hollins Farm; £114 Crosby Lodge; £112 Lane Side; £109 Hole House; £105 Hegdale; £100 Peterhouse

Herdwick (av £89.95) - £124 Street Head (Wilson); £110 Clea Hall; £110 Howtown Hotel; £109 Hawkswell Farm; £100 Bogie Street

Cast Rams £/head

Bluefaced Leicester - £295 Low Mill

Suffolk - £275 Tarn End

Texel - £260, £230 (2) Tarn End; £235 Greenlands; £220 Sycamore House

Charollais - £260 Tarn End; £235 Witton Farm

Continental - £255 Murrah Hall; £235 Witton Farm; £232 Fell End; £210 Holme House; £208 Low Moor Dyke

Badgerfaced - £250 Dalwyne Farm

Hampshire - £205 Tarn End

Kerry Hill - £190 Dalwyne Farm