

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 10th December 2025

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 5,741 prime sheep, comprising of 2,875 prime lambs and 2,866 cast ewes & rams.

A bigger entry of 2,875 prime lambs was forward with a far superior trade than pre-sale predictions. A whole sale average of 313ppk or 335sqk or £151.60 per head. 1,990 of the lambs on show were in excess of 46kg.

Topping today's trade at 443ppk came for a pen of 3 Beltex's weighing 42kg achieving £186 from Messrs M Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey, closely following at 442ppk with a Beltex lamb weighing 38kg, realising £168 from Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge.

Top price per head of £198 came for a pen of 5 Texel lambs weighing 65kg, from M/s JG & DH Nevinson, High House Farm, this home's run of 29 sold to average £189.38. Suffolk lambs topped today at £195 for 2 weighing 68kg from Messrs D G & L M Strong Ltd, Sleagill House. The Bindloss Family sold Suffolk lambs to 340ppk for a pen weighing 45kg achieving £153.

Messrs T Armstrong, Sceugh Dyke sold a pen of Mule lambs to 296ppk for 50kg receiving £148. M/s JC Robinson, Black Leases sold their run of 60 Mule lambs to average 53kg achieving £155.30. Inside fed sheep really reaped the rewards this week.

More are needed to fill demand here in Penrith.

2866 Cast Ewes & Rams forward a very similar trade on the week with the trade consistent throughout the sale, with £300 being achieved on several occasions firstly from A M Connon & Son, Skilmafilly Farm, Aberdeenshire with 3 Texel Ewes, who's run of 42 averaged a very hot £215.95. Secondly to Mr P Baker, Lincolnshire with both Charollais and Texel Ewes all selling to Romford Halal. The same home sold a ringful of 25 best English Mules to £188 selling to Mr A Dawson, with two further pens to £170 x 18 & 22.

Horned ewes were forward in good numbers with Mr D Raine, Old Parks topping the Swales at £118 with larger pens to £110 x 10, £110 x 25, £108 x 15, £102 x 18. Monster Blackies topped at £146 with larger ewes off grass to £120 x 18, £116 x 35, £115 x 14, £110 x 16, £109 x 44.

Cast Rams topped at a mighty £218 for a Wensleydale from E L Sherwin, Bedale, North Yorkshire.

More sheep can be sold to vendors' advantage. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141, or Andrew Maughan on 07717611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £198, £190 (2), £186, £180 High House Farm; £192 Glebe Cottage; £190, £188, £175, £171 Sleagill House; £188 Clifton Moor Farm; £184 Brocklebank Farm; £180 (2), £175, £170 Ireby Hall; £180, £178 Hall Bank; £180 Hewer Hill; £179 Park House; £178 Newbiggin Farms; £178 Inglewood Edge; £178 High Knipe; £177 Pear Tree House; £176 Silverband; £175 Waterside House; £174 Hewer Hill Cottage; £174 Glebe Cottage; £170 Low Row; £170 Glaslyn House; £170 Rottington Hall; £170 Fowrass; £170 (2) Hole House Farm

Suffolk - £195, £189, £187, £171 Sleagill House; £186 Highrigg; £180, £171, £168 (2) Brocklebank Farm; £186, £164 Jacksonrigg Farm; £179, £167 Low Abbey; £179 Gaitsgill Hall; £176, £162 Rottington Hall; £171 Towcett Farm; £171 Heatherbrae; £170, £168 Nether House Farm; £170, £162 East Cliff; £170 Cape Farm; £170 Low Row; £167, £164 South View; £165 Scales Farm; £162 West End; £162 Pear Tree House; £162 Inglewood Edge;

Mule - £190 Brocklebank Farm; £170, £155 Nether House Farm; £158 (2) Low Mill; £158, £154 (2) Black Leases, £154 Low Row

Beltex - £188 Stoneybeck Farm; £186, £185, £180, £175, £170 (2) Shap Abbey; £178, £172, £171, Waterside House; £174 Riggshield; £174 Black Leases; £173, £172 High Knipe; £173 Inglewood Edge; £172, £170 (2) Woodfoot; £170 Home Farm; £170 Clifton Moor Farm; £

Continental - £172, £158, £154 Sceugh Dyke; £160, £156 Gaitsgill Hall; £154 Shap Abbey;

Cheviot Mule - £166, £165, £151 Low Abbey

Blueface Leicester - £160 Tarn House

Cheviot - £155 Low Abbey; £150 High Knipe; £147 Gall Farm; £145 Clifton Moor Farm

Badgerface - £150 Inglewood Edge

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 443.0, 362.0 (2) Shap Abbey; 442.0, 395.0, 393.0 Inglewood Edge; 415.0, 395.0, 385.0, 364.0 Home Farm; 413.0 Moory Lea Farm; 411.0, 405.0, 398.0, 391.0, 364.0 Shap Abbey; 405.0, 400.0 Woodfoot; 405.0 Black Leases; 402.0 High Knipe; 390.0, 389.0 Noth Gill Bank; 386.0 Riggshield; 381.0 Glebe Cottage; 376.0 Green Farm; 366.0 Bank House; 363.0 Hopper Hill

Texel – 386.0, 362.0, 351.0 Bank House; 373.0 Glaslyn House; 370.0 Sandhills; 365.0 Shethin Farm; 363.0 Hewer Hill; 360.0 Nook Farm; 359.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 355.0, 353.0, 347.0 Old Wall; 354.0 Home Farm; 352.0, 349.0 Ranbeck; 351.0 (2) Clea Mire; 350.0 Bromley Green; 349.0 Woodfoot; 347.0 The Wreay (Graham); 346.0 Lower Gate Farm; 344.0 Green Farm; 343.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 342.0 Newbiggin Farm; 341.0 Glebe Cottage; 340.0 Reservoir Farm

Cheviot – 358.0 Gall Farm; 344.0, 323.0, 307.0 High Lodore; 306.0 High Knipe; 302.0 Clifton Moor Farm

Continental – 344.0 Gall Farm; 341.0 Haltcliffe Bridge; 340.0 Shap Abbey

Suffolk – 340.0, 304.0 Shap Abbey; 318.0 Rottington Hall; 313.0, 304.0 Low Abbey; 313.0 Hall Bank; 309.0, 306.0 Hay Close; 308.0, 303.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 307.0 Nook Farm; 306.0, 305.0, 304.0, 302.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 306.0 Highrigg; 306.0 Inglewood Edge; 305.0, 304.0 Brocklebank Farm; 305.0, 302.0 Sleagill House; 305.0 Park Head (Hird); 304.0 Low Abbey; 304.0 West End; 304.0 Thorneycroft

Blackfaced - 318.0 Gall Farm

Mule – 316.0 Reservoir Farm; 302.0 Brocklebank Farm; 296.0 Sceugh Dyke; 296.0 Low Row; 293.0 (2) Low Mill (Flemming & Wilson); 293.0, 291.0 (2) Black Leases; 292.0 Sceugh Dyke; 292.0 Nether House Farm; 291.0 Tarn House; 291.0 Skirling Mains Farm

Cheviot Mule – 307.0 Fowrass; 298.0, 296.0 Low Abbey

Leading Prices

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (av £195.70) - £300 (2), £250, £225 Skilmafilly Farm; £295, £240, £228, £224, £216, £200 Shethin Farm; £285, £232, £216 Clea Hall; £275, £198 Huntly Lodge Farm; £255, £235, £192 Lansmere; £246 Wetheriggs Farm Cottage; £244, £204 Far Broom; £220 Sandhills; £218 (2) Fawcett Park; £218, £216 Green Farm (Hodgson); £218, £208 Hewer Hill; £214 (2), £198 Drumreach Farm; £196 Low Garth; £190 West Stobswood Farm; £190 Hole Farm

Continental (av £161.43) - £300, £290, £265 (2), £234, £232, £228, £220, £198 (2), £191 Glebe Cottage; £280, £196 Green Farm (Hodgson); £270, £190 Huntly Lodge Farm; £250, £248, £240, £214, £204, £200, £190 Skilmafilly Farm; £234, £214, £200 (2) Home Farm (Coupland); £212, £196 (2), £191 West Stobswood Farm; £210 Clea Mire; £210 Hewer Hill; £206 Lower Gate Farm; £204 Inglewood Edge; £200 Wayside Cottage; £194 Drumreach Farm; £192 School Hill; £190 Far Broom

Charollais (av £196.00) - £300 Glebe Cottage; £196 Shethin Farm

Beltex (av £226.07) - £275, £216 Far Broom; £248, £244, £198 West Stobswood Farm; £232, £218 Green Farm (Hodgson); £224 Clea Hall; £218 Low Garth; £200 Riggshield

Blue Texel (av £198.89) - £265, £235, £220, £200 Wayside Cottage

Suffolk (av £171.36) - £218 Skilmafilly Farm; £214 Lower Gate Farm; £213, £192 Glebe Cottage; £212 Huntly Lodge Farm; £200 West Stobswood Farm; £198, £192 Shethin Farm; £198 Lansmere; £191 Home Farm (Coupland); £190 (2) Green Farm (Hodgson)

Bluefaced Leicester (av £154.83) - £200 Tarn House; £196 Glebe Cottage

Wensleydale - £200, £174, £168 Longwool Lodge

Mule (av £141.17) - £188, £170 (2), £162, £158, £152 Glebe Cottage; £182 Gale Hall; £168 Hosremoor Hills; £158 East Newbiggin Farm; £156 Hewer Hill; £156 Green Farm (Hodgson); £155, £151 Home Farm (Coupland); £155 Sandhills; £154 Huntly Lodge Farm; £152 Low Garth; £152 Waterside House

Cheviot (av £113.88) - £180 Lansmere; £168, £151 Glebe Cottage; £162 Huntly Lodge Farm;

£162 Fawcett Park; £160, £150 Hole Farm; £154, £150 Shethin Farm; £150, £142, £140 West Stobswood Farm; £142 (2) Clea Hall

Half-Bred - £174 Drumreach Farm

Cheviot Mule (av £141.86) - £157 Lansmere; £150 Highrigg

Kerry - £150 Drumreach Farm

Easycare (av £125.31) - £143 East Newbiggin Farm

Zwartble - £142 Rietfontein

Jacob – £120 Glebe Farm; £106 (2) Huntly Lodge Farm

Swaledale (av £97.72) - £118 Old Parks; £112 Low Mill; £111 Moory Lea Farm; £110 Gale Hall; £110 Hollins Farm; £108, £100 Fawcett Park; £102 Horsemoor Hills; £102 Ranbeck; £98 Riggshield

Herdwick (av £82.03) - £99 Middle Fell Farm; £98 Knott Houses; £95 Clea Hall

Shetland – £98, £70 Shethin Farm; £80 Greenacres

Scotch Blackfaced (av £100.35) - £146 Glebe Cottge; £124 Shethin Farm; £120, £106 Parkdargue; £116, £109, £100 Bogie Street; £115 Huntly Lodge Farm; £110, £108 (2), £101, £100 West Stobswood Farm; £100 Ireshope Plains

Cast Rams £/head

Wensleydale - £218 Longwool Lodge

Texel - £215 Shethin Farm

Zwartble – £205 Rietfontein

Suffolk - £190 Belvedene

Bluefaced Leicester - £185 Low Snab