

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 17th December 2025

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 8,291 prime sheep, comprising of 4,414 prime lambs and 3,877 cast ewes & rams.

Wow what a day here in PDFM a record entry of 4,414 Prime Lambs descended the most seen here at PDFM just short of 10,000 sheep in total sold.

A huge thank you must go to all staff who worked extremely hard throughout the day. Aswell as all our vendors who helped during the day and supporting us throughout the year. Once again numbers were no issue with a trade on fire from start to finish and buyers battling hard for stock. Numerous new faces continue to flood into Penrith we thank them for making the trip. A total of 117 different vendors on show.

Christmas certainly came early with a whole sale average of 328ppk or 342sqq equating to £152.60 per head. 49 – 57kg lambs showed the strongest lift on the week with lightweights again a flyer.

Top price of £200 per head came for a super 60kg Beltex x lamb from Messrs H G Jackson, Littlebeck the first time back in Penrith in many years. Top price per kilo of 457ppk came for regular stalwart family the Bindloss's, Shap Abbey selling 2 Beltex lambs weighing 37kg to £169. Two other vendors sold sheep over 350ppk. Firstly, from Messrs W Gribbon & Co, Waterside for a pen of 9 Beltex lambs weighing 40kg realising for £182 or 455ppk. Secondly Messrs Gardner, Glebelands sold a pen of 5 Beltex lambs weighing 43kg achieving £196 or 456ppk.

135 sheep sold in excess of 400ppk a credit to all vendors bringing forward quality well fed sheep. Messrs W Murray & Son, Prior House sold 44 super lambs to average £182.20. 12 vendors sold consignments to average over £170. The Story Family up at Newbiggin Farms sold 139 lambs to average 49.5kg at 335ppk or £166.13.

Suffolk lambs sold to £185, weighing 66kg from Messrs T F & G M Pollock, Wreay Hall Farm who sold a beautiful pen of 10 weighing 58kg to realising £183.

Mule lambs topped at £176 weighing 59kg from Messrs W J Whitfield, Pennine View. All Mules were a joy to sell Messrs Lowis, Waterside sold 20 weighing 56kg to £172. Messrs R & J M Ridley, Cheviot Mules sold 23 weighing 52kg realising £167 a head.

Cheviot lambs sold to 352ppk for a pen of 20 weighing 33kg achieving £116 from J Weir, High Lodore. The same home sold 13 Herdwicks weighing 38kg selling for £127.

Cast Ewe & Ram vendors came forward with great droves of sheep to witness a very busy and most certainly competitive ring side of buyers. A whole sale average of £152.54 was achieved for 3877 sold. With plenty of categories £10 - £15 upon the week.

Topping at £340 ahead went to a superb Pure Texel Ewe from Mr P Mcalonan, Northern Ireland purchased by A J Meats, Birmingham. A grand total of 401 selling in excess of £200.

Leading in the averages Messrs T B Stamper & Son, Harrot Hill Farm, Cockermouth sold 16 Texel x ewes to average £248.88, topping at £310 for 4. Kedzlie Farms sold 2 ultimate pens of Pure Beltex ewes to £248 x12 and £240 x16 & £222 x10. Also topping the rams were 2 Texels topping at £285 selling to Pak Mecca, Birmingham.

The heavy ewes easily sold £200 plus topping at £300 in the Suffolk section and 494 sold to average £189.54 with plenty of pens £200 - £215. The very best English Mules sold to £200 from Messrs J D Bowness, Cliburn Hall.

Horned ewes along way short of buyer's requirements with 276 Swales sold to average £101.73 topping at £127 for 16 from Elliott Bros, Harbour Flatt with other larger pens to £119 x19, £117 x12, £115 x15, £114 x25.

Competition is key and new vendors travelling the extra mile making it well worth their time with the financial rewards witnessed and received.

Once again, many thanks to all staff, vendors and buyers who support us week in week out, we wish them all a very Merry Christmas. 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 07717 611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Beltex - £200, £188, £173 Littlebeck; £196, £192, £186 (2), £178, £176 Glebelands; £188, £177 Murrah Hall; £186, £182, £173, £172 Waterside Farm; £185, £170 Milburn Grange; £183, £178, £173 Newbiggin Farm; £182 Greensyke Farm; £180 Ranbeck; £180 Crosby Hall; £179 Street Head; £178, £174, £172 (2) Hewer Hill; £176, £170 Stanley House; £174, £172 Brockwoodlees Farm; £172, £170 Ireshope Plains; £172 Glaslyn House; £172 Black Leases; £170 (2) Wreay Hall; £170 (2) Sycamore Rise; £170 Fenton Farm; £170 Town Head Farm
Texel - £198, £194, £190 (2), £188, £186, £182, £180 (2), £178, £175 Prior House; £187, £180, £177 Home Farm (Griffin); £187, £179 Sleagill House; £185, £175 (2) Castle Nook; £184 Salkeld Road; £182, £180 Waterside House; £182 Reagill Grange; £181, £174 (2) Shap Abbey; £181 Cleamire; £180, £174 Sycamore Rise; £180 Glaslyn House; £180 Shethin Farm; £180 Milburn Grange; £178, £174 High Street; £178 Hall Bank; £178 Littlebeck; £177 Grassknop Farm; £175, £174 High Knipe; £174 Newbiggin Farm; £174 Pennine View; £174 The Wreay; £174 Wester Bogieside Farm

Suffolk - £185, £178, £165 Jacksonrigg Farm; £183 Wreay Hall Farm; £180, £177, £170 Sleagill House; £180 Home Farm (Griffin); £178, £168 Grassknop Farm; £178 High Knipe; £177 Brockwoodlees Farm; £173 Gallywreay Farm; £172, £170, £168 Park Nook; £172, £167 West End; £172, £164, £160 Ireshope Plains; £168 Hall Garth; £165 Crindledyke Farm; £163 Dale Head; £162 Lea Croft; £160 Birks Farm

Continental - £179 High Park Foot; £174, £158 Pennine View; £170 Gallywreay Farm; £169, £152 Fog Close; £163 Crosby Hall; £160 Balnellan; £160 Westray; £160 Birks Farm; £159 Hall Bank, £158, £150 (2) Sunny Bank; £156 Black Leases; £150 Sherriff; £150 Hole House

Cheviot - £179 Murrah Hall; £160 High Knipe; £158, £152 Bank Hall

Mule - £176 Pennine View; £172, £166 Waterside House; £170 Harbour Flatt; £170 Ranbeck; £170 Hole House Farm; £165, £160 Castle Nook; £164 Street House; £164 High Park Foot; £160, £158 Black Leases; £160, £150 Undercragg; £158 Ireshope Plains; £156 (2) Shap Abbey; £156 Sceugh Dyke; £152 Dale Head; £150 Milburn Grange

Cheviot Mule - £167 Ranbeck; £156 Fenton Farm; £154 Ireshope Plains; £151 Skelling Farm

Herdwick - £155 Wester Bogieside Farm

Scotch Blackfaced - £145, £144 Gall Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 457.0, 410.0 Shap Abbey; 456.0, 423.0, 417.0, 405.0, 383.0, 380.0 Glebelands; 455.0, 443.0, 410.0, 402.0 Waterside Farm; 429.0, 370.0 Ranbeck; 427.0, 421.0 Murrah Hall; 418.0, 371.0 Moory Lea Farm; 415.0, 388.0, 380.0, 375.0 Stanley House; 408.0, 379.0 Bank House; 402.0 Littlebeck; 400.0 Black Leases; 395.0 Town Head Farm; 395.0 Brougham Castle; 393.0, 385.0, 376.0, 371.0 Home Farm (Metcalf); 391.0, 387.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 390.0, 377.0 Walton High Rigg; 390.0, 374.0, 370.0 Kirkhouse; 390.0, 374.0 Thorneyland; 389.0 Newbiggin Farm; 388.0, 374.0 Glaslyn House; 386.0 Sycamore Rise; 383.0, 376.0 Pringle House; 379.0 Greensyke Farm; 378.0 (2) West View

Texel – 435.0, 421.0, 418.0, 415.0, 405.0, 400.0, 398.0, 370.0 Shap Abbey; 417.0, 396.0, 363.0 Prior House; 407.0 Wester Bogieside Farm; 403.0, 361.0 Moory Lea Farm; 400.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 391.0, 377.0 Home Farm (Griffin); 388.0 Green Farm; 386.0 Black Leases; 381.0, 380.0 Shethin Farm; 377.0, 372.0 High Knipe; 374.0 Low Moor Dyke; 373.0 Old Wall; 365.0 Ormathwaite Farm; 364.0 Milburn Grange; 363.0 (2) Thrang Crag; 360.0 Brougham Castle; 360.0 Anvil Cottage

Continental – 356.0 High Lodore Farm; 355.0, 352.0 Sunny Bank; 351.0 Thrang Crag; 351.0 High Park Foot; 346.0, 340.0; 333.0 Brow Top; 345.0 Bank Farm; 344.0 Sherriff; 343.0 Hay

Close; 343.0 Ireshope Plains; 340.0 Hall Bank; 336.0 Birks Farm; 335.0 Black Leases; 335.0 Hall Farm; 334.0 The Wreay; 333.0 Gall Farm

Badgerface – 363.0 Brougham Castle

Suffolk – 352.0, 322.0 Shap Abbey; 351.0 West View; 346.0, 339.0 Kirkhouse; 345.0, 343.0, 339.0 Birks Farm; 340.0 Hall Bank; 339.0, 333.0 Ormathwaite Farm; 331.0 Low Abbey; 331.0 Midtown Farm; 329.0 Thackwood; 327.0 Ireshope Plains; 327.0 Brow Trop; 327.0 Rectory Farm; 324.0, 323.0 Grassknop Farm; 324.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 322.0 West End; 322.0 Sleagill House; 322.0 Hall Garth; 321.0 Black Leases; 320.0 Reservoir Farm; 320.0 Hay Close

Cheviot – 352.0 High Lodore Farm; 345.0 Bank Hall; 330.0 Bogie Street; 329.0 Black Leases; 323.0 Skelling Farm; 321.0 Gall Farm

Charollais – 339.0 Black Leases

Herdwick – 334.0 High Lodore Farm; 310.0 Wester Bogieside Farm

Scotch Blackfaced – 322.0, 320.0, 315.0, 310.0 Gall Farm

Cheviot Mule – 321.0 Ranbeck; 316.0 Clea Hall; 315.0 Skelling Farm; 314.0 Ireshope Plains; 312.0 Fenton Farm

Mule – 318.0 Sceugh Dyke; 313.0, 308.0 Undercragg; 310.0, 308.0 Black Leases; 310.0 Ireshope Plains; 309.0 Street House; 308.0, 300.0 Harbour Flatt; 307.0 (2) Waterside House; 306.0 (2) Shap Abbey; 305.0, 300.0 Lea Croft; 304.0 High Park Foot; 304.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 302.0 The Wreay; 300.0 Dale Head

Swaledale – 282.0 The Wreay

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £228.13) - £340, £320, £285, £270, £255, £248, £240, £230, £224, £215 Tarn End; £335 (2), £290, £270, £250 Haas Side Farm; £315, £285 (2) Cherry Lane; £310, £295, £230 Lingstubs; £295, £246 Holme House; £295, £236, £230, £200 Shethin Farm; £280, £275, £232 Greenacres ; £270, £220, £208 Bogie Street; £265, £228(2), £216 Killough Road; £262, £228 Fawcett Park; £250, £238 Rottington Hall; £250 Thethwaite Farm; £250 Harrot Hill Farm; £236 Glebelands; £232 Glaslyn House; £226 Pringle House; £224 Holme Farm; £216 Huntly Lodge Farm; £212 East Cocklaw Farm; £208 Murrah Hall

Beltex (Av £237.17) - £310 (2), £255, £248, £245 Harrot Hill Farm; £260 Shap Abbey; £248, £240, £222 Swalesmoor Farm; £245; £208 Littlebeck; £232 Kirkbarrow Hall; £218 High Pow Farm; £202 (2) Galloper Park

Suffolk (Av £189.54) - £300, £246, £216, £208 (2) Holme House; £265, £232 Harrot Hill Farm; £256 Sycamore Rise; £248, £219, £217, £216, £212, £211 (2), £204, £198 (3) Tarn End; £204 Shethin Farm; £204 Hill Crest; £202 Rottington Hall; £200, £197 Killough Road

Continental (Av £164.23) - £280, £238, £219 Old Wall; £240, £235, £232, £224, £208 Holme House; £240, £228 (2), £220, £207, £205, £202 (3), £200 Tarn End; £236 Wester Bogieside Farm; £235 (2), £212 Jacksonrigg Farm; £232 South Street; £220, £208 (2), £202 Shethin Farm; £220 High Pow Farm; £218, £200 (3) Bogie Street; £218 Hall Garth; £212, £200 Balnellan; £212 High House; £210 Killough Road; £208 Fawcett Park; £204 Hill Crest; £200 (2) Grange View £200 Barrock End; £200 Rottington Hall

Charollais (Av £200) - £240 Tarn End; £214 Holme House

Dutch Spotted (Av £200.71) - £210, £205 (2) Victoria Road

Mule (Av £144.92) - £200 Cliburn Hall; £190 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £186 Harrot Hill Farm; £178 Barrock End; £177 Rottington Hall; £177 Tillyfour; £176 Holme House; £174 Greenacres; £169 North Netherscales; £169 Bogie Street; £168 Hall Garth; £167 Newlands Hill Cottage; £167 Tarn End; £166 South Street

Cheviot Mule (Av £162.67) - £192, £168 Tillyfour; £190 Westray Farm; £182 (2), £172 Bogie Street; £170 Greenacres

Cheviot (Av £122.20) - £170 Swalesmoor Farm; £160 Bogie Street; £158 (2) Huntly Lodge Farm; £158 Tarn End; £152 Murrah Hall; £148 Wester Bogieside Farm; £146 Thrang Crag; £144, £136 Greenacres; £144 Greenlands; £144 Balnellan; £140 Skelling Farm; £140 Netherplace Farm; £139 Tillyfour; £138 Shethin Farm; £138 High Pow Farm

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £98.99) - £137 Tarn End; £125 Huntly Lodge Farm; £122 Killough Road; £121, £116 Netherplace Farm; £119 Field Cottage; £119 Haresceugh Castle; £118 Bogie Street

Shetland (Av £73.51) – £129, £112, £105 Bogie Street

Swaledale (Av £101.73) - £127 Harbour Flatt; £124 Pennine View; £120 Street House; £119, £115 High Park Foot; £119 Waterside House; £118 Fawcett Park; £117 Ireshope Plains; £117 Hollins Farm; £115 Hewgill House; £114 Well House; £112 Shap Abbey

Goat (Av £117.75) - £126 South Street; £115 Galloper Park

Herdwick (Av £90.55) - £124 Shap Abbey; £120 Thethwaite Farm; £114 Wester Bogieside Farm; £114 Ireshope Plains

Cast Rams £/head

Texel - £285, £245 Swalesmoor Farm; £248 Clifton Moor Farm; £230 Shethin Farm; £218 Bon Vista; £215 Sycamore Rise; £200 Ireshope Plains

Continental - £250, £210 Holme House; £245, £230 (2), £200 Tarn End; £238 Greenlands; £220 Swalesmoor Farm; £220 Hall Garth

Suffolk - £248 Scales Hall; £240 Tarn End

Beltex - £248 Glebelands; £230 Deepdale Hall; £218 Westray Farm

Cheviot - £232 Clifton Moor Farm

Dutch Spotted - £230 Shethin Farm; £230 Grange View

Charollais - £204 Tarn End