

# Prime Sheep Report

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

On Sunday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their opening 2026 sale of 5,321 prime sheep, comprising of 2,472 prime lambs and 2,849 cast ewes & rams.

A great show of prime hogs was forward with a larger offering of well-finished hogs on offer. It was great to start the year on such a high, with a whole sale average of £160, 356p/kg SQQ (336p/kg overall) being achieved.

Topping the sale at 415p/kg was achieved on two occasions, firstly for a pen of five Beltex hogs weighing 41kg, realising £170 from Messrs W Gribbon & Co, Waterside Farm. This price was matched by three Beltex hogs, also weighing 41kg from Messrs R & JM Ridley, Ranbeck.

Top price per head on the day was £200, this was paid for a 61kg Beltex hogg from Newbiggin Farms. Heavy Mule hogs continue to fly, with Messrs MTP & SD Wills, Fawcett Park, returning to Penrith and selling a pen of twenty-five at 59kg to £184. Messrs Lewis, Waterside House, also sold a pen of sixteen at the same weight to £182.

Cheviot-Mules sold to £172 for 54kg from Messrs EJ Iverson & Son, Skelling Farm. Messrs Sowerby, Sycamore Rise, sold a pen of 25 Cheviot hogs weighing 50kg to £162.

Suffolk hogs sold to 359p/kg for 49kg at £176 from Messrs Robinson, Gateghyll, with Mr L Campbell, Plantation View, selling to the same p/kg for 39kg at £140.

Christmas is maybe over but the ring at Penrith just keeps on giving with all classes up £10-£15 per head, achieving a whole sale average of £165.09 and 524 ewes realising over £200. The sale topped at £310 for a superb pure Texel ewe from Mr G Bell, Haas Side Farm, with this consignment of 45 Texel X Beltex ewes averaging £254.02.

This was closely followed at £290 for a pen of 4 Texel ewes from AM Cannon & Sons, Skilmafilly Farm, purchased by Yorkshire Halal, with this consignment of 40 averaging £231.30.

Suffolk ewes break the £200 barrier with an average of £203.62 for all sold, topping at £258 for a pair of huge pure-bred ewes from Mr B Duffton, Aberdeenshire, with larger pens realising £232 x12, £224 x17, £221 x22 and £208 x20.

The best Scotch Mules sold to £190 for a pen of 10 from Mr M McNally, Rough Mules also topped at £190 from Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, with larger pens achieving £172 x14, £170 x36, £170 x28, £163 x23 and £162x30.

Horned ewes were a phenomenal trade with numbers miles short of buyers' requirements. Messrs Lewis, Waterside House, sold a pen of 19 Swaledale ewes to £132, with several good pens of Scotch Blackies achieving £130-£140, topping at £144.

We need more numbers each week, please get in touch with any of the team. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141

## ***Leading Prices***

### **Prime Lambs £/head**

**Beltex** - £200, £192, £186 Newbiggin Farm; £198, £190 High Knipe; £196 High Pow Farm; £196 Ireby Hall; £192, £178 Woodhouse; £183 Town Head (Potter); £182, £170 Clea Hall; £180, £178, £170 Braithwaite Mill; £180, £173 Tilery Farm; £180, £172 Hermitage; £178, £170 (3) Waterside Farm; £178 Hay Close; £176, £173, £171 Wreay Hall Farm; £176, £170 Badowney Road; £175, £173 Newbiggin Farm; £175 Hole House; £175 Silverband; £172, £170 High Knipe; £172 Thethwaite Farm; £171 (2) Shap Abbey; £170 Ranbeck

**Texel** - £198, £190, £188, £183 New Hall; £196 (2), £180 Pear Tree House; £192 Town Head (Potter); £190 Basco Dyke Head; £189, £188, £184 Ireby Hall; £188, £185, £180 (2), £179 Lane End; £188 Sceugh Dyke; £188 Newbiggin Farm; £186, £185, £180 Greenacres; £182, £178 Fenton Farm; £182 Skelling Farm; £181 Salkeld Road; £180, £178, £176 Woodhouse; £180 New Rent Farm; £180 West Hill; £179 Langfauld; £178, £176 (3) High Knipe; £178 Clea Hall; £175 Rottington Hall

**Charollais** - £190, £177, £169, £166, £161 Green Close

**Dutch Spotted** - £188 West Hill

**Mule** - £184 Fawcett Park; £182, £174 Waterside House; £180, £155 Sceugh Dyke; £176 Eden Croft; £176 New Hall; £166, £155 Curwen Hill Farm; £156 Green Farm; £154 Shap Abbey; £154 Galleywreay Farm; £154 Sootyhill; £153, £150 Old Parks; £153 Fog Close; £151 Lea Croft; £151 Gateghyll

**Suffolk** - £184, £161 Hole House; £180, £178 Pear Tree House; £178, £176 East Cliff; £176, £169 Shap Abbey; £176 Gateghyll; £176 New Hall; £174, £170 Fenton Farm; £174 Scales Farm (Pollock); £173, £170, £160 Wreay Hall Farm; £170 High Knipe; £170 Tilery Farm; £169 Hunley Bank Farm; £168 Waterside Farm; £166 Crindledyke Farm; £166 Green Farm; £165 Langfauld; £164 Clea Hall; £164 Town Head (Potter); £160 Braithwaite Mill

**Continental** - £184, £168 Sceugh Dyke; £174, £163, £162, £160 Hunley Bank Farm; £170 Sootyhill; £166 Gall Farm; £166 Hermitage; £161 Gateghyll; £161 Basco Dyke Head

**Cheviot Mule** - £172 Skelling Farm; £167 Ranbeck; £162 Sycamore Rise

**Leicester** - £168 Town Head (Potter)

**Cheviot** - £166, £152 (2) Sycamore Rise; £164 High Knipe; £162 Mill Farm (Pollock & Scott); £160 Green Farm; £153 Thethwaite Farm

**Bluefaced Leicester** - £165 High Pow Farm

**Scotch Blackfaced** - £154 Green Farm

**Herdwick** - £152 Clea Hall

### **Prime Lambs p/kg**

**Beltex** – 415.0, 405.0, 386.0, 362.0 Waterside Farm; 415.0 Ranbeck; 405.0, 400.0 (2), 384.0, 383.0, 380.0, 371.0, 364.0 (2) Shap Abbey; 404.0, 386.0, 366.0 High Knipe; 400.0, 390.0 Woodfoot; 400.0, 373.0 Thethwaite Farm; 400.0 Plantation View; 400.0 Highfield Farm; 397.0 Bank House; 391.0, 389.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 391.0, 375.0 Hermitage; 391.0 Braithwaite Mill; 387.0 Hay Close; 384.0, 367.0 Tilery Farm; 383.0 Badowney Road; 381.0 New Rent Farm; 379.0, 378.0 Clea Hall; 376.0 Ranbeck; 370.0, 367.0 West View; 370.0 Braithwaite Mill; 362.0 Woodhouse; 360.0 Newbiggin Farm

**Texel** – 402.0, 381.0, 376.0, 357.0, 353.0 Clea Mire; 396.0, 372.0 Fenton Farm; 386.0 Tilery Farm; 381.0, 357.0, 356.0 Thethwaite Farm; 380.0, 364.0, 362.0, 355.0 Rottington Hall; 379.0 Hay Close; 378.0, 353.0 Galleywreay Farm; 376.0, 363.0 Oaklands; 374.0, 352.0 High Knipe; 371.0 Hermitage; 365.0, 350.0 Greystone House; 364.0, 352.0, 351.0 Gall Farm; 363.0 Plantation View; 359.0, 356.0 Bank House; 358.0 Woodfoot; 358.0 Langfauld; 357.0, 353.0

Silverband; 357.0 Howe Farm; 357.0 Newbiggin Farm; 357.0 Badowney Road; 356.0, 350.0 Woodhouse; 356.0 West View; 356.0 Fenton Farm; 356.0 Clea Hall

**Charollais** – 384.0, 372.0, 366.0, 358.0 Green Close

**Continental** – 369.0, 358.0 Gateghyll; 353.0 Hermitage; 350.0 Thethwaite Farm

**Suffolk** – 359.0 Gateghyll; 359.0 Plantation View; 355.0 West View (Davidson); 355.0 Thethwaite Farm; 343.0 Gall Farm; 342.0, 331.0, 330.0 Shap Abbey; 340.0, 333.0, 327.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 340.0 New Rent Farm; 328.0 Green Farm; 327.0 Pear Tree House; 326.0, 324.0 East Cliff; 324.0 Langfauld; 324.0 Hay Close; 323.0 Crindledyke Farm; 323.0 Waterside Farm; 322.0 Scales Farm (Pollock); 322.0 Fenton Farm; 320.0 Far Bank End

**Herdwick** – 353.0 Clea Hall

**Cheviot** – 348.0 Thethwaite Farm; 338.0, 325.0 Sycamore Rise; 338.0 Green Farm; 328.0 High Knipe; 326.0 Howe Farm

**Scotch Blackfaced** – 340.0 Green Farm

**Cheviot Mule** – 324.0 Sycamore Rise; 321.0 Ranbeck; 319.0, 316.0 (2), 314.0 Skelling Farm

**Mule** – 327.0 Highfield Farm; 321.0 Shap Abbey; 316.0 Howe Farm; 312.0 Fawcett Park; 310.0, 307.0, 306.0 Fog Close; 310.0, 307.0 Curwen Hill Farm; 310.0 Sceugh Dyke; 309.0 Burplethwaite Farm; 308.0, 300.0 Waterside House; 306.0 (2), 304.0 Old Parks; 304.0, 302.0 Lea Croft; 304.0 Langfauld; 304.0 Low Mill; 302.0 Galleywreay Farm; 302.0 Sootyhill; 300.0 Green Farm

### **Cast Ewes £/head**

**Texel (Av £214.87)** - £310, £285, £270, £250, £248, £242, £220 Haas Side Farm; £290, £265 Skilmafilly Farm; £290, £224 (2) West Stobswood Farm; £288, £265, £262, £236, £235, £225, £210 Lane End; £268, £238 Holme House; £262, £232 Greenacres; £252, £250, £240, £221, £220 Swalesmoor Farm; £238 Copperthorns; £222, £220 Espland House; £220 Glebe Cottage; £218 Thethwaite Farm

**Beltex (Av £211.71)** - £278 Espland House; £230 (3) Dufton House; £228, £217 Badowney Road

**Continental (Av £178.80)** - £260, £245, £224, £222, £214 (3) Skilmafilly Farm; £246, £226 West Stobswood Farm; £240, £222 High House Farm (Nevinson); £240, £220 (2), £216, £215, £210 Lane End; £230, £222 (2), £212 Holme House; £228 Swalesmoor Farm; £224 Hay Close; £224 Hillside; £222, £212 Nether Stenries Farm; £220 Tilery Farm; £220 Bogie Street; £216, £210 (2) Greenacres; £216 The Beeches

**Suffolk (Av £203.62)** - £258, £235 Bogie Street; £248, £238, £232, £224, £222, £200 Badowney Road; £242, £232, £230, £228, £220 (2), £215, £214, £202, £200 Lane End; £232, £224, £208 Holme House; £230, £221 Swalesmoor Farm; £222 Greenacres; £220 Hay Close; £216 Glebe Cottage; £214 Skilmafilly Farm; £200 West Stobswood Farm

**Zwartble** - £226 Bogie Street

**Dutch Spotted (Av £183.50)** - £222 Glebe Cottage; £200 Badowney Road

**Blue Texel (Av £192.00)** - £216 Holme House; £200 Badowney Road

**Charollais (Av £191.50)** - £216 Lane End

**Bluefaced Leicester** - £195 Lane End; £180 Greystone House

**Cheviot Mule (Av £191.08)** - £192 Swalesmoor Farm; £181 Greenacres

**Mule (Av £154.53)** - £190, £170 Holme House; £190 Greenacres; £182, £178 High House Farm (Nevinson); £182 Swalesmoor Farm; £172, £170 Glebe Cottage; £172 Bogie Street; £170 West Stobswood Farm; £170 Lane End; £170 Tilery Farm

**Cheviot (Av £141.29)** - £185, £176, £169 Nether Stenries Farm; £180, £170, £164, £156, £146, £140 Bogie Street; £178, £168 Holme House; £165 Greystone House; £149 Lane End; £140 Netherplace Farm; £140 Greenacres; £140 Flakebridge Farm

**Scotch Blackfaced (Av £122.64)** - £144 Lane End; £142, £121 (2) Green Farm; £139, £127 Greenacres; £132 Bogie Street; £130 Westhills; £126 Greystone House; £125 Knock Hall

**Swaledale (Av £113.80)** - £132 Waterside House; £124 Hollins Farm; £120 Highfield Farm; £119 May Cottage

**Jacob** - £124 Bogie Street; £119 Greystone House

**Herdwick (Av £83.41)** - £116, £110 Town Head Farm (Tyson); £114 Howford Farm

**Goat** - £110, £95 Cottage Farm

**Cast Rams £/head**

**Continental** - £230 Cottage Farm; £224 Holme House; £220 Lane End

**Suffolk** - £230 Eden Croft

**Texel** - £224 Clea Mire

**Charollais** - £216 Lane End

**Beltex** - £215 Dufton House

**Blue Texel** - £202 Greenacre

**Cheviot** - £178 Holme House

**Scotch Blackfaced** - £156 Lane End

**Swaledale** - £140 Old Parks; £138 High Snab