

Prime Sheep Report

Sunday 4th 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 hoggs was forward with a larger offering of well-finished hoggs 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 hoggs weighing 41kg, realising £170 from Messrs W Gribbon & Co, Waterside Farm. This price was matched by three Beltex hoggs, 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 hoggs 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 Lowis, Waterside House, also sold a pen of sixteen at the same weight to £182.

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

Suffolk hoggs 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 Connell & Sons, Skilmaffy 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 £162 x30.

Horned ewes were a phenomenal trade with numbers miles short of buyers' requirements. Messrs Lowis, 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 7th 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 Langfaul; 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 Burblethwaite Farm; 308.0, 300.0 Waterside House; 306.0 (2), 304.0 Old Parks; 304.0, 302.0 Lea Croft; 304.0 Langfaul; 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 Skilmaffilly 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) Skilmaffilly 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 Skilmaffilly 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