

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 28th January 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 5,459 prime sheep, comprising of 2,530 prime hogs and 2,929 cast ewes & rams.

Another great entry forward with a dramatic U-turn on last week's trade. A wholesale average of 321ppk or 353sqq or £154.24 per head with only 872 Hogs in the SQQ reflecting the large number of heavies in the sale however trade flew for this class.

Topping today's trading at 465ppk came for a fantastic single Beltex Hogg at 36kg achieving £172 from M/s Bindloss, Shap Abbey.

Topping the sale per head came from M/s W Murray & Sons, Prior House, at £195 for 3 at 46kg or 424ppk. The same home also sold 44kg Beltex to £194 or 441ppk, this homes run of 33 sold to average £181.27 Suffolks sold to 343ppk for 35kg selling to £120 from M/s Wear, Grove Farm.

Mule lambs topped at £166 on 2 occasions, firstly for a pen of 23 at 57kg from M/s Lowis, Waterside. Secondly for a pen of 21 at 59kg from MTP & SD Wills Fawcett Park.

R G Todd, Crosby Hall sold Cheviot Mules to £168 for a pen of 8 at 56kg. M/s Richardson, Fold head sold pure Herdwick lambs at 41kg to £139.

Another excellent show of ewes with an overall sale average of £156.25 being achieved.

Topping at £335 from stalwart customer Mr B Duffton, Aberdeenshire with a pen of excellent pure-bred ewes selling to Romford Halal, Essex. Other pens to £300 from E&D Livestock, Long Marton with Texel X Ewes selling to A J Meats, Birmingham, very closely followed at £295 from Mr M McNally with a pen of 5.

Mr M W Bousfield, Hegdale sold a pair of Pure bred Suffolks to £235 with the very best Suffolk X Mule Ewes to £228.

Huge English mules topped at £198 from Messrs Pollock, Wreay Hall Farm with larger pens to £168 X 24; £168 X12; £166x23; £160X12; £1258x12; £156x16; 3152x34; £152x23.

Horned ewes a long way short of requirements topping at £136 with Holme House with a pen of 21. Swaledale's topping at £122 for 9 from Mr D Raine, Old Parks with large pens to £119x9, £118x11; £115x1 with all sold averaging £101.

Plenty of bidding for cast rams topping at £265 from Pettigo Road, Northern Ireland selling to Pickstock Foods, with numerous others £200 ahead plus.

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Once again, a ringside of 11 active buyers were present and keen to purchase stock don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to give us a try.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 3rd February. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141, or Andrew Maughan on 07717611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Beltex - £195, £194, £192, £191, £184, £180 (2), £179, £175, £170 Prior House; £180, £178, £167 Ireshope Plains; £180, £178, £177 Glebelands; £179, £176, £173, £170 Reagill Grange; £179, £166, £165 Galloper Park; £177, £175, £174, £167 Waterside Farm; £176, £172, £171, £170, £169, £167, £166 (2) Shap Abbey; £170 High House Farm; £170 Crosby Hall; £170 Glaslyn House; £169, £167 Clea Hall; £

Texel - £190, £172 Undercragg; £189, £180, £175 Prior House; £188, £179, £174, £170 Sleagill House; £186, £172 Skelling Farm; £183, £181 Street House; £182, £170 Glaslyn House; £181, £180 South Bogbain Farm; £181, £175, £172 Moory Lea Farm; £180 (2) Gillside; £178 West End; £177 Reagill Grange; £176 High Street; £175, £171 Ranbeck; £174 (2) High House Farm; £173 Green Farm; £173 Asby Mill; £171 Grassknop Farm; £170 Shawclough Road; £170 (2) Brockwoodlees Farm, £170 Hole House; £170 Lodge Farm.

Continental - £181 Moory Lea Farm; £176, £150 South Bogbain Farm; £161 Ireshope Plains; £157 Pennine View; £155 Holme House; £154, £150 Gall Farm; £154 Sootyhill.

Blue Texel - £178 Black Leases.

Suffolk - £178, £167 Sleagill House; £178 South Bogbain Farm; £171, £168, £167, £164, £157, £156 Holme House; £171 Pennine View; £170, £154 Grassknop Farm; £168, £167, £161, £158 Ireshope Plains; £164, £161, £157, £150 Crindledyke Farm; £163, £154, £150 Sleddale Hall; £161, £155 Hole House; £161 West End; £159 Wreay Hall Farm; £158 Basco Dyke Head; £158, £155 Sceugh Dyke; £155, £153 Shap Abbey; £151 Field House Farm; £150 Black Leases.

Cheviot - £170, £152 Skelling Farm; £164 South Bogbain Farm; £161 Crosby Hall; £158 Holme House; £157 Fold Head Farm.

Cheviot Mule - £168 Crosby Hall; £163 Ranbeck; £163 Skelling Farm; £150 Fold Head Farm.

Dorset - £168 Holme House; £165 Ireshope Plains.

Charollais - £167 South Bogbain Farm.

Mule - £166, £164 Waterside House; £166 Fawcett Park; £165, £160 Undercragg; £162, £150 Old Parks; £162 Ireshope Plains; £159 Crosby Hall; £157 Sceugh Dyke; £155 West View; £155 Black Leases; £154 Holme House; £153 Clea Hall; £152 Bradley; £151 Street House; £150 Low Garth.

Masham - £154 Ireshope Plains.

Dutch Spotted - £153 Skelling Farm

Herdwick - £139 Fold Head Farm; £134 Low Garth; £131 Eden Terrace.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 465.0, 450.0, 445.0, 434.0, 419.0, 415.0, 407.0, 405.0, 395.0, 390.0, 364.0, 360.0, 354.0 Shap Abbey; 441.0, 424.0, 417.0, 354.0, 350.0 Prior House; 438.0, 390.0 Moory Lea Farm; 434.0, 429.0, 421.0 Glebelands; 424.0, 421.0, 398.0, 388.0 Waterside Farm; 416.0, 402.0, 386.0, 364.0 Galloper Park; 402.0, 389.0, 378.0 Reagill Grange; 390.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 389.0 Smallthwaite Farms; 388.0 Ireshope Plains; 370.0 Crosby Hall; 367.0, 362.0 Glaslyn House;

Texel – 433.0, 367.0, 358.0 Skelling Farm; 400.0, 353.0 Howe Farm; 379.0, 376.0 Murrah Hall; 373.0, 357.0 Green Farm; 373.0, 360.0, 351.0 Sandhills; 362.0 Shap Abbey; 358.0 Glaslyn House; 356.0 Field House Farm; 355.0, 352.0 Bromley Green; 355.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 355.0 Threlkeld Hall; 354.0, 352.0, 351.0 Ireshope Plains; 354.0 (2) Smallthwaite Farms; 353.0 Thrang Cragg; 353.0 Reservoir Farm; 353.0 West View; 353.0 Long Park Farm; 353.0 Ranbeck; 352.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 351.0 Crindledyke Farm; 350.0 Moory Lea Farm.
 Continental – 376.0, 353.0, 346.0 Gall Farm; 354.0 Ireshope Plains; 348.0 Grove Farm.
 Herdwick – 354.0 Eden Terrace; 339.0 Fold Head Farm; 319.0 Low Garth.
 Cheviot – 351.0 (2), 344.0 Gall Farm; 345.0 Cottage Farm; 327.0, 316.0 Crosby Hall; £318.0 Howe Farm; 317.0 Fold Head Farm; 309.0 Thrang Crag; 304.0 Murrah Hall.
 Suffolk – 343.0 Grove Farm; 335.0, 333.0, 302.0 Sleddale Hall; 333.0 West View; 333.0, 304.0 Shap Abbey; 327.0 Gall Farm; 327.0, 303.0 Basco Dyke Head; 327.0, 322.0 Ireshope Plains; 324.0 Highrigg; 318.0, 311.0, 304.0 (2) Holme House; 310.0, 304.0 Hole House; 308.0, 306.0, 304.0 (2) Crindledyke Farm; 308.0 Field House Farm; 308.0 Reservoir Farm; 306.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 304.0 West End; 304.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 302.0 Grassknop Farm; 300.0 Black Leases.
 Jacob – 341.0 Thrang Cragg.
 Cheviot Mule – 331.0, 306.0 Fold Head Farm; 308.0 Ranbeck; 304.0 Skelling Farm; 300.0 Crosby Hall.
 Blue Texel – 318.0 Black Leases.
 Mule – 306.0, 304.0, 294.0 Old Parks; 300.0, 298.0 Black Leases; 298.0, 296.0 Street House; 296.0 Holme House; 294.0 Crosby Hall; 293.0, 291.0 Waterside House; 291.0 Sceugh Dyke; 291.0 Undercragg.
 Dutch Spotted – 300.0 Skelling Farm.

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £210.96) - £335, £228, £220 Bogie Street; £300, £222 Merryvale; £295, £264, £215 Holme House; £280, £265 (2), £262, £248, £236, £230 Brannock Court; £272 Lingstubbs; £252 (2), £238 West Stobswood Farm; £252 Pettigo Road; £250 Grassknop Farm; £250 Cottage Farm; £248 Parkside Crescent; £228 Hall Farm; £228 Wreay Hall Farm; £222 Skelling Farm; £217 Westlea; £216 Moorriggs
Beltex (Av £211.90) - £260 Prior House; £250 Elm House; £250 Mid Farm; £248 Lingstubbs; £240, £220 Clea Hall; £228 Cottage Farm; £220 Home Farm (Metcalf)
Continental (Av £167.05) - £250, £230 High Hall; £248, £246, £229 Home Farm (Metcalf); £242 (2), £235, £232, £222 Parkside Crescent; £235, £234 Bogie Street; £232, £220 West Stobswood Farm; £231, £226 Moorriggs; £228, £222 Cottage Farm; £228 Pettigo Road
Suffolk (Av £179.26 - £235 Hegdale; £228, £218, £214, £200, £193, £191 (2) Holme House; £215, £195, £192 Brannock Court; £208, £200, £196, £190 Merryvale; £208, £195, £190 (2) Bogie Street; £198, £192 Parkside Crescent; £194 Wreay Hall Farm; £190 (2) Glebe Cottage; £190 Knock Hall; £190 West Stobswood Farm
Mule (Av £142.75) - £198, £166 Wreay Hall Farm; £175, £160, £150 Parkside Crescent; £170, £160, £155, £150 West Stobswood Farm; £168, £156, £152 Glebe Cottage; £168, £154, £151 Bogie Street; £168, £150 High Hall; £168, £156 Brockwoodlees Farm; £166, £152 Holme House; £164, £161 Nether Stenries Farm; £158 Brannock Court; £158 Mid Farm; £155 Knock Hall; £154 Sceugh Dyke
Blue Texel - £194 Cottage Farm
Cheviot (Av £120.99) - £180, £160 Glebe Cottage; £170 (2) Merryvale; £170 Prior House; £168, £145, £142 Bogie Street; £166, £153 (2) West Stobswood Farm; £162, £143 Nether

Stenries Farm; £160, £147 Holme House; £158 Parkside Crescent; £145 Skelling Farm; £144 Hall Farm

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £153.26) - £176 Old Parks; £170 Street House (Maughan)

Cheviot Mule (Av £156.17) - £169 Castle Bank; £167 Knock Hall

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £110.00) - £136, £119 Holme House; £132 Farewell Grange; £126

Roods Place; £120 Hall Farm; £115 Knock Hall

Masham - £132 Field House Farm

Lleyn - £128 Parkside Crescent; £120 Greenacres

Swaledale (Av £101.56) - £122 Old Parks; £119 Hegdale; £118 Waters Farm; £118 Roods

Place; £118 Street House (Maughan); £116 Chapel House; £115 Low Mill; £115 Undercragg

Herdwick (Av £88.24) - £116 Waters Farm; £113 Sleddale Hall; £109 Clea Hall

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £265 Pettigo Road; £235 Waters Farm; £222 Holme House

Texel - £246 Greenacres

Charollais - £228 Brannock Court

Cheviot - £206 Bogie Street

Bluefaced Leicester - £208 Holme House

Suffolk - £182 (2) Bogie Street