

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 4th February 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 6,850 prime sheep, comprising of 3,600 prime hogs and 3,250 cast ewes & rams.

Another massive show of 3,666 Hogs here at Penrith. Huge thanks go to all our customers aswell as all the staff who worked extremely hard. Another rise on the week for sheep with demand exceptionally strong across the board.

Penrith continues to draw huge numbers of heavy sheep with only 1269 Hogs in the sqq average resulting in an sqq of 356ppk overall 328ppk or £157.60 per head.

Topping today's sale at 475ppk came again from the Bindloss Family, Shap Abbey continuing their fine form of bringing fantastic sheep, this pen of 7 weighed 40kg and sold for £190. Closely followed at 473ppk came for a pen of 6 at 41kg achieving £194 from M/s RW & G Dickinson, High Knipe. This home also topped the sale at £197 per head, this came for another outstanding pen of 11 at 42kg achieving £469ppk.

Goats are always in popular demand with M/s Evans, Bowness Farm selling 41kg to £150 or 336ppk. Herdwick lambs sold to 358ppk for a pen of 13 at 36kg achieving £129 per head. Herdwicks also sold to £176 for 58kg from M/s Lighfoot, Gillside.

M/s Davidson, West View sold Suffolk to 347ppk for 38kg at £132. Mules sold to £177 for a pen of 21 at 59kg from M/s MTP & SD Wills, Fawcett Park. Numerous runs of fantastic fed hogs sold easily in excess of £180.

Numbers attract buyers, and buyers drive numbers. Today, 3,250 head drew in 12 active, highly competitive buyers.

13 Ewes over £300 ahead topping at £370 from Mr M McNally, Northern Ireland with Pure Texels selling to Yorkshire Halal closely followed at £342 went to Mr H MCrae, Aberdeenshire selling to A J Meats, Birmingham.

Cast Rams break records with Texels to £335 from Messrs T A & A Jefferson, High Pow selling to Pak Mecca Meats, Birmingham who's run of Cast Ewes averaging £276.17 the whole sale average £158.44 with a total of 514 selling in excess of £200 ahead with leading averages to £221.85 for mainly Texel X Beltex a run of 41 from Mr G Bell, Haas Side topping at £316x2. Closely followed at £225.45 for 20 from Messrs Hall, Ainstable Hall topping at £300 for ultimate Beltex Ewes.

The very best English Mules sold to £198 for a pen of 11 from Mr B Taylor, Thwaite Hall. Horned ewes smashed all expectations with a run of 142 Scotch Blackface Ewes achieving an average of £141.54 from Messrs R Wallace & co, Mains of Colin, Castle Douglas, selling to a top of £162 for 14, with larger pens to £144 x 15, £140 x 30. All Swaledale's ewes sold

averaged £102 for a light lean show but the better ewes topping at £125 from Messrs R Carrick, Ireshopeplains.

Full steam ahead for next week once again. Please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next week.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 11th February. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141, or Andrew Maughan on 07717611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Beltex - £197, £194, £186, £180, £175 High Knipe; £194, £170 Moory Lea Farm; £190, £189, £188, £186 (3), £182, £174, £170 (2) Prior House; £190 (2), £186, £174 Shap Abbey; £190 (2), £182 Low Row; £190, £186, £180, £176, £174 Aspatria Hall; £190 Reagill Grange; £187, £179, £177 (2), £176, £175, £172 Kirkbarrow Hall; £184 Murrah Hall; £184 Riggshield; £182 Ranbeck; £182 East Cliff; £180, £171 Woodhouse; £179, £171 Sickergill; £178 Clea Hall; £173 Waterside House; £172 Crewgarth; £170 Honeyput; £170 High Pow Farm;

Texel - £192, £184 Manor Farm; £188, £183 Holme House; £188 Low Row; £188, £186, £180, £173 Clifton Moor Farm; £186 Aspatria Hall; £186 North Netherscales; £184, £175, £174, £173 High Knipe; £184, £180, £176 Sceugh Dyke; £182 Farlough Road; £182 Greenacres; £182 Moory Lea Farm; £182, £180, £174 Waterside House; £180 Peterhouse; £180 (2) Woodhouse; £178 (2) High Knipe; £178 Hall Farm; £177, £174 Towcett Farm; £177, £176 High Pow Farm; £176 Shap Abbey; £176 Clea Hall; £176, £173 Bromley Green; £176 Pennine View; £175 Kirkbarrow Hall; £175 Hower Hill; £175 East Cliff; £174 (2) Braithwaite Mill; £174 Milburn Grange; £174 Low Dyke; £174 Reagill Grange; £174 Buninver Road; £173 Larne Road; £172 Bells View.

Suffolk - £184, £172, £164 Sceugh Dyke; £183, £178 (2), £172, £171, £170, £152 Brocklebank Farm; £182, £177, £166 Low Row; £182 Aspatria Hall; £182, £166 Low Abbey; £179 Larne Road; £178, £170 East Cliff; £178 Farlough Road; £176, £166, £154 Ireshope Plains; £176 Scales Farm; £176, £172, £170, £164, £154 Holme House; £174 Honeyput; £174, £150 Swallow Heights; £169 West End; £166, £152 Bowness Farm; £164 Braithwaite Mill; £161, £158, £156, £154, Shap Abbey; £157 Westray; £153 Plumpton Old Hall; £150 Park Head; £150 Lea Croft.

Continental - £178 Woodhouse; £178, £172, £165, £150 Mellgates; £176 Brocklebank Farm; £172 High Knipe; £171, £156, £154, £150, £148 Stanley House; £166 Towcett Farm; £163 Gillside; £161 Moory Lea Farm; £161 Larne Road; £160 Badowney Road; £160, £154 Holme House; £157, £154 Bank House; £157 Low Abbey; £152 Honeyput; £150 Greenacres; £149 Shap Abbey; £148 Bowness Farm; £148 Milburn Grange; £147 Cairnbridge Farm.

Mule - £177 Fawcett Park; £175 Towcett Farm; £174, £160 Milburn Grange; £168, £155 Howgill Castle; £164, £153 Greenhow; £162, £161, £153 Low Abbey; £161, £157, £155 Black Leases; £159, £157 Sceugh Dyke; £158, £154, £152 Street House; £154 Mellgates; £152 Old Parks; £151 Ireshope Plains; £150 Shap Abbey.

Herdwick - £176 Gillside; £154 Chapel House Farm

Blackface - £148 Buninver Road.

Cheviot - £170 Clifton Moor Farm; £166 Ranbeck; £155 Skelling Farm; £154 Low Abbey; £150 Murrah Hall; £150 Shaw Paddock; £147 Clea Hall.

Charollais - £170, £156 Ireshope Plains

Blue Texel - £170 Clea Hall

Dutch Spotted - £170 Brow Top, £160 Skelling Farm

Cheviot Mule - £169, £164 Ranbeck; £157 North Netherscales

Goat - £150 Bownes Farm.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 475.0, 442.0, 423.0, 415.0, 414.0 Shap Abbey; 473.0, 469.0, 391.0, 380.0 High Knipe; 463.0, 404.0, 378.0, 373.0 Low Row; 443.0, 427.0, 370.0 Prior House; 442.0, 404.0, 400.0, 378.0 Aspatria Hall; 441.0, 390.0 (2) Crewgarth; 438.0, 380.0 Riggshield; 437.0, 430.0, 428.0, 380.0 Sickergill; 432.0 Reagill Grange; 422.0, 394.0, 385.0, 370.0 Moory Lea Farm; 414.0 Ranbeck; 411.0, 368.0 Bank House; 405.0, 373.0, 365.0 Glaslyn House; 400.0 Murrah Hall; 395.0 Honeypot; 389.0 Brow Top; 386.0 High Pow Farm; 383.0 Woodhouse; 380.0, 366.0 Skelling Farm; 376.0 Friarbiggin; 365.0 Clea Hall; 359.0 Kirkbarrow Hall.

Texel – 463.0, 419.0, 380.0, 376.0, 351.0 Shap Abbey; 423.0 North Netherscales; 405.0, 385.0, 378.0, 373.0, 364.0, 356.0, 348.0 Clea Mire; 395.0, 370.0, 363.0 Braithwaite Mill; 389.0 Glaslyn House; 382.0, 358.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 381.0 (2), 369.0 Hermitage; 375.0 Bank House; 374.0, 369.0 Low Row; 374.0 Long Park Farm; 372.0 Clea Hall; 372.0 Hewer Hill; 368.0 High Harberwain; 363.0, 357.0 Bridgehouse Farm; 362.0 Westfield House Farm; 361.0 Sickergill; 361.0 Riggshield; 361.0, 360.0 Long Park Farm; 361.0 High Knipe; 359.0, 358.0 Reagill Grange; 358.0, 354.0 Gall Farm; 357.0 Low Dyke; 356.0 Howe Farm; 356.0 Crewgarth; 354.0 Ireshope Plains; 352.0 (2) Fog Close; 350.0 (2) Nook Farm; 349.0 Townfoot.

Continental – 385.0, 379.0, 371.0, 350.0, 349.0 Stanley House; 381.0 Ireshope Plains; 367.0, 357.0 Bank House; 366.0 Moory Lea Farm; 356.0 Badowney Road; 355.0 West View; 350.0 Riggshield; 347.0 Shap Abbey; 347.0 Gall Farm; 347.0 Howe Farm.

Goat – 366.0 Bowness Farm

Herdwick – 358.0, 331.0, 321.0 Gall Farm; 349.0, 335.0, 330.0 Clea Hall; 324.0 Brimmer Head Farm.

Charollais – 355.0, 354.0 Ireshope Plains.

Suffolk – 347.0, 324.0 West View; 342.0, 325.0, 322.0 (2) Shap Abbey; 338.0, 323.0, 310.0 Friarbiggin; 335.0 (2), 319.0 Ireshope Plains; 333.0 Midtown Farm (Fisher); 327.0 Westray; 319.0 (2) Park Head; 319.0 West End; 317.0 Stoddah; 317.0, 311.0, 310.0 Brocklebank Farm; 317.0 (2) Nook Farm; 317.0 Bowness Farm; 316.0 Side Farm; 315.0, 314.0 Holme House; 314.0 Scales Farm; 313.0 Low Row; 312.0 Plumpton Old Hall.

Mule – 345.0 West View; 320.0 Riggshield; 319.0 Fog Close; 319.0 Shap Abbey; 317.0 Stubsgill Farm; 317.0, 316.0, 314.0 Street House; 316.0, 304.0 Old Parks; 315.0 Ireshope Plains; 314.0 Bowness Farm; 311.0 Townfoot; 311.0 Moory Lea Farm; 310.0, 300.0 Howgill Castle; 310.0 Eden Park; 308.0, 306.0 Sceugh Dyke; 306.0 Low Abbey; 304.0, 300.0 Greenhow; 304.0, 302.0 Black Leases; 300.0 Fawcett Park; 300.0 Low Abbey.

Cheviot – 342.0 Clea Hall; 337.0, 327.0 High Lodore Farm; 336.0 Nook Farm; 334.0 Skelling Farm; 333.0 Midtown Farm (Fisher); 333.0 Bank Hall; 333.0 Howe Farm; 333.0 Murrah Hall; 328.0 Low Abbey; 325.0 Ranbeck.

Blue Texel – 333.0 Clea Hall.

Blackface – 330.0, 319.0 Gall Farm.

Cheviot Mule – 327.0 North Netherscales; 324.0 Skelling Farm; 322.0 Ranbeck.

Dutch Spotted – 327.0 Brow Top

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £233.05) - £370, £300, £290, £280, £260 Holme House; £342, £330, £278, £260, £250, £242, £232 Shethin Farm; £320, £268, £230, £228 Ballymena Road; £316 (2), £300 (2), £295, £275, £255, £235, £220 Haas Side Farm; £300, £234, £232 Buninver Road; £290, £255 Badowney Road; £286, £237, £218 Glen Lough Road; £255 Sickergill; £252 Pettigo Road; £242, £228, £220 Bustabeck; £230 Fawcett Park; £228 Fecarry Road; £220 Greenacres; £220 Greensyke Farm; £218, £214 Sickergill; £218 Farlough Road; £212 (2) Greenlands; £212 Ghyll House Farm; £212 Braithwaite Mill

Continental (Av £181.89) - £320, £295 Aspatria Hall; £300 Ainstable Hall; £290 Buninver Road; £280 Waterside House; £252 Farlough Road; £250, £245 Greenacres; £248, £240, £238, £228 (2), £226 (2), £224 Brannock Cour; £240, £230, £228, £222 Pettigo Road; £236 Thwaite Hall; £236 Belmont; £230 Greenlands; £228 Holme House; £224 Fecarry Road; £220 Haas Side Farm; £220 Shap Abbey

Beltex (Av £217.37) - £290 Buninver Road; £268, £245, £232, £230, £216 Ainstable Hall; £254, £222 (2) Shap Abbey; £220 Haas Side Farm; £218 Greensyke Farm; £214 Millbank

Charollais (Av £237.30) - £280, £260 Brannock Court; £270, £260, £229 Holme House

Blue Texel (Av £241.00) - £255, £235 Haas Side Farm; £250 Hay Close; £230 Ballymena Road

Suffolk (Av £188.56) - £242, £222, £210, £200, £192 Holme House; £238, £218, £194 Ballymena Road; £225 (2) Shap Abbey; £224 Fecarry Road; £222, £214, £198, £192 Brannock Court; £222 Greenacres; £214, £197, £196, £190 Pettigo Road; £214 Shethin Farm; £212 Glen Lough Road; £208, £200 Buninver Road; £208 Millbank; £200 Park Farm; £200 Brow Top; £200 Braithwaite Mill; £200 Swallow Heights; £200 Crewgarth; £198 Bogie Street; £192 Hay Close; £190 Farlough Road; £190 Hall Farm; £190 Plum Tree House; £190 Shannachar Cottage

Cheviot (Av £132.88) - £204, £186, £158 Bogie Street; £189 Brow Top; £184 Barrock End; £171, £162 Buninver Road; £170 Side Farm; £170 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £166, £148 Glebe Cottage; £165 Holme House; £162 Fecarry Road; £159 Park Farm; £158, £148 Greenacres; £150 Murrah Hall; £148 Gall Farm; £148 Brownrigg Hall Farm; £148 Glen Lough Road

Woodland - £202 Gall Road

Mule (Av £154.86) - £198, £166 Thwaite Hall; £178 Ballymena Road; £177 Greenacres; £175 Holme House; £174 Shannacher Cottage; £172, £170, £168 Bogie Street; £172 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £170 Mains of Collin; £170 Barrock End; £165 Glen Lough Road

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £163.69) - £194 Glebe Cottage; £190 West Dowgill; £180 Bogie Street

Dorset - £188 Ballymena Road

Cheviot Mule (Av £165.75) - £182, £165 Bogie Street; £166 Greenacres; £160 Barrock End; £160 Ballymena Road

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £119.07) - £162, £144, £140, £134, £124 Mains of Collin Farm; £152 Ballymena Road; £134 Buninver Road; £129 Holme House; £124 Shannacher Cottage; £124 West Stobswood Farm

Lleyn - £152 Hall Farm

Jacob – £148 Carsenestock Farm; £126 Hall Farm

Goat - £142 Farlough Road; £134 Millbank

Swaledale (Av £102.40) - £125, £105 (2) Ireshope Plains; £124, £101 Gateghyll; £122 Greenhow; £118 Fellside Farm; £117 Fawcett Park; £117 West Dowgill; £112, £102 Hole House; £110 Side Farm; £110 Peterhouse; £107 High Carlingill; £106 Lonscale

Herdwick (Av £94.12) - £120, £104 Bogie Street; £106 Greenlands

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £335 Aspatria Hall; £255 Hermitage; £222 Buninver Road; £220 Holme House; £202 Greenacres

Suffolk - £315 Greenacres; £242 Millbank; £200 Ballymena Road

Texel - £256 Brannock Court; £200 Ballymena Road

Bluefaced Leicester - £236 Lonscale

Charollais - £208 Buninver Road

Dorset - £196 Brannock Court

Swaledale - £150 Shap Abbey