

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 11th February 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 8,914 prime sheep, comprising of 3,664 prime hogs, 4,288 cast ewes & rams & 962 light hogs.

A bumper day was had here at Penrith & District Farmers' Mart yet again, with 9,000 sheep through the gates. 3,664 prime hogs went through the ring with another excellent trade had, especially for export weights. A whole sale average of 321p/kg overall or 355p/kg SQQ (£156 per head). Once again only 1,303 hogs in the SQQ, this a reflection of the quality of heavy sheep forward.

Topping today's sale at 485p/kg came from Messrs Lowis, Galloper Park with a single Beltex hogg weighing 39kg, realising £189. This same home also jointly held the top price per head of £194 (451p/kg) for a lot of three Beltex hogs weighing 43kg. Also selling hogs at £194 was Messrs RW Sowerby & Son, Sycamore Rise with a Texel weighing 59kg.

Suffolk lambs sold to £184 for 59kg from Messrs W & SE Dickinson, Kirkbarrow Hall. Suffolk ppk was topped on 2 occasions by Messrs T Carrick & Son, Ireshope Plains, firstly for a pen of ten weighing 42kg, achieving £148, followed by another pen of fourteen weighing 44kg to achieve £155.

Mule hogs topped at £167 for two pens of 20 weighing 58kg from Messrs Lowis, Waterside House.

Herdwick X hogs sold to £154 for three weighing 47kg from Messrs Bland, Clea Hall, purchased by Basecamp North Lakes for the butcher's shop. Bobsy Tyson sold another pen of 10 Herdwicks at 38kg for 318p/kg.

Messrs IV Hawkes, Northern Ireland, topped the consignment average with 15 hogs selling to average £182.80, this was closely followed by Messrs JG & DH Nevinson, High House Farm, with 21 to average £181.17.

Ewe numbers came out in great force, with sheep in from as far afield as Suffolk & Devon all taking advantage of our ringside of twelve active buyers.

First-time vendors La Hogue Farm partnership, Suffolk, took top honours realising £365 on an ultimate pure Texel ewe, selling to Pak Mecca Meats, Birmingham. A further 13 ewes sold in excess of £300 in the sale.

Cast rams once again proved very dear, with Messrs Shields, Tarn House, selling Bluefaced Leicesters to £275 and the best Continental X Suffolks sold to £260 from Mr D Nelson, Greta Salkeld.

The whole sale averaged £155.60, with leading consigners Messrs Gardner, Glebelands, selling thirty Texel X ewes to average £227.77, topping at £355.

The better end of Suffolks could have easily made £200 plus per head, with this breed topping at £245 on two occasions, from Mr W Morison and Mr C Abernethy, Aberdeenshire.

The very best Scotch Mules sold to £192 from Street, on a whole the better end of English Mules achieved between £165-£175.

Horned ewes proved very good to sell throughout the sale, topping at £132 for Scotch Blackfaced ewes from Mr H McCrae, the best Swaledales sold comfortable at £120 plus. Messrs Bland, Clea Hall sold ten pure Herdwick ewes for £128 per head.

Competition carried on throughout the whole sale with a very level trade being produced for all customers.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 18th February. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952, or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £194, £176, £173 Sycamore Rise; £192, £190 (2), £184, £178, £176 High House Farm; £191, £172 Low Row; £188, £186, £180 (2) Fecarry Rd; £188, £182, £172 (2) La Hogue Farm; £184, £179, £172 Buninver Rd; £181, £178 Smallthwaite Farm; £181, £175 Hewer Hill; £181 Newlands Hill Cottage; £180, £175 Kirkbarrow Hall; £180 Salkeld Rd; £179, £173 Sleagill House; £178, £177, £174 (2) Hermitage; £178, £172 Woodhouse (Horsley); £178, £172 Towcett Farm; £178 Clea Hall; £178 Inglewood Edge; £175 Silverband; £175 South Bogbain; £174 Grassknop Farm; £174 Oaklands; £173 Holme House; £172 High Knipe

Beltex - £194, £189, £185, £184, £178, £172 Galloper Park; £191, £190, £171, £168 Kirkbarrow Hall; £191, £184, £181, £179, £170 (2), £166 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £190, £175 Black Leases; £180, £174, £169 The Hills; £179, £178, £172, £166 (2), £165 High Knipe; £178, £177, £174, £170, £169, £168, £165 Shap Abbey; £178 Sandhills; £177, £167 Galleywreay Farm; £176, £173, £171 (2) La Hogue Farm; £172 Inglewood Edge; £171 Walton High Rigg; £169 Hole House (Coulston); £168 Ireshope Plains; £168 Brockwoodlees Farm

Continental - £185 Sycamore Rise; £178 Woodhouse (Horsley); £173, £165, £159 High Knipe; £172, £169, £159 Holme House; £167, £152 Galleywreay Farm; £160 Clea Hall; £160 Buninver Rd; £155, £152 Sceugh Dyke; £155 Blakehills Farm; £155 Burplethwaite Farm; £155 Hunley Bank Farm; £152 Shap Abbey

Suffolk - £184, £170, £169 Kirkbarrow Hall; £182, £162 Sleagill House; £176, £167, £164, £154 (2) Crindledyke Farm; £174, £170, £168, £166, £154 Holme House; £174, £170, £156 Sceugh Dyke; £174 Scales Hall (Jenkinson); £172, £169 Honeypot; £172, £166, £163 Grassknop Farm; £171, £169 Haber; £171 Low Row; £169 Reservoir Farm; £169 Buninver Rd; £167 The Green; £165 Longlands; £162 (2) Galleywreay Farm; £162 La Hogue Farm; £160 (2) Hallgarth; £160 High Knipe; £159 Low Row; £155, £154 Ireshope Plains; £155 Fenton Farm

Charollais - £180, £170 Buninver Rd; £161 Sandhills

Blackface - £172 High Knipe

Mule - £167 (2), £162, £154 Waterside House; £163 (2), £161, £160, £158 Hole House (Ivinson); £160 Galleywreay Farm; £159, £150 Low Abbey; £158 Towcett Farm; £157 Fawcett Park; £156 Holme House; £155 Undercragg; £154 Haber; £151 Shire Lodge

Cheviot - £166, £160 Farmanby; £162 Ranbeck; £162 High Knipe; £160 Kirkbarrow Hall; £160 High Knipe; £156, £152 Greenbank Farm; £153 Low Abbey

Cheviot Mule - £157 Ranbeck

Herdwick - £154 Clea Hall; £154 Gillside; £145 Hollins Farm; £141 Town Head Farm (Tyson)

Swaledale - £140 Harbour Flatt; £140 Welpo Bridge Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 485.0, 451.0, 445.0, 438.0, 411.0, 410.0 Galloper Park; 478.0 Inglewood Edge; 456.0, 445.0, 443.0, 442.0, 436.0, 424.0, 423.0, 417.0, 397.0, 385.0, 379.0, 375.0 Shap Abbey; 455.0, 407.0 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; 444.0, 404.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 422.0, 380.0 Black Leases; 412.0 Galleywreay Farm; 410.0, 407.0, 395.0 High Knipe; 410.0, 385.0, 380.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 407.0, 389.0 La Hogue Farm; 407.0, 386.0, 385.0 Walton High Rigg; 396.0 Sandhill; 390.0, 387.0, 384.0, 383.0 The Hills; 381.0, 378.0 Lowergate Farm

Texel - 456.0, 441.0, 364.0 Smallthwaite Farm; 449.0, 436.0 (2), 387.0 Inglewood Edge; 415.0, 395.0, 382.0 Low Row; 414.0, 405.0, 393.0, 370.0 Hermitage; 413.0, 387.0, 366.0, 365.0 La Hogue Farm; 379.0, 395.0 Oaklands; 392.0, 382.0, 372.0, 370.0 Bank House; 391.0 Hewer Hill; 388.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 379.0 Sandhills; 374.0, 373.0, 370.0 Old Walls; 371.0, 369.0 Fenton Farm; 371.0 Low Trough Farm; 366.0, 360.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 365.0, 360.0 Ireshope Plains; 365.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 365.0 Low House (Dickinson); 364.0 Cairnbridge Farm; 364.0 Well Head Farm; 364.0 Walton High Rigg; 362.0 The Wath (Wilson); 361.0 The Hills

Cheviot - 368.0, 312.0 Gall Farm; 352.0 Ranbeck; 347.0, 319.0 Low Abbey; 330.0 Greenbank Farm; 329.0 Greenside Farm; 320.0 Kirkbarrow Hall

Continental - 365.0, 362.0, 352.0 Shap Abbey; 365.0 Cobble Hall; 363.0 Ranbeck

Charollais - 358.0 Sandhills

Leicester - 355.0 Glebe Cottage

Suffolk - 352.0 (2), 335.0 Ireshope Plains; 339.0 West View; 333.0 Low Greenside; 326.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 326.0 La Hogue Farm; 325.0 Buninver Rd; 322.0, 321.0 (2) Crindledyke Farm; 322.0 Mellgates

Mule - 333.0 Bascon Dyke; 318.0 Hollins Farm; 307.0 (2) Fog Close; 306.0, 302.0 Low Abbey; 302.0, 298.0 Black Leases; 300.0 Old Parks; 298.0 Holme House; 296.0 Tortolocate Farm; 296.0 Shap Abbey

Blackface - 330.0 Cottage Farm; 305.0 Gall Farm

Herdwick - 328.0 Clea Hall; 328.0 Gillside; 318.0, 310.0, 300.0 Town Head Farm (Tyson); 300.0 Bennett Head Farm

Cheviot Mule - 302.0 Ranbeck

Swaledale - 295.0, 293.0 Welpo Bridge Farm

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £233.19) - £365, £265 La Hogue Farm; £355 Glebelands; £350, £300, £275, £265, £262, £252 Shethin Farm; £350, £295, £250, £245, £240 Greenacres; £340, £305, £248, £220 Buninver Road; £330, £290, £275, £250, £245 Haas Side Farm; £325, £270, £240, £238 Holme House; £325, £235 Fecarry Road; £300, £275 (2) Prospect Farm Cottage; £285, £232 West Stobswood Farm; £282 Ballymena Road; £280, £222 Bogie Street; £262, £255, £242 Brannock Court; £248, £228 Coolkeeran Road; £235 Thethwaite Farm; £225 Knock Hall

Continental (Av £170.72) - £300, £256 (2), £230 (2), £222 (2) Glebelands; £290, £260, £228, £224 The Wath (Bell); £260 Fell Farm House; £248, £232 Shethin Farm; £242 Dublin Road; £236 Low House (Dickinson); £232, £222 Colstons; £230 Holme House; £228, £224, £222,

£220 Haas Side Farm; £224, £222 (2) Lew Farm; £224, £220 Ballymena Road; £224 Larne Road; £222 Bells View; £222 Belmont; £222 Blakehills Farm; £220 Sycamore House; £220 Tormore Road

Charollais (Av £226.24) - £275 La Hogue Farm; £270, £250 Ballymena Road; £268, £222 Holme House; £226 Brannock Court

Beltex (Av £203.08) - £254 Welpo Bridge Farm; £240 Haas Side Farm; £236 La Hogue Farm; £235 Prospect Farm Cottage; £232 Fell Farm House; £228 Clea Hall; £224 Fawcett Park

Bleu du Maine (Av £244.17) - £252, £242, £225 La Hogue Farm

Suffolk (Av £183.59) - £245, £240, £206 Belvedene; £245, £232 Greenacres; £244, £200 Thethwaite Farm; £242 Ballymena Road; £232 (2), £222, £220, £215, £196 (3) Holme House; £232, £216, £197 Brannock Court; £232, £215, £208 Coolkeeran Road; £224 Bogie Street; £220 (3) Scales Hall (Jenkinson); £220, £202 Tormore Road; £216 (2), £214 Ballymena Road; £216 Fecarry Road; £216 Merryvale; £216 Greening; £212, £196 Dublin Road; £202, £198 Lettaran Road; £198 Ratten Castle; £196 Ireshope Plains; £196 Larne Road; £196 Haas Side Farm

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £163.30) - £245, £215 Tarn House; £194 Brannock Court; £192 Welpo Bridge Farm

Cheviot Mule (Av £174.20) - £242, £214, £196 Glebelands; £232, £192 Belvedene; £188, £166 Bogie Street; £168 Lew Farm; £164 Glebe Cottage

Dutch Spotted - £230 Cobble Hall

Cheviot (Av £132.94) - £200 Farmanby; £190, £168, £167, £166, £164, £152, £150 Bogie Street; £178 Ballymena Road; £176 Merryvale; £174, £156 Glebe Cottage; £170 Shethin Farm; £168 (2) Greenacres; £166 West Stobswood Farm; £164 The Beeches; £162, £150 Skilmafilly Farm; £162 Buninver Road; £162 Clea Hall; £160 Holme House; £156 Glen Lough Road; £156 Knock Hall; £155 Prospect Farm; £152 Larne Road; £152 Well Head Farm

Mule (Av £144.78) - £192, £180 Street; £192 Lew Farm; £175 Scales Hall (Jenkinson); £170, £164 (2) Glebe Cottage; £170 Larne Road; £168 Thwaite Hall; £168 Tormore Road; £168 Dublin Road; £165, £160 Greenacres; £165 Holme House; £164 Knock Hall; £164 Sceugh Dyke; £160 Ballymena Road; £160 The Wath (Bell)

Woodland - £170 Ballymena Road; £168 Tormore Road

Goat - £150 Buninver Road

Ryeland - £148, £124 The Croft

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £105.17) - £132, £116 Shethin Farm; £131 Holme House; £130 Knock Hall; £122 Sceugh Dyke; £122 Brannock Court; £121 Bogie Street; £118 Fecarry Road; £117 Coolkeeran Road

Lleyn - £132 Belvedene; £129 Greenacres

Swaledale (Av £107.33) - £128 Thethwaite Farm; £124, £118 Woodhall; £124 The Wath (Bell); £122 Manor Farm (Marrs); £121 Fawcett Park; £120, £118, £108 Stubbsgill Farm; £119 Old Parks; £119 Harbour Flatt; £116, £106 Knock Hall; £110 Hole House Farm; £110 Kerburne; £110 Tarn House; £108 Lower Gate Farm; £106 Waterside House

Herdwick (Av £101.88) - £128, £116 Clea Hall; £105 Greenacres

Cast Rams £/head

Bluefaced Leicester - £275 Tarn House

Suffolk - £260 South Dyke; £238 Brannock Court

Texel - £258 Thwaite Hall; £238 La Hogue Farm; £224 (2) Glen Lough Road

Continental - £240 Brannock Court; £230 Hole House Farm; £228 Dublin Road; £220 Holme House

Charollais - £228 Tormore Road

Blue Texel - £228 Bromley Green

Cheviot - £182 Buninver Road; £180 Greenacres