

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 18th March 2026

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 8,101 prime sheep, comprising of 4,257 prime hogs, 3,351 cast ewes & rams & 577 light lambs.

Another phenomenal day here at PDFM. 4,257 hogs further with another blistering trade throughout with an eye watering average of £187 per head. A sqq average of 414ppk or 399ppk overall with again another mass of heavy sheep. Massive appreciation goes to both vendors and buyers continuing to support us here at PDFM. Some excellent runs of well finished sheep which were very well rewarded. Also big thanks to all the staff who work extremely hard.

Topping the days trading at 564ppk weighing 39kg achieving £220 from Messrs M Bindloss & Son, Shap Abbey for fantastic Beltex hogs with numerous pens in excess of 500ppk plus. Top price per head of £244 came for Texels weighing 53kg realising 460ppk from Messrs J J Henderson & Son, Park House.

Messrs W R & F D Siddle, Honeypt sold 6 Suffolks weighing 66kg realising £238. Numerous pens of heavy sheep £210 - £225. The same home sold a super pen of 21 Suffolk x lambs weighing 48kg to £199 or 415ppk. Numerous pens of Mule hogs soared over £200 topping at £215 came for a pen of 22 weighing 58kg from Messrs M T P & S D Wills, Fawcett Park first time consigner Wanwood Partners, Wanwood Hill sold a pen of 27 weighing 43kg to £173 for well fed Mule hogs.

Hillbred sheep continue to sell with excellent demand Swales topped at £208 for weighing 89kg from Messrs H M & R Iverson, Hole House, with another pen of 22 weighing 53kg equates to £190 from the same home.

Cheviots sold to £214 for 7 weighing 59kg from Messrs E J Iverson & Sons Ltd, Skelling Farm with Cheviots at 432ppk for a pen of 3 weighing 44kg achieving £190 from Messrs J H & M J Jefferson, High Pow Farm. Messrs J G & D H Nevinson, High House Farm sold 36 at £221.14 with Messrs F Savage, Petteril Green sold 60 to average £219.83.

Lightweight hogs prove exceptionally good to market for all classes. More sheep are needed to fulfil demand with our large ringside of buyers.

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 3,351 Cast Ewes & Rams.

Cast Ewes and Rams were completely crazy with most classes up £10 ahead and hill ewes up nearly £20 ahead.

It was fiery from the word go with Mr M McNally, Northern Ireland selling pure Texels to £400 ahead selling to weekly supporters AJ Meats, Birmingham. A total of 32 ewes selling

over £300 ahead that includes a pen of 11 at £300 and 9 ultimate Charollais ewes to £300 again. A further 677 sold over £200 ahead.

Every last Suffolk ewe sold, 535 averaged £201.24 topping at £270 a Suffolk x Texel from Mr B Duffton, Aberdeenshire. Larger pens achieved £240x14, £228x13, £216x22, £215x25, £211x24, £209x23, £208x21, £205x15, £203x12, £199x22.

Horned ewes just comfortably stone crazy with the very best Scotch Blackface achieving £168 from Mr W Morrison, South Bogbain all sold to average £123.44. Larger pens achieving £162x14, £156x17, £140x34, £140, £134x16, £129x22.

Swaledale topped at a mighty £156 from Messrs Lightfoot, Gillside with 12 and Mr L Graham, Perth selling another pen full to £154, the same home sold 28 excellently well-fed pure Shetlands to £108.

The best Scotch Mules sold to £190 from Mr B Duffton with a pen of 20 and a pen of 19 closely behind at £188.

Cast Rams with flesh and weight combine well over £200 ahead topped at £242 for a pair of Texel x Beltex from Green Farm.

More numbers are needed on a weekly basis to satisfy this ring side of 14 active buyers, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Numbers look set to brighten next week.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 25th March. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952, or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £244, £237 Park House; £237, £229, £220 Parkside Crescent; £237, £236, £227, £224 Gillside; £234, £228, £221 High House Farm; £234, £227 (2), £222 Holme House; £228 Woodhouse; £228, £221, £219, £218 Petteril Green; £226 Hill House Farm; £225 Kirkbarrow Hall; £224, £219, £218 Honeypot; £224, £220 Crompton Farm; £224 Green Hall; £224 Glebelands; £224 Pennine View; £222 Hermitage; £222 Sceugh Dyke; £222 High Knipe; £221 Burbleswaite; £220 Park House; £220 Greenhills Farm; £220, £219 High Pow Farm; £219 Braithwaite Mill; £219 High Knipe; £219 Milburn Grange; £218 Park House; £217 Ploveriggs.

Suffolk - £238, £228, £227, £226, £221, £199, £199 Honeypot; £228, £215, £212, £198 Holme House; £225 Gill Farm; £220 Glebelands; £216 Scales Farm; £214, £198 Braithwaite Mill; £214 Towcett Farm; £213 High House; £212, £206, £205, £194, £190 Hill House; £210 Gillside; £206, £204, £198, £197 Crompton Farm; £200, £196 (2) Hallrigg; £200, £199 Sceugh Dyke; £199 Newlands Hill Cottage; £199 Hill Crest; £196 Smallthwaite Farms; £195 Blakehills; £193 Hollands; £190 Black Leases

Beltex - £237 Harrot Hill Farm; £231, £230 (2), £229 (2) Kirkbarrow Hall; £229, £221, £220 (2) High Knipe; £228, £218, £217 Hollands; £226, £224, £112 Glebelands; £226 Galloper Park; £226, £225 Petteril Green; £224 (3) High House Farm; £220 Shap Abbey; £220 Skelling Farm; £220 Milburn Grange; £220 Riggshield; £219 High Pow Farm; £218 Reagill Grange; £216 Galloper Park.

Charollais- £218 Hill House Farm.

Mule - £215 Fawcett Park; £206, £192 Hole House; £205, £198 Black Leases; £205 Gillside; £204 (2) Hole House Farm; £203 High Pow Farm; £201 Milburn Grange; £198 Holme Farm; £198 (2) Shire Lodge; £195 Ploveriggs; £194 Sceugh Dyke; £193 Black Leases; £191 Wanwood Hill; £191 Ranbeck; £190 Park House Farm; £190 Hollands.

Cheviot - £214 Skelling; £213 Black Leases; £198, £196, £186 Whygill Head; £190 High Pow Farm; £188 Mount Pleasant Farm; £188 Ranbeck.

Swaledale - £208, £190, £180 Hole House; £180 Deepdale Hall; £176 Hollands; £174, £161 Hedwynds; £168 Street House.

Cheviot Mule - £198, £192 Ranbeck.

Kerry- £190 Riggshield.

Blackface - £188 Shire Lodge; £184, £176, £171 Greenhills; £183 Kirkbarrow Hall; £172 South Bogbain Farm.

Herdwick - £170 Gillside; £170, £162 Low Braithwaite Mill; £155 Clea Hall.

Goat-£170, £160, £154 Greenhouse Farm.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Texel – 565.0, 492.0, 472.0, 467.0, 450.0 Green Hall; 512.0, 464.0, 460.0, 456.0 Park House; 509.0, 444.0 Honeypot; 509.0, 450.0 Auchengray Farm; 480.0, 465.0, 455.0 Clea Hall; 476.0 West View; 474.0, 461.0, 456.0, 455.0, 451.0 Petteril Green; 472.0 Hermitage; 468.0, 446.0 High Pow Farm; 463.0 (2) Gillside; 462.0 Galloper Park; 460.0 Long Park Farm; 457.0, 441.0 High Knipe; 456.0, 453.0 Westfield House Farm; 447.0 Black Leases.

Beltex – 564.0, 547.0, 544.0, 484.0, 461.0, 459.0 Shap Abbey; 542.0, 520.0, 500.0, 480.0, 464.0, 455.0 High Knipe; 538.0, 527.0, 479.0 Galloper Park; 531.0, 481.0, 455.0 Glebelands; 530.0, 500.0, 493.0, 474.0, 466.0, 461.0, 451.0, 450.0 Hollands; 523.0, 491.0 Petteril Green; 507.0 Reagill Grange; 498.0, 477.0, 471.0, 451.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 493.0 Lower Gate Farm; 485.0, 471.0, 455.0 Skelling Farm; 484.0 Murrah Hall; 484.0 Harrot Hill Farm; 482.0, 472.0, 465.0 The Hills; 473.0 Glaslyn House; 470.0 Midtown Farm; 470.0 Mill Farm; 458.0 Milburn Grange; 458.0 Riggshield; 456.0 High Pow Farm; 454.0 Braithwaite Mill; 453.0 Bank House.

Dutch Spotted – 443.0 Shap Abbey; 411.0 Sceugh Dyke.

Cheviot Mule – 436.0 Ranbeck; 396.0 Skelling Farm.

Cheviot – 432.0, 429.0, 400.0 Skelling Farm; 432.0 High Pow Farm; 424.0 Green Hall; 421.0 Greenacres; 418.0 Nutholm Farm; 415.0 The Hills; 415.0, 403.0 Sands Road; 413.0, 400.0 Whygill Head; 409.0 Mount Pleasant Farm; 402.0 Greenhills Farm; 400.0 Harry Place.

Blue Texel – 430.0 Crompton Farm.

Suffolk – 419.0 Green Hall; 419.0 Tormore Road; 415.0, 404.0, 398.0 Honeypot; 412.0 Nutholm; 411.0 Shap Abbey; 410.0 Hill House; 407.0, 392.0 Hallrigg; 405.0 West View; 400.0 Smallthwaite Farms; 398.0 Hill Crest; 398.0, 392.0 Sceugh Dyke; 397.0 Paddigill; 396.0 (2) Crompton Farm; 396.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 396.0 Black Leases; 394.0 Hollands; 393.0 Scales Farm; 391.0 Hole House; 390.0 Newlands Hill Cottage.

Mule – 408.0 Green Hall; 402.0, 398.0 Wanwood Hill; 394.0 Gillside; 392.0, 385.0 Hole House; 386.0, 381.0, 380.0 Black Leases; 385.0 Hollands; 384.0 (2) Holme House; 383.0 Shap Abbey; 383.0 Old Parks; 381.0 Shire Lodge; 380.0.

Blackfaced – 407.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 400.0, 395.0 (3), 392.0, 383.0 Greenhills Farm; 398.0 (2), 389.0 Wanwood Hill; 393.0 Green Acres; 383.0 Sands Road.

Herdwick – 400.0 Sherriff; 397.0, 376.0 Clea Hall; 395.0 Low Braithwaite Farm; 388.0 Harry Place; 378.0 Gillside; 378.0 High Snab; 374.0 Auchengray Farm.

Swaledale – 373.0 Street House; 366.0 Hedwynds; 361.0 High Snab; 358.0 Hole House; 355.0 Nutholm Farm.

Ryeland – 353.0 The Croft.

Goat – 293.0, 291.0, 250.0 Greenhouse Farm.

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £230.55) - £400, £265 Holme House; £370, £290, £275, £272 (2), £238, £226 Brannock Courts; £350 Cherry Lane; £262 Ballymena Road; £258, £248 Flakebridge Farm; £258 Braithwaite Shields; £256, £250 Crompton Farm; £240 Hermitage; £234 Glen Loughan Road; £224 Low Garth; £215 Greenlands; £210 Farlough Road; £350, £345 Gill Head.

Continental (Av £189.79) - £315, £308, £268, £255, £256, £242, £218, £208 Holme Farm; £268 Glebelands; £262, £218, £208 Gate and West Farm; £258 Fell End; £250 Harrot Hil Farm; £235, £225, £218 Wilsey Down Hotel; £232 (2), £215, £108 (2), £208 Auchengray Farm; £232 Field House; £230, £228, £218 Brannock Courts; £230, £210 Rigg House; £228 Willmount Road; £222 (2) Cottage Farm; £215 Greenlands; £210 Tormore Road; £210 Farlough Road; £210 Parkside Crescent; £208 New Rent Farm; £208 Grassknop Farm; £208 Langton Field; £206 Pennine View; £205 Wilsey Down Hotel.

Charollais (Av £234.63) - £300, £242, £238, £228 (2), £211 Holme House; £300 Willmount Road; £272 Gill Head; £270, £256 Field Head; £258 Tann House; £236 Brannock Courts; £228, £220 Glen Loughan Road; £228 Willmount Road; £218 Wilsey Down Hotel.

Beltex (Av £196.67) - £288, £278, £238 Thethwaite Farm; £250 High Hall; £235 Skelling; £221 Brannock Courts.

Suffolk (Av £201.24) - £270, £262, £246, £204, £204 Field Head; £258, £222, £209, £208 Brannock Courts; £250 Auchengray Farms; £240, £228 (2), £211, £203 Holme House; £228 Gill Head; £226 Glen Loughan Road; £220 Willmount Road; £219, £200 Wilsey Down Hotel; £218, £216, £203, £200 (2) Brannock Courts; £216 Tormore Road; £212, £209, £205 Ballymena Road; £208 (2) Crompton Farm; £206 Ballymaderphy Road; £204 Glen Loughran Road.

Cheviot Mule (Av £208.25) - £235 Home Head; £200 Skelling; £200 Holme Farm; £198 Glebelands.

Blue Texel (£187) - £216 Holme Farm;

Mule (Av £154.28) - £190, £168 Gill Head; £188, £170 Holme House; £168 Gate and West Farm.

Cheviot (Av £147.90) - £190 (2) Home Farm; £188, £171 New Rent Farm; £182 20 Manister Road; £182 Langton Field; £180 Side Farm; £170 Gill House; £166 Glen Loughan Road; £162 Littlewater; £160 Murrah Hall; £160 Clea Mire; £158 Hollands; £158, £150, £148 Gate & West Farm; £157, £145 Greenacres ; £156, £152 Skelling Farm; £152 Knock Hall; £150 Glen Loughan Road; £150 Cleamire; £150, £144 Shannachar Cottage; £150 Whygill Head; £145 South Bogbain Farm; £144 Flakebridge Farm; £144 Noran Bank Farm; £144 Cottage Farm.

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £123.44) - £168, £162 South Bogbain; £158 Knock Hall; £156, £140, £126 Shannachar Cottage; £152 Sapestone; £150 (2), £150 Poppin Lane; £146 Holme House; £134, £125 Thethwaite Farm; £129 Manister Road; £128 Brannock Courts.

Jacob (Av £149.33) - £154 Glen Loughan Road; £154 Holme Head; £133 Gill Head.

Easy Care (Av £140.60) - £150 Tann House; £150 Home Farm.

Rough Fell (Av £131.50) - £154, £152 (3) The Wath.

Swaledale (Av £106.37) - £156 Gillside; £154 Shannachar Cottage; £152, £130 Side Farm; £148, £132, 132 Oddendale Hall; £146 West Dowgill; £134 High Carlingill; £130 Doddick Farm; £130, £120 Fawcett Park; £130 Side Farm; £130 Well House; £120 Hollands; £

Shetland (Av £98.73) - £112 South Bogbain Farm; £108 Shannachar Cottage.

Herdwick (Av £81.47) - £140 Gillside; £138 Gill Head; £116 Greenlands; £116 Noran Bank Farm; £113 Auchengray Farm.

Cast Rams £/head

Blue Texel - £242 Green Farm.

Beltex - £238, £208 Green Farm; £224 Crompton Farm, £218 (2), £215 Gate and West Farm; £216 Crompton Farm.

Continental - £218 (2) Greenlands; £218 Auchengray Farm.

Suffolk – £212 Brannock Courts.

Leicester - £208 Holme House.

Badger Face - £205 Glebelands.

Cheviot - £182 Knock Hall.

Swaledale - £172, £160 Green Farm; £162 Well House.