

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 8th April 2026

On Wednesday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their fortnightly sale of 6,152 prime sheep, comprising of 2,381 prime hogs and 3,238 cast ewes & rams & 533 light lambs.

A total of 2,381 prime hogs were forward, along with another substantial entry of heavy hogs. Handy-weighted sheep proved by far the easiest to sell, with only 500 head in the SQQ bracket, resulting in an impressive overall average of 416ppk.

The overall sale averaged £195.34 per head.

The day's top price of 526ppk came for 38kg hogs, realising £200 from Messrs W. R. & F. D. Siddle, Honeypot. Two other vendors sold Beltex hogs to 520ppk:

- 45kg at £234 from Messrs J. Carrick, Ireshope Plains
- 40kg at £208 from A. & A. Little, Hollands

The top price per head was £238 for a pen of five superb 48kg hogs (496ppk) from Messrs F. Savage & Sons, Petteril Green. Their run of 38 hogs averaged £217.82.

Suffolk hogs sold to 430ppk, with a 46kg hogg at £198 from Mr J. Bowling & Son, York. A pen of five 60kg hogs reached £217, again from W. R. & F. D. Siddle, Honeypot.

Messrs Gillispie, Quarry Gill sold a pen of 18 Cheviots at 55kg, achieving £212. Cheviot hogs also sold to 410ppk, with a pen of 24 at 48kg realising £197 from Messrs R. & J. M. Ridley, Ranbeck.

Herdwick hogs reached 419ppk for a pen of 26 at 42kg from Auchengray Farm.

W. & S. E. Dickinson, Kirkbarrow sold 42 Scotch Blackfaced hogs at 41kg, achieving 415ppk.

A much larger entry forward this week for ewes, with all buyers present, ensured a blistering average of £187.69. Trade topped twice at £385 for Texel ewes from Ballymaderphy Road and Ballymena Road, both selling to our weekly supporters A J Meats, Birmingham, and Yorkshire Halal.

A grand total of 1,088 sheep sold at over £200, with all 586 Suffolks averaging £209.18 and topping at £275 for superbly bred Suffolks purchased by Pak Mecca Meats. Larger pens achieved strong returns including £246×16, £226×10, £225×20, £221×24, £221×21, £219×20, and £219×15.

There was exceptional demand for Mules, with trade remaining very buoyant. Top price was £212 for a pen of Scotch-bred ewes from Mr W. Morison, South Bogbain. Another pen from Greystone House seen 14 sell to £217, while the best English Mules reached £210 from Mr M. Allan, Knock Hall.

Horned ewes reached new levels, proving extremely easy to sell and still falling well short of buyer requirements. Top price was £170 for Scotch Blackface and Mr W. Morison, South

Bogbain, selling 12 to £164 and a ring-full of 37 to £160. Large pens also sold strongly at £163×10, £154×20, £151×10, £150×24, £149×10, £148×39, £148×18, £146×12, £145×24, and £143×36.

The very best Swaledale ewes reached £168 from first-time customers M. A. Bainbridge, Ettersgill, with all Swaledales averaging £122.22.

A new record was set for Herdwick ewes, with Mr R. J. Powell, Brimmer Head, achieving an impressive £146, closely followed by £142.

Cast rams averaged over £200, topping at £320 for an outstanding Charollais ram and a pair of heavy Texels from Mr J. Bowling & Son, York achieving £295, also selling to A J Meats, Birmingham

We need more numbers each week, please get in touch with any of the team.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 15th April. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Beltex - £238, £220 (2), £210 (2) Petteril Green; £234 Ireshope Plains; £232, £230, £214 Kirkbarrow Hall; £220 (2), £214, £210 (2) Garth House; £218 Crompton Farm; £218, £209, £208 (3) Hollands; £212, £208 Honeypot; £210 Cardew Hall; £210 Fowrass; £210 Sceugh Dyke; £208 High House.

Texel - £229, £219 (2), £215 Petteril Green; £223 Ireshope Plains; £220 Crompton Farm; £220 Town End; £220, £210 Fowrass; £220, £214 Newstead Grange; £220, £214 Kirkbarrow Hall; £220 Braithwaite Mill; £218 Riggshield; £218, £215, £214 Sceugh Dyke; £218 (2), £216 High House Farm; £218 Ireby Hall; £218 Clickham Farm; £217, £215, £211 Honeypot; £217 Grove Farm; £217 Thwaite Hall; £217 (2), £216, £214 Holme House; £216, £213 East Cliff; £214 Castle Nook; £214 Greenacres; £211 High House; £210 Kirkbarrow Hall; £210 Mayburgh Close

Continental - £225 Newstead Grange; £214 Sceugh Dyke; £208 Grove Farm; £208 East Cliff; £206 Old Irvine Farm.

Charollais - £220 High Close; £208, £202 Holme House.

Suffolk - £217, £212, £210 Honeypot; £216 East Cliff; £215, £212 Clickham Farm; £214, £212 Claremont Properties; £214 Highrigg; £212, £212 Crompton Farm; £212 Quarry Gill; £212 Ireshope Plains; £210 Sceugh Dyke; £208 Holme Farm; £206 Town End.

Cheviot - £212 Quarry Gill; £201 Ireshope Plains; £200 Greenbank Farm; £198 Greenacres £197 (2) Ranbeck.

Blue Texel- £208 (2) Greenacres.

Mule - £200 Hole House; £195 Shire Lodge; £190 Crindledyke; £188, £186 Ireshope Plains; £180 Hole House Farm.

Jacob- £200 Greenbank Farm.

Scotch Blackfaced - £197 Holme House; £193 Shire Lodge; £190, £188 Town End; £189 Sceugh Dyke; £185 Kirkbarrow Hall.

Herdwick - £180 Brimmer Head; £176 Auchengray Farms; £172 Gillside.

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 526.0, 484.0, 460.0, 435.0 Honeypot; 520.0, 495.0, 488.0, 486.0, 484.0, 474.0, 443.0 Hollands; 520.0 Ireshope Plains; 516.0, 488.0, 476.0, 451.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 496.0, 489.0, 488.0, 440.0, 438.0 Petteril Green; 477.0 Cardew Hall; 460.0, 455.0, 432.0 Braithwaite Mill Farm; 451.0 Lower Gate Farm; 448.0 Ranbeck; 443.0, 431.0 Garth House.

Texel – 466.0, 456.0, 439.0, 438.0 Petteril Green; 465.0, 463.0, 455.0, 452.0, 439.0, 432.0 Hollands; 458.0, 437.0, 432.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 447.0, 444.0 Ireshope Plains; 446.0, 435.0 Clea View Farm; 441.0, 438.0 Lower Gate Farm; 438.0, 430.0 422.0 Old Irvine Farm; 435.0, 424.0 Honeypot; 431.0 The Hills; 430.0, 426.0 (2) Scales Farm; 430.0 Crindledyke; 430.0 Braithwaite Mill Farm; 427.0 Ireby Hall; 424.0 Riggshield; 423.0 Ranbeck.

Swaledale– 458.0, 450.0 Haber.

Cheviot – 440.0, 414.0, 394.0 Ireshope Plains; 423.0, 410.0 Riggshield; 410.0, 394.0 Ranbeck; 409.0 The Thwaite; 392.0 Greenbank Farm; 385.0 Quarry Gill; 381.0 Greenacres; 380.0 Old Irvine Farm.

Continental – 430.0 Riggshield; 429.0, 382.0 Ireshope Plains; 426.0 Town End; 424.0 Sceugh Dyke.

Suffolk – 430.0, 380.0 Crompton Farm; 429.0, 396.0 Sceugh Dyke; 414.0 Stoddah; 408.0 Honeypot; 406.0, 404.0 Riggshield; 398.0 Old Irvine Farm; 388.0, 381.0 Greenacres; 382.0 Highrigg; 380.0 Braithwaite Mill.

Herdwick – 419.0, 395.0 Auchengray; 397.0, 381.0 Stool Ends Farm; 391.0 Gillside.

Mule – 391.0, 383.0 Hollands; 376.0, 372.0 Ireshope Plains.

Leading Prices

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £250.95) - £385, £325, £280, £265, £246 Ballymaderphy Road; £385, £310, £258 Ballymena Road; £345, £300, £280, £235 Holme House; £340, £325, £310, £240 Greenacres; £320, £260 Buninver Road; £280, £270 (2) £220 (2) Brannock Court; £280 Thethwaite Farm; £275 Merryvale; £275 Tarn End; £258, £230 The Croft; £255 (2), £246, £240 West Stobswood Farm; £225 Greystone House; £220 Ireby Hall; £220 Killough Road

Continental (Av £199.23) - £360, £325, £295, £274, £266, £260, £248, £242, £239, £237, £232, £226 (2), £224, £222, £220 West Stobswood Farm; £300, £262, £250, £246, £236, £229 Holme House; £290, £248 (2), £232 (2), £228, £220 Killough Road; £275, £227 Clickham; £260, £240, £228 (2) Brannock Court; £258 Manister Road; £256, £228 Buninver Road; £254, £232, £228 Clea Mire; £252, £250, £246, £232, £229 Crompton Farm; £248, £240, £238, £236, £222 Ballymena Road; £244, £242, £230 Sycamore House; £240, £235 Thethwaite Farm; £238 (3), £224, £220 Tarn End; £238 Anns Cottage; £234 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £233, £230 Staingills; £232 Garth House; £228 Ballymaderphy Road; £220 (2) Greenacres; £220 Park House

Charollais (Av £243.75) - £310, £300, £245, £230 Brannock Court; £270, £254, £229 Holme House; £262 Killough Road; £254 Glen Loughan Road; £245 Manister Road; £242 Ballymena Road; £222 West Stobswood Farm

Suffolk (Av £209.18) - £275, £260, £240, £228, £226, £225 Brannock Court; £270, £248, £232, £225 Glen Loughan Road; £266, £258 Tarn End; £250, £220 Low Abbey; £250, £244, £238, £234, £228, £226 Ballymena Road; £248, £225 Ballymaderphy Road; £246, £224, £220 (2) Holme House; £238, £236, £226 Buninver Road; £240, £220 West Stobswood Farm; £234, £220 Clickham; £234 Great House Farm; £230 Greenacres; £224 The Croft; £220 Killough Road; £220 South Dyke; £220 Manister Road

Beltex (Av £228.00) – £260 Thethwaite Farm; £230, £228 Crompton Farm; £228 Brannock Court; £224 Braithwaite Mill; £220 Fowrass

Bluefaced Leicester - £244 Greenacres; £210 Crompton Farm

Blue Texel - £220 Bank Wood

Cheviot Mule (Av £205.40) - £216 Mount Pleasant Farm; £210 Greystone House; £202 Clea Mire

Mule (Av £172.99) - £212, £190 Greenacres; £210, £201 Greystone House; £210 Knock Hall; £210 Ballymena Road; £200 Holme House; £198 Merryvale; £194 Clickham; £190 Glen Loughan Road; £190 Ballymaderphy Road; £188 Kettleside Farm; £188 Ireby Hall

Cheviot (Av £162.40) - £210, £190 Greystone House; £202 Ballymaderphy Road; £201 Holme House; £200 Merryvale; £199 Ballymena Road; £198 Colene Croft; £198 The Faulds; £190 Brannock Court; £188 (2) Penny Hill Park; £188 West Stobswood Farm

Zwartbles (Av £138.25) - £195 Staingills; £194, £182 Glen Loughan Road

Rough Fell (Av £147.10) - £188, £158 The Wath

Dorset - £182 Great House Farm; £180 (2) Glen Loughan Road

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £144.14) – £170, £164 Ballymena Road; £164, £160, £148 Greenacres; £163 Holme House; £160, £146 Brannock Court; £154, £145 Greystone House; £151, £143 Glen Loughan Road; £150 Ballymaderphy Road; £150 Crompton Farm; £149 Manister Road; £148 West Stobswood Farm; £148 Thethwaite Farm; £144 Buninver Road; £143 Tarn End; £140 Knock Hall

Goat - £170 Buninver Road

Swaledale (Av £122.22) – £168, £142 Ettersgill House; £154 Undercragg; £150, £145 Knock Hall; £148 Ireshope Plains; £148 The Wath; £140 Haber; £140 Lower Gate Farm; £133 Castle Nook; £130 The Faulds; £130 Crindledyke Farm; £130 School Hill

Jacob (Av £161.00) – £164 The Faulds; £158 High Head Chapel

Herdwick (Av £114.31) - £146, £142 Brimmer Head Farm

Cast Rams £/head

Charollais - £320 Tarn End; £260 Killough Road; £250 Colene Croft

Continental - £295, £236 Crompton Farm; £285 Street House (Strong); £272, £218 Holme House; £250 Braithwaite Mill; £239 Thethwaite Farm; £216 Tarn End

Texel – £285, £270, £245 Killough Road; £242 Greenacres; £240 Glen Loughan Road; 232 Ireby Hall

Suffolk - £272 Tarn End; £265 Kettleside Farm; £262 Greenacres; £228 Killough Road; £228 Great House Farm; £225 Glen Loughan Road; £220 Garth House

Beltex - £270 Tarn End; £246 Thethwaite Farm; £238 Crompton Farm; £232 Newstead Grange

Dutch Spotted - £260 Glen Loughan Road; £254 Crompton Farm

Dorset - £258 Great House Farm

Cheviot - £232 Greenacres; £210 Brannock Court

Blue Texel - £210 Bank Wood

Goat - £160, £148 Tarn End