

Annual "New Fair" & "Troutbeck" Breeding Ewes & Lambs

Tuesday 12th May 2026

On Tuesday, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its Annual "New Fair" Prize Show & Sale of 6,255 hogs, ewes and shearlings with lambs at foot, along with geld gimmer hogs, together with the "Troutbeck" Sale of Swaledale, Herdwick and hill-bred ewes with lambs at foot, kindly sponsored by PFK Rural, Peter Horn Mobile Sheep Dipping and Farmers Guardian – The Mart's the Heart.

The morning proceedings included the Annual New Fair Show, which attracted a record number of entries, with over 25 pens forward. Champion honours went to Messrs Winter Bros, Clickham, with a tremendous pen of well-bred mule hogs with Suffolk lambs at foot. They sold for £260 to Mr R L Dixon, Hayside, and this noted consignment went on to average £201.80.

First prize in the Continental class went to Mr T C Whiteford, Tercrosset Farm, with a pen of Texel hogs with very smart, classy Beltex x lambs at foot. These went on to sell for £225 and were purchased by the judges, Messrs A & K Kiernan, Lancaster. This consignment went on to average £196.25.

The sale opened with a massive entry of shearlings through to broken-mouthed ewes, with trade simply out of this world and confidence high in the current prime section. Beltex shearlings with Beltex lambs at foot sold to £260, from Messrs M W & H E Pedley, High Ploughlands, Kirkby Stephen.

The first pen in the ring was a real pen of quality 10 Mule shearlings with twin Texel lambs at foot from Messrs Winter, achieving £270 a life, or £510 per family.

A run of 120 genuine North of England Mule ewes, 2–4 crop, from Messrs Holliday, Clea Mire, all with April-born twin lambs, averaged a straight £130 a life and topped at £134.

Another consignment to achieve a phenomenal trade came from Mr J Swift, Dry Howe, whose Dutch Texel lambs at foot averaged an eye-catching £124.27 and topped at £142 for singles.

Horned ewes attracted plenty of bidding, with Mr J A Alderson, Barras Farm, selling 84 ewes to average £119.95 and topping at £140 for a pen of Swaledale shearlings with twin Mule lambs at foot.

Messrs A W & A Porter, Booncrag Farm, Coniston, sold a consignment of 90 draft Herdwick ewes with Texel lambs to average a strong £68.90, topping at £70 per life.

Geld hogs attracted customers from all over the country, with Mr A J Bell, Thethwaite Farm, delivering a superb pen of 13 pure Texels to average a colossal £463.85 and top at £540.

Geld Mule hogs sold well at £200–£225, with the very best topping at £270.

Entries are invited for our next sale, the Second "Troutbeck" and "Latter" Fair Sale, on Tuesday 26th May. Entries close at noon on Tuesday 19th May.

Show Results - New Fair Show

The pre-sale show was kindly judged by Mr N Walker, Cookson Farm, (Mule) & Mr T Kiernan, Vale Farm, (Continental), who awarded the following: -

Class 1 - 10 Mule Hogs with Suffolk Sired Lambs (Receiving the M & JM Kennedy, "Wayside" Trophy)

- 1st Messrs Winter Bros, Clickham Farm
- 2nd Messrs Winter Bros, Clickham Farm
- 3rd Messrs Winter Bros, Clickham Farm

Class 2 - 10 Mule Hogs with Continental Sired Lambs

- 1st Messrs J H & J E Taylor, The Harras
- 2nd Mr A H Barker, Town Head
- 3rd Messrs J H & J E Taylor, The Harras

Class 3 - 5 Continental Hogs with Lambs

- 1st Mr T C Whiteford, Tercrosset Farm
- 2nd Messrs M W & H E Pedley, High Ploughlands
- 3rd Mr T C Whiteford, Tercrosset Farm

Class 4 - 5 Suffolk Hogs with Lambs

- 1st Mr J Winter, Clickham Farm
- 2nd Mr J Winter, Clickham Farm
- 3rd Seymour Farms, Seymour House

Leading Prices - "New Fair" Sale

Hogs & Single Lambs

Mule - £260, £240, £230, £200 (2), £180, £170 Clickham Farm; £175, £165 (2) The Harras; £172, £170, £165, £162, £160, £158, £156, £150 (3) Yew Tree Farm; £165 Home Farm Cottages; £164 High Hall; £162 (2), £160, £150 Howes Farm; £162, £155 Town Head (Barker); £159, £157, £156, £155, £152, £150 High Dyke Farm; £155, £142 Glebelands (Smith & Shepherd); £144 Akey Gate Farm; £140 Welpo Bridge Farm

Texel - £225, £190 (2), £180 Tercrosset Farm; £200 (2), £180, £160, £158, £150 Street House; £200, £195, £180, £170, £168, £155, £150 (2), £140 Braithwaite Shields; £200 Cote House Barn; £200 Clickham Farm; £190, £178, £165 Clea Hall; £190, £160, £150 (3) High Ploughlands; £182, £160, £158, £155 (2), £145 The Harras; £180, £175, £158 (2, £155) Wood House Farm; £175, £170, £168, £155, £140 Hartley Castle; £175, £160 Westmorland Rise; £175, £155 Cumbrae; £175 Low Wood Farm; £168, £155 (2), £150 Highwood Farm; £160 Wath Head Cottage; £158 Windy Gate; £150 Yew Tree Farm (Ridsdale); £145, £142 Villa Farm

Suffolk - £190, £175 Clickham Farm; £180, £175, £155 (2) Low Wood Farm; £180 Howes Farm; £172, £165, £162 (2), £160 (2), £158 (2), £148, £142 Ghyll House; £172, £160 High Dyke Farm; £170 (2), £168, £160, £155 Seymour House; £170 Cumbrae; £160 Cote House

Barn; £158 Howes Farm; £152 Hallrigg; £150 (2), £145 Braithwaite Shields; £150 Wath Head Cottages

Continental - £165 Cumbrae; £150 Clea Hall; £145 The Harras

Dutch Spotted - £160, £148 Sunny Mount

Hoggs & Twin Lambs

Suffolk - £145 High Dyke Farm

Texel - £145 Street House

Mule - £140 Home Farm Cottage

Shearlings & Single Lambs

Beltex - £250, £245 High Ploughlands; £165 Clea Hall

Blue Texel - £200 Cumbrae

Texel - £185 Birks Head; £160, £155 Highfield Farm; £150 Slakes Farm; £125 Todd Farm (Watts)

Suffolk - £165 Pine Wood; £155 Villa Farm; £154 The Harras; £152 Meadow Close; £130 Cote House Barn

Mule - £160 Sunnyside; £160 The Harras; £158, £145 Shap Abbey; £146 Mount Pleasant

Cheviot Mule - £130 Todd Farm (Watts)

Continental - £125 Sunny Mount

Shearlings & Twin Lambs

Blue Texel - £180, £155 Cumbrae

Mule - £170 Clickham Farm; £150, £145, £132 Glebelands (Smith & Shepherd); £140 Sunnyside; £135 The Harras; £132 Villa Farm; £125 Mount Pleasant

Texel - £155, £120 Highfield Farm; £150 Cote House Barn; £150 The Harras; £145 Glebelands; £130 Slakes Farm

Suffolk - £152 The Harras; £145 Pine Wood; £135 Villa Farm

Dutch Spotted - £135 Sunny Mount

Ewes & Single Lambs

Beltex - £230 High Ploughlands

Texel - £210 Cote House Barn; £195, £170, £165, £155 Birks Head; £185, £175 (2), £168, £142, £140, £135 Glebelands; £158, £155, £148 Great Easby Farm; £145, £132 Dale Head; £145 Akey Gate Farm; £140 Meadow Close

Dutch Spotted - £175, £160, £155 Sunny Mount

Suffolk - £170, £155 (2) Knock Hall; £150 Braithwaite Shields; £142 Dale Head; £130 Shap Abbey

Continental - £160 Anns Cottage; £148 Meadow Close; £132 Dale Head

Cheviot Mule - £158 Villa Farm

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Cheviot - £142, £135 Dry Howe

Ewes & Twin Lambs

Suffolk - £170 (2), £160, £155, £145 Cote House Barn; £160, £140, £132 Knock Hall; £152 Meadow Close; £150 Glebelands; £142, £138, £135, £128 Shap Abbey

Texel - £165, £142 (2), £135 Great Easby Farm; £140, £138 Birks Head; £140, £135 (2), £134, £132 Glebelands; £135, £116 Salkeld Road; £135 Cote House Barn; £135 Pennine View; £135 Hollins Farm; £128 Braithwaite Shields

Continental - £165 Glebelands; £138, £120 Anns Cottage; £138 Meadow Close; £130 Howes Farm; £128, £122 Harbour Flatt; £120 Wintercrag; £116 Burplethwaite Farm; £115 Clea Hall

Beltex - £142 Clea Hall

Mule - £140 (2), £135 Sunnyside; £134, £133, £127, £125 Clea Mire; £134 Meadow Close; £132 Wath Head Cottage; £132 Burplethwaite Farm; £122 Glebelands; £118 Pinewood; £118 Hill Top (Story); £115 Wood House Farm (Pedley); £115 Shap Abbey; £115 Mount Pleasant

Badgerfaced - £135 Glebelands

Cheviot Mule - £128 Glebelands; £122 Villa Farm

Cheviot - £115 Dry Howe

Geld Hogs

Texel - £540, £510, £460, £410, £390, £380 Thethwaite Farm

Beltex - £500 Thethwaite

Mule - £270, £250 Home Farm Cottage; £220, £192 Shatton Lodge Farm; £215 (2), £200, £195, £194 Little Blencowe Farm; £212, £190 Dillicar Farm; £210 Shap Abbey; £210 High Dyke Farm; £208 Wath Head Cottage; £205 West View; £190 Highfield Farm

Dutch Spotted - £200, £192, £185 Parkers Croft

Continental - £200 Wath Head Cottage

Leading Prices - "Troutbeck" Sale

Ewes & Twin Lambs

Cheviot - £136 Wath Head Cottage

Swaledale - £120 (2), £116 Barras Farm

Herdwick - £68 Boon Cragg Farm

Ewes & Single Lambs

Swaledale - £132 Barras Farm; £114 Noran Bank Farm

Cheviot - £120, £119, £114 (2) Noran Bank Farm; £120 Winter Crag

Blackfaced - £92 Wath Head Cottage

Herdwick - £70, £68 Boon Cragg Farm; £70 Alma Cottage; £66 Noran Bank Farm

Geld Hogs

Swaledale - £165 Cragg House