

Prime Sheep

Wednesday 20th May 2026

On Wednesday 20th May, PDFM had a bumper day, with well over 9,000 sheep through the gates. Comprising 297 spring lambs, 4,175 prime hogs, 904 lightweight hogs and 4,091 cast ewes, the sale equated to 9,472 head.

A lovely show of 297 spring lambs sold to average £208 per head or 472 sqq or 452ppk overall.

Topping the sale at 550ppk came for Beltex weighing 40kg achieving £220 from Messrs Metcalfe, Home Farm with this homes run of 10 weighing 41kg averaged 520ppk or 414.60ppk. Top price per head of £240 came for a pair of cracking Texel lambs from Mr R A Crichton, Rottington Hall this homes run of 40 sold to average 46kg or £218.75.

Suffolk lambs sold to 517ppk for 41kg achieving £212 from Messrs T F & G L Pollock, Wreay Hall Farm.

A huge entry of hogs for the time of year with well fed sheep continuing to fly. All classes of sheep under 50kg would be dearer on the week with heavy hogs very similar. More handier weighted hogs on offer in today's sale.

A sale average of 410ppk was achieved an sqq of 424ppk or £194 per head, topping the days sale of 488ppk for a pair of Beltex's weighing 43kg achieving £210 per head from Mr G Cartmel, Hollands.

Top price per head of £256 came for a pen of 21 Texel's weighing 66kg from Messrs G & R Dawson, Mount Pleasant Farm, York. This homes run of 349 sold to average £230.24. Mules from this home sold to £232 for a pen of 16 weighing 59kg.

Scotch Blackface sold to 444ppk for a pen of 22 weighing 45kg achieving £200 from Messrs J Carrick & Sons, Ireshope Plains. Cheviots sold to 458ppk for a pen of 20 weighing 49kg at £209. Numbers are set to tighten and more are needed in the coming weeks.

Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP sold 4,091 cast ewes and rams a huge number once again, far more than expected. A wholesale average of £181.23 was achieved, most classes held very steady on the week.

Topping at £390 was Kedzlie Farms with a tremendous pure Texel ewe, sold to Yorkshire Halal Meat Suppliers, with a further 51 ewes selling for more than £300. Leading the averages were first-time customers Messrs D J Wilson, Jubilee Farm, North Yorkshire, with 13 Texel x ewes averaging £292.77. Closely followed at £278.94 were Messrs G E & V H Slater & Sons, Whiteley Hey Farm, with 37 Beltex x Texel ewes topping at £295 for a pen of 11.

A grand total of 799 Suffolk ewes were forward, averaging a colossal £199.07 and topping at £280 from Mr W Morrison, South Bogbain, selling to A & D Meats, Burnley, with numerous Suffolks selling more than £230.

There was plenty of demand among the Mules, with Mr H McRae, Aberdeenshire, achieving £212 for Scotch-bred ewes and North of England Mules to £208 for 11 from Mr B Taylor, Thwaite Hall, selling to JB Foods, Bradford. Some of the best pens sold well in excess of £190, with £198 for 19, £197 for 17, £192 for 12, and £184 for 50.

Horned ewes remain well short of requirements, topping at £170 for a pure Herdwick from M/s Pollock, Low Braithwaite Farm. Very close behind at £166 was a pen of 22 Scotch Blackface from Mr A J Bell, Thethwaite Farm, while Mr T J Noble, Mellgates, topped the Swaledales at £166.

Cast rams also achieved a strong average of £212.67, topping at £280 and closely followed by £275 for a pen of 30 from Holme House.

We need more numbers each week, so please get in touch with any of the team. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 27th May. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £240 (2), £226, £218 (3), £217, £215, £210 (2), £202 Rottington Hall; £230, £214 Home Farm; £224, £214 (2), £199 Brow Top; £222 Ratten Castle; £221 Hesketh House; £214, £212 South Field; £214 Mill Farm; £212 Wreay Hall Farm; £212 Hay Close; £172 Basco Dyke Head.

Beltex - £234 Kirkbarrow Hall; £224, £210 Mill Farm; £220, £210 Home Farm; £211 Macey Bank.

Suffolk - £230 Holme House; £229 Rottington Hall; £221, £207 Hesketh House; £216, £205 Mill Farm; £215 (2), £214 South Field; £213 Ratten Castle; £212 Hay Close; £212 Wreay Hall Farm; £210 Sootyhill; £209 Cliburn Hall; £206 (2) Macey Bank; £204 Brow Top.

Prime Lambs P/kg

Beltex – 550.0, 525.0 Home Farm; 547.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 507.0 Gale Croft; 491.0 Macey Bank; 487.0, 477 Mill Farm.

Texel – 535.0, 511.0, 452.0 Home Farm; 533.0, 511.0, 502.0, 474.0, 457.0 (2) Rottington Hall; 493.0, 476.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 487.0, 486.0, 463.0 Brow Top; 483.0, 473.0 Macey Bank; 476.0, 469.0 Mill Farm; 475.0, 459.0, 453.0 Ratten Castle; 465.0, 460.0 South Field; 451.0 Hay Close.

Suffolk – 517.0, 485.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 498.0 Rottington Hall; 490.0, 464.0, 456.0 Brow Top; 477.0, 470.0, 465.0 Mill Farm; 474.0, 467.0, 464.0, 457.0, 451.0 South Field; 463.0 Ratten Castle; 460.0 Hesketh House; 450.0 Basco Dyke Head.

Prime Hogs £/head

Texel - £256, £248, £243, £236 Mount Pleasant Farm; £250 Castle Nook; £248, £242, £237, £236 Honeypot; £242, 235 Sceugh Dyke; £240 Aspatria Hall; £238 Clea Hall; £238 Holme

House; £238 Riggshield; £238 West Stobswood Farm; £238 Swalesmoor Farm; £236 High Knipe; £236 Newlands Hill Cottage.

Suffolk - £247, £231, £230 Mount Pleasant Farm; £246, £240, £228, £225 Sceugh Dyke; £241 Newlands Hill Cottage; £235 Hallgarth; £234 Swalesmoor Farm; £231 Holme House; £230 The Lodge; £228 Hill Crest; £228 East Cliff; £225 Scales Farm; £225 Braes of Enzie.

Beltex - £242 (2), 3234 Aspatria Hall; £236 Far Whittles Farm; £230 Bromley Green.

Mule - £232, £220 (3) Mount Pleasant Farm.

Cheviot - £228, £220 Mount Pleasant Farm; £211, £202, £200 Ireshope Plains; £210 North Netherscales; £209, £206 High Knipe; £207 (2) Braes of Enzie.

Blue Texel - £224 Bromley Green.

Blackfaced - £215 Ireshope Plains; £212 North Netherscales; £212 Sceugh Dyke.

Swaledale - £194 Hollands; £180 Mount Pleasant Farm.

Herdwick - £190 Clea Hall.

Prime Hogs P/kg

Beltex – 488.0, 465.0 Hollands; 473.0 Lower Gate Farm; 461.0 Aspatria Hall; 451.0 Well Head Farm.

Texel – 471.0 Glebe Cottage; 469.0, 453.0, 449.0, 432.0 Holme House; 468.0 West Stobswood Farm; 467.0, 465.0, 463.0 (2) Ireshope Plains; 466.0, 450.0 Crompton Farm; 463.0, 462.0, 453.0 High Knipe; 459.0 Hollands; 455.0, 451.0 Slade House; 453.0 Mount Pleasant Farm; 451.0 Wham Head Farm; 438.0 Hay Close; 431.0 Nutholm Farm; 430.0 Thrang Cragg.

Cheviot – 458.0 High Knipe; 455.0, 450.0, 449.0, 446.0 Ireshope Plains.

Blue Texel – 452.0, 451.0 Crompton Farm; 447.0 Hay Close.

Suffolk – 450.0, 446.0 Ireshope Plains; 445.0, 444.0, 440.0 (2), 431.0 Crompton Farm; 440.0 Glebe Cottage; 431.0 Holme Farm.

Scottish Blackface – 444.0, 441.0, 439.0, 438.0, 436.0, 433.0 (2) Ireshope Plains; 433.0 Sceugh Dyke.

Mule – 429.0 Mellgates; 419.0 Ireshope Plains; 409.0, 391.0 Glebe Cottage; 395.0 Bridge End Farm; 393.0 Lower Gate Farm; 393.0 Mount Pleasant; 390.0 Old Parks.

Herdwick – 394.0 Ireshope Plains; 388.0 Clea Hall.

Swaledale – 378.0 (2), 377.0, 376.0, 374.0 Glebe Cottage; 375.0 Mount Pleasant.

Cast Ewes £/head

Leading Prices

Texel (Av £251.22) - £390, £380, £350, £260 Swalesmoor Farm; £380, £355, £300 Home Farm (Moir); £355 Buninver Road; £350, £275 Haas Side Farm; £345, £318, £262 Holme House; £325, £300, £290 Ballymena Road; £320, £295, £280, £265 Greenacres; £310, £270 Glaslyn House; £300, £262, £258 Clifton Moor Farm; £300 Park View; £295, £280 Whiteley

Hey Farm; £295, £280 Shethin Farm; £295 Greystone House; £290, £258 Larne Road; £275, £262, £260, £250 Far Whittles Farm; £275 Bogie Street; £275 Ballymaderphy Road; £256 Glen Loughan Road

Continental (Av £191.45) - £335, £240 Home Farm (Moir); £330, £258, £250 Haas Side Farm; £305, £252 Jubilee Farm; £300, £250, £244, £242 (2) Tarn End; £300 The Croft; £275, £250 Brannock Court; £272 Park View; £270 Bodoney Road; £270 Midtown Farm (Strong); £270 Whiteley Hey Farm; £265 Newbiggin Farm; £258 (2), £244 Aspatria Hall; £258 Bogie Street; £252 Macey Bank; £252 Ballymaderphy Road; £250 Manister Road; £245 Well Head Farm; £240 Wreay Hall Farm; £238 (2) Old Farm; £238 Glen Loughan Road; £238 Holme House; £236 Glaslyn House; £235 Bolton Wood Lane Farm

Charollais (Av £226.44) - £300, £248, £228 Glen Loughan Road; £285 Ballymaderphy Road; £270, £223 Tarn End; £268 Thethwaite Farm; £255, £254, £234 Holme House; £244 Bodoney Road; £228 Old Farm

Suffolk (Av £192.07) - £280, £260, £232 (2) Greenacres; £272, £232 Bogie Street; £270, £230, £219 Glen Loughan Road; £268 Thethwaite Farm; £248 Bodoney Road; £240, £233, £217, £214, £208 Holme House; £236, £218 Wreay Hall Farm; £234, £218, £214 Buninver Road; £234 Larne Road; £230 Valley View Drive; £230 Rottington Hall; £228, £212 Murray House; £226, £213 Tarn End; £222 (2) Ballymena Road; £220 Aspatria Hall; £218 Thethwaite Farm; £215 Manister Road; £214 Hallgarth; £214 Brow Top; £210 Haas Side Farm; £205 Old Farm

Beltex (Av £216.93) - £280, £260 Riggshield; £262 Barnskew; £262 Macey Bank; £238 Ballymena Road; £232 Strarra; £228 Asby Mill

Blue Texel (Av £221.82) - £262 Whiteley Hey Farm; £248 Haas Side Farm; £242 Far Whittles Farm

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £196.67) - £238 Larne Road; £232 Whinfall View
Rouge - £234 Bogie Street

Cheviot (Av £158.98) - £220, £184, £176 Swalesmoor Farm; £218 Clea Mire; £206, £172 Bodoney Road; £200 Hall Drive Cottage; £198, £178, £174 Tarn End; £190 Bogie Street; £188 Hill Top; £188 North Netherscales; £188 Brannock Court; £182, £172 Laypool Farm; £180 (2) Ballymena Road; £178 Well Head Farm; £176 (2) Mount Pleasant Farm; £176 Holme House; £174 Glen Loughan Road; £174 Fell End; £173 Old Farm; £172, £170 Greystone House; £172 High House; £170 Clea Hall

Mule (Av £170.68) - £212 Shethin Farm; £210 Swalesmoor Farm; £208 Thwaite Hall; £198, £197 Bogie Street; £197 Calier Farm; £192 Old Farm; £190 Larne Road; £190 Hallgarth; £185 Wreay Hall Farm; £184 Holme House; £184 Rietfontein

Zwartbles (Av £153.38) - £198, £188 Bogie Street

Cheviot Mule (Av £163.32) - £183 Old Farm; £182 Well Head Farm; £180 Tullywinny Road
Dorset - £176, £160 Holme House

Herdwick (Av £100.97) - £170 Low Braithwaite Farm; £158 East Newbiggin Farm; £154, £140 Clea Hall; £140 Strarra

Lleyn – £170 Buninver Road; £160 Ballymena Road

Swaledale (Av £116.89) - £166 Mellgates; £160 (2), £150 Low Snab; £156 Oddendale Hall; £154 Crindledyke Farm; £150 Buninver Road; £150 Fell End; £148 Hollins Farm; £148 Old Parks; £145 Gale Hall

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £139.16) - £166, £154 Thethwaite Farm; £164 Tarn End; £162 Gall Farm; £158 Holme House; £154 Glen Loughan Road; £150 Ballymacilcurr Road; £148, £146 Brannock Court; £148 Tullywinny Road; £146 Manister Road; £146 Ireshope Plains; £144

Mellgates; £142, £140 Greenacres; £142 Ballymaderphy Road; £141 West Stobswood Farm; £140 Strarraha

Kerry Hill - £176, £149 Glen Loughan Road; £158 Riggshield

Shetland - £142, £114 Tancred Grange

Goat - £138 Buninver Road

Hebridean - £118 Ratten Castle

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £280, £262 Whiteley Hey Farm; £268, £214 Bells View; £230 Ballymena Road; £260 Manister Road; £220 Greenacres; £215 Holme House; £212 Penny Hill Park; £210 Larne Road

Charollais - £270 Murray House; £258 Greenacres; £210 Manister Road

Blue Texel - £275, £255, £225 Swalesmoor Farm

Bluefaced Leicester - £250 Manister Road; £248 Holme House

Beltex - £248 Aspatria Hall; £226 Macey Bank

Suffolk - £230 Holme House; £212 Manister Road

Cheviot - £212 Greenacres; £205 Tancred Grange

Texel - £202 Lower Gate Farm

Herdwick - £186 Low Braithwaite Farm

Hebridean - £140 Newbridge