

# Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Penrith & District Farmers Mart held their weekly sale of 3,948 prime sheep, comprising of 474 prime lambs, 1,597 prime hogs, 1,388 cast ewes & 489 light weight hogs.

A lovely show of 474 spring lambs was forward with a flying trade throughout resulting in an SQQ average of 480.5p/kg, 469.25p/kg overall or £208.39 per head. Topping the day's trading at 541p/kg was a pen of 4 Texels at 44kg achieving £238 from Mr RA Crichton, Rottington Hall. The same home also sold a pen of 10 Texels at 43kg to 537p/kg or £231 per head. This home's run of 48 Suffolk and Texel lambs sold to average 44kg at 508p/kg or £223.81 per head. Suffolk lambs sold to £226 for a pen of 3 at 48kg from Messrs J Wilson & Sons, South Field.

A smaller show of 1,597 prime hogs were forward here today where fortune favoured the brave. The men who dared to keep them this long reaped huge rewards, with heavy and well-fed hogs showing no let off, 50kg plus hogs were dearer on the week. An SQQ average of 426p/kg was achieved, with the whole sale averaging 407p/kg (£197 per head).

The sale topped at 478p/kg (£177) for a pen of 39 Cheviot hogs weighing 37kg from Messrs J Carrick & Sons, Ireshope Plains.

Top price per head on the day was £275 (404p/kg) for 68kg, this was paid for a pen of 14 super Texel X hogs from Mr T Hetherington, Staffield Old Hall. This homes run of 41 sold to average £258.71 per head. Suffolk hogs sold to £262 (430p/kg) for a pen of 20 weighing 61kg from Messrs T Armstrong & Son, Sceugh Dyke. This home also sold Mules to £240 for a pair weighing 64kg.

Messrs Smithson, Bloan Farm, sold their run of 42 beautiful Cheviot hogs to average £247 (415p/kg) for 59kg.

Messrs Lightfoot, Gillside, topped the Swaledale section at £206 for 59kg, and also sold Herdwicks to 411p/kg (£181) for a pen of 12 weighing 44kg.

A smaller entry of cast ewes and rams on the week but a very strong level trade was witnessed pretty much a mirror image of last week.

Topping at £340 went to Becksides Farm with a superb Charollais ewe and secondly a pure-bred Texel from Messrs N & A Bainbridge, Laneside selling to weekly customers A J Meats, Birmingham.

Suffolk ewes once again failed to disappoint with a top of £231 being achieved on 2 occasions and all sold to average a very similar £195.57.

The very best goats topped at a mind boggling £220 from Messrs J H & E Iverson, Plumpton Foot.

Messrs J Wilson & Sons, South Field topped with Masham ewes at £208 and English Mule ewes to £202, and larger pens from Messrs J J Henderson & Son, Park House at £198.

Horned ewes sold with great ease topping at £168 for Swaledales from Messrs M & E J Wilson, Town Head.

A pen of 12 rams from Mr M McNally, Northern Ireland achieved £282 selling to Mr A Dawson.

We need more numbers each week, so please get in touch with any of the team. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

### **Leading Prices**

#### **Prime Lambs £/head**

**Texel** - £238, £236, £231, £224 (2), £220 (3), £218, £216 Rottington Hall; £234, £223, £220 (2), £216, £215 South Field; £230, £222, £220, £218 (2) Mill Farm; £221, £220 (2), £214 Cardewlees Farm; £220, £212 Wreay Hall Farm; £218 Birks Farm; £218 Grassknop Farm

**Charollais** - £230 Mill Farm; £210 (2) Thackwood

**Suffolk** - £226, £222, £214, £198 South Field; £224, £212, £207 (2), £205 Mellgates; £219 Rottington Hall; £218, £213 Birks Farm; £218, £204, £203 Cliburn Hall; £217, £213 Wreay Hall Farm; £217, £206 Grassknop Farm; £209, £203 Brayton Road; £209 Cardewlees Farm; £208 Park Nook; £207 Thackwood; £204, £201 Brow Top; £203, £202, £198 Cairnbridge Farm

#### **Prime Lambs P/kg**

**Texel** – 541.0, 537.0, 498.0, 495.0, 487.0, 480.0, 478.0 (2) Rottington Hall; 519.0, 516.0, 512.0, 500.0, 495.0, Mill Farm; 510.0, 498.0, 481.0 Park Nook; 505.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 500.0, 487.0 Oakdene; 498.0, 491.0, 489.0, 488.0, 485.0, 478.0 South Field; 490.0 Brow Top; 489.0, 483.0, 480.0 Cardewlees Farm; 482.0 Knock Hall

**Beltex** – 520.0 Cardewlees Farm

**Suffolk** – 509.0 Rottington Hall; 505.0, 484.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 490.0, 486.0 Brow Top; 490.0 Grassknop Farm; 486.0, 471.0 South Field; 484.0 (2) Birks Farm; 482.0 Shire Lodge; 473.0 Park Nook; 472.0 Cairnbridge Farm

**Charollais** – 500.0 Mill Farm; 474.0 Thackwood

**Continental** – 498.0, 485.0 Brow Top; 490.0, 471.0 Oakdene

#### **Prime Hogs £/head**

**Texel** - £275, £267, £265, £260, £258, £240 Staffield Old Hall; £266, £262, £260, £250 Sceugh Dyke; £262, £252, £248 High House Farm; £260, £258, £250 Thwaite Hall; £258 Park House; £252, £242 Holme House; £250, £248 Auchengray Farm; £245 Haltcliffe Bridge; £240 Lane End

**Suffolk** - £262, £260, £235, £210 Sceugh Dyke; £245, £212 Staffield Old Hall; £236, £228 Hazelrigg; £235 Holme House; £212 Whins Farm; £209 Ireshope Plains

**Beltex** - £262, £256 Lane Side; £218 Haltcliffe Bridge; £212 Chesterwood Farmhouse

**Cheviot** - £250, £248, £242 Bloan Farm; £225, £212 Quarry Gill; £214 Whygill Head; £212 Sceugh Dyke; £210 Haythwaite

**Dorset** - £246, £209 Holme House

**Mule** - £240, £229, £203 Sceugh Dyke; £210 Lingstubbs; £202 Tilery Farm

**Scotch Blackfaced** - £210 Hazelrigg; £206, £205, £200 (2) Greystone House; £206 Sceugh Dyke; £202 (2) Ireshope Plains

**Swaledale** - £206, £192 Gillside; £198 Holland; £184 Street House

**Dutch Spotted** - £204 (3) Haythwaite

**Herdwick** - £200 Burns Farm; £181 Gillside; £172 West Stobswood Farm; £170 Ireshope Plains

**Prime Hoggs P/kg**

**Cheviot** – 478.0 Ireshope Plains; 446.0 High Knipe; 433.0 Quarry Gill; 423.0, 410.0 Whygill Head; 417.0 (2), 413.0 Bloan Farm; 416.0 Sceugh Dyke; 406.0 (2) West Stobswood Farm

**Texel** – 471.0, 455.0, 441.0 Ireshope Plains; 465.0, 457.0 (2), 453.0 Sickergill; 462.0, 441.0, 437.0 (2), 433.0 Sceugh Dyke; 453.0, 451.0 Auchengray Farms; 452.0, 447.0, 445.0, 444.0 High Knipe; 450.0, 440.0, 432.0, 430.0 Holme House; 445.0 Haltcliffe Bridge; 440.0 Hollands; 437.0 West Stobswood Farm; 435.0 High House Farm; 431.0 Staffield Old Hall; 431.0 Park Nook

**Beltex** – 468.0 Park Nook; 468.0 Hollands; 427.0 Lane Side; 427.0 Haltcliffe Bridge

**Scotch Blackfaced** – 439.0, 432.0, 421.0 (2) Ireshope Plains; 435.0, 420.0 Sceugh Dyke; 426.0 Greystone House; 420.0 Hazelrigg

**Suffolk** – 438.0, 435.0, 430.0 Sceugh Dyke; 433.0, 408.0 Staffield Old Hall; 418.0 Ireshope Plains; 405.0 Holme House; 400.0 Quarry Gill; 398.0, 393.0 Whins Farm; 393.0 Hazelrigg

**Continental** – 438.0 Hollands; 421.0 Ellonby Hall; 400.0 Ireshope Plains

**Dutch Spotted** – 427.0 Thrang Cragg

**Mule** – 421.0 Tilery Farm; 416.0, 398.0 Sceugh Dyke; 412.0 Lingstubbs

**Herdwick** – 411.0, 381.0 Gillside; 393.0 Auchengray Farm; 389.0 Thrang Cragg

**Swaledale** – 362.0 Gillside; 361.0 Street House; 354.0 Hollands; 352.0 Beeches Farm

**Cast Ewes £/head**

**Charollais (Av £240.98)** - £340, £305, £285, £269, £238 Beckside; £280 Tann House; £246 Holme House

**Texel (Av £236.01)** - £340 Lane Side; £300, £270 (2), £236 (2), £224 (2) Tann House; £275, £270, £248 (2), £241, £218, £210 Beckside; £260 (2), £231 Holme House; £250, £244 Sickergill, £250, £230 Park House; £228 Jardines Farm; £222 Auchengray Farm

**Continental (Av £181.42)** - £296, £228, £222, £208 (2) Beckside; £250, £240, £220 Tann House; £240 Auchengray Farm; £238, £211 (2) Tilery Farm; £228 Brackenburgh Home Farm; £222 Castlesteads Farm; £219, £214 Holme House; £218 Park House; £216 South Field

**Beltex** - £254 Tann House

**Blue Texel (Av £226.67)** - £248, £228 Beckside; £240 Tann House

**Suffolk (Av £195.57)** - £232, £218, £211, £207 Holme House; £232 (2), £200 Tann House; £228 South Field; £218 Brow Top; £214, £210 (2) Beckside; £214, £210, £204 Great House Farm; £210 Bouch House Farm; £208 Brayton Road; £204 Birks Farm; £202 Sceugh Dyke

**Goat (Av £186)** - £220, £190 Plumpton Foot

**Masham** - £208 South Field

**Mule (Av £172.62)** - £202 South Field; £198, £190 Park House; £198 Tilery Farm; £190 Jardines Farm; £188 Tann House; £188 Brackenburgh Home Farm, £187 Sceugh Dyke

**Cheviot (Av £148.74)** - £200, £188, £185, £160, £150 Tann House; £188 Grandy Close; £174 Fellside Farm; £170, £152 Thorneythwaite Farm; £168 Stoddah; £164 (2) Walmgate; £151 Greystone House

**Zwartble** - £200 Beckside

**Dorset (Av £173.15)** - £190 Goose Green Cottage; £188 Great House Farm

**Cheviot Mule (Av £178.90)** - £188 Tann House

**Swaledale (Av £124.96)** - £168, £158 Townend; £153 High Field; £149 Hole House Farm; £148 Fellside Farm; £148 Ulcatrow; £148 Lane Side; £144 Eden Park

**Scotch Blackfaced (Av £129.38)** - £154, £150 Becksides; £150 Holme House; £144 Mellgates

**Herdwick (Av £105.87)** - £138 Ulcatrow; £136, £127 Grandy Close; £134 Burns Farm; £127 Racy Ghyll Farm

**Shetland** - £118 Goose Green Cottage

**Cast Rams £/head**

**Continental** - £282 (2) Holme House; £216 Becksides

**Texel** - £260 Tann House; £250, £225 Lane Side; £220 Becksides

**Charollais** - £200 Becksides

**Herdwick** - £172 Burns Farm

**Swaledale** - £170 Lane Side

**Scotch Blackfaced** - £170 Becksides