

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

On Wednesday 22nd July, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 5,825 prime sheep, comprising of 1,954 prime lambs, 96 prime hogs, 590 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs 3,185 cast ewes & rams.

An increased entry of 1,954 lambs went through the ring this afternoon, with fed, meaty sheep short of supply. A larger number of lighter lambs reflected the dry weather we have had recently. However, a whole-sale average of 370ppk overall, or 371sqg, and £170 per head was achieved, up £22 on the corresponding week last year. Numerous sheep still broke the £200 barrier.

Topping the day's trading at 450ppk were 40kg Beltex lambs, reaching £180 from Messrs Metcalfe, Home Farm, with W Gribbon & Co, Waterside, following closely at 444ppk for three lambs weighing 43kg and achieving £191.

The top price of the day, £246, was achieved for a brilliant Texel x lamb from Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge, weighing 61kg realising 403ppk.

Suffolk lambs from H M Livestock sold to £234 for three weighing 59kg at 379ppk.

Top consignment averages were as follows:

Mr J D Johnston, Castle Bank – 12 av. £205.25

Messrs T Armstrong & Sons, Sceugh Dyke – 7 av. £201.71

Messrs W J Whitfield, Pennine View – 7 av. £196.86

Messrs Pollock, Braithwaite Mill – 18 av. £193.67

Huge numbers graced the ringside once again, with plenty of competition from buyers sourcing stock to supply abattoirs and wholesalers throughout England. Topping the sale was Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, with excellent fed pure Texels purchased by Romford Halal.

If you have Suffolks, we want them, as demand was very strong once again, achieving premium prices over our competitors. Topping at £270 were Messrs A & H Stevenson, Armoy, with superb Suffolk X Texels, while Mr M McNally sold seven similarly bred ewes to £262. With 501 sold to average £185.90.

A tremendous pen of Cheviot ewes from Mr H McRae, Shethin Farm, achieved £218, with the next draw selling to £196.

The commoner fat ewes met a respectable trade, as expected. English Mules with weight were still £180–£190, topping at £192 from Messrs R J & R J Benson, Kettleside, while a pen of 10 Easy Care ewes from Messrs Atkinson, Scratchmere Scarr, achieved £182.

There was strong demand for horned ewes, with Swales topping at £154 from Messrs W Ridley, Woodhall. Messrs E J & R J Wear, Howe Green, sold a run of 70 Swales to average £130.04, topping at £149 for a pen of 15.

A ringside of 14 active buyers could not be beaten, so take full advantage of the orders and competition available.

All classes are needed to fulfil the demand every week here at Penrith. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 29th July. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £246 Inglewood Edge; £236, £232, £228 Clifton Moor Farm; £224 Shethin Farm; £220, £216, £204 Holme House; £220, £214, £213, £200 Castle Bank; £219, £214, £206, £203 (2) Longhurst Farm; £216, £211, £200 Pennine View; £213 Lingstubbs; £210 Mill Farm; £209, £203 Park View; £207 Greenacres; £203, £200 Sceugh Dyke; £202 Holme Wrangle; £200 Meadow Close

Suffolk - £234 Shethin Farm; £218, £193 Braithwaite Mill; £217 Holne Wrangle; £212 Meadow Close; £210, £194 Clea Mire; £205, £194 (2) Lea Croft; £202 Inglewood Edge; £198 (2) Townhead Farm (Sowerby); £198 Town Head (Hird); £198 Lamonby Hall; £197, £193, £192 Wreay Hall Farm; £195 Jacksonrigg Farm; £192 Greenacres; £191 Holme House; £191 Staingills; £190 Cairnbridge Farm; £190 Grassknop Farm

Charollais - £226 Galleywreay Farm; £189 Inglewood Edge

Cheviot - £218 Shethin Farm; £207 Clifton Moor Farm

Beltex - £209 High Hall (Thompson); £206 Smallthwaite Farm; £204 Staingills; £196 Hermitage; £191 Waterside Farm

Blue Texel - £204 Macey Bank

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 450.0, 440.0, 409.0 (2) Home Farm (Metcalf); 444.0, 424.0 Waterside Farm; 436.0 Hermitage; 420.0 Holme Wrangle; 415.0 Sunnyside; 409.0 Braithwaite Mill; 404.0 Smallthwaite Farm; 402.0 High Hall (Thompson) 400.0 Staingills

Texel – 438.0, 400.0 High Springfield; 430.0 (2), 409.0 Inglewood Edge; 430.0 (2) Clifton Moor Farm; 430.0 Oaklands; 424.0 Haltcliffe Bridge; 418.0 Castle Bank; 415.0, 412.0, 405.0 Sunnyside; 415.0, 408.0 (2), 404.0, 400.0 Staingills; 413.0, 405.0, 400.0 Home Farm (Metcalf); 413.0, 404.0 Longhurst Farm; 410.0 Clea Mire; 407.0 Hermitage; 407.0 High Hall (Thompson); 406.0 West End; 403.0 Inglewood Edge; 400.0 Street Head (Wilson)

Cheviot – 414.0, 378.0 Inglewood Edge; 391.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 382.0 Shethin Farm; 376.0 Gale Croft

Charollais – 411.0 Inglewood Edge; 383.0 Galleywreay Farm; 373.0 Street Head (Wilson); 372.0 Sunnyside; 368.0, 367.0 Thackwood

Suffolk – 397.0 Shethin Farm; 396.0 Lamonby Hall; 396.0 Inglewood Edge; 395.0 Holme Wrangle; 394.0, 388.0 Lea Croft; 392.0, 390.0 Staingills; 390.0 Jacksonrigg Farm; 389.0, 388.0 Clea Mire; 389.0 Braithwaite Mill; 388.0 (2), 381.0 Townhead Farm (Sowerby); 388.0 Grassknop Farm; 385.0, 383.0 Meadow Close; 384.0 Greenacres; 384.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 382.0, 381.0 Town Head (Hird); 382.0 Galleywreay Farm

Continental – 389.0 Eden Croft; 387.0, 374.0 Goose Green Cottage

Blue Texel – 385.0 Macey Bank

Mule – 375.0 Blakehills Farm

Dutch Spotted – 361.0 Victoria Road; 360.0 Haythwaite

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £240.90) - £320, £300, £270, £248, £240, £228 Greenacres; £310, £308, £302, £240 Shethin Farm; £310, £300 Ballymena Road; £295, £285, £242 Holme House; £295 Yew Tree Farm; £264 Buninver Road; £258 Larne Road; £255 Elm House; £254 Scarrow Hill; £248, £228 Waterside Farm; £238 Home Farm (Moir); £228 Eden Croft

Continental (Av £180.13) - £290, £262 Belvedene; £276, £220 Brannock Courts; £250, £238, £235 Ballymena Road; £250, £226 Parkside; £248, £234 High Hall (Thompson); £245 (2), £222, £220 Holme House; £244 Elm House; £240 Tarn House; £238 Salter Hall Farm; £234 Buninver Road; £231, £224 (2) Greenlands; £228 New Hummerbecks; £228 Park View; £224 Killough Road; £222 Shethin Farm; £220 Ballymederphy Road; £220 Coolkeeran Road; £220 Home Farm (Moir)

Suffolk (Av £185.95) - £270 Manister Road; £262, £219, £212 Holme House; £244 Home Farm (Moir); £235, £226, £209 Parkside; £224, £216 Ballymena Road; £222, £204 Buninver Road; £220 Tarn House; £216 Belvedene; £210 Waterside Farm; £210 Greenacres; £206 (2), £202 Larne Road; £206 Killough Road; £206 Brannocks Courts; £204 Park View; £202 Glen Loughan Road; £202 Holme House

Beltex (Av £219.74) - £262 (2), £252, £232 Whiteley Hey Farm; £260 (4), £222 Elm House; £248 Staingills; £236 Meadow Close; £228 Nutholme Farm; £224 (3) Inglewood Edge; £222 Peterhouse

Charollais (Av £235.04) - £260, £230 Holme House; £235 Brannock Courts

Blue Texel (Av £190.00) - £224, £214 Elm House; £216 Greenacres

Cheviot (Av £133.04) - £218, £196, £188, £158 Shethin Farm; £200, £174, £158 Colstons; £194, £164 Inglewood Edge; £184 Greenacres; £184 Holme House; £182 Hummerbecks Farm; £179 Ballymena Road; £164 Copperthorns; £160 Howe Farm; £158 Waterside Farm; £158 Tarn House; £158 Braithwaite Shields

Mule (Av £152.85) - £192, £178 Kettleside Farm; £191, £170 Ballymena Road; £189 South View; £188, £182 Belvedene; £186, £176 Salter Hall Farm; £183, £174 Home Farm (Moir); £182 Park View; £182 Larne Road; £180 Killough Road; £180 Howe Green; £179, £170 Shethin Farm; £177 Coolkeeran Road; £175 Holme House; £174 High Hall (Thompson); £170 Peterhouse

Easycare (Av £159.39) - £182 Scratchmere Scar; £180 Nutholme Farm; £156 Brannock Courts

Jacob (Av £126.00) - £170 Meadow Close

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £113.87) - £160 Ballymaderphy Road; £140 Buninver Road; £138, £136, £130 Clochnahill; £136 Manister Road; £132 Killough Road; £132 Holme House

Swaledale (Av £113.13) - £154, £142, £128 Woodhall; £154 Yew Tree Farm; £149, £128, £122 Howe Green; £140 Tarn House; £136 Throstle Hall; £130, £122 Peterhouse

Goat (Av £74.73) - £148 Leonards Cragg

Kerry Hill (Av £116.00) - £140 Copperthorns

Herdwick (Av £94.83) - £129 Copperthorns

Shetland (Av £66.98) - £100 Greenacres

Cast Rams £/head

Beltex - £265, £210 Whiteley Hey Farm

Texel - £230, £210 Belvedene

Suffolk - £230 Pennine View

Blue Texel - £216 Throstle Hall

Continental - £210 Whiteley Hey Farm

Herdwick - £166 Throstle Hall

Swaledale - £150 Gillside