

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 29th July 2026

On Wednesday 29th July, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 4,950 prime sheep, comprising 1,820 prime lambs, 87 prime hogs, 325 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs, and 2,718 cast ewes and rams.

A strong entry of 1,820 lambs was forward once again. The gap between well-finished, heavier lambs and leaner sorts continued to widen, with weight and finish reaping the rewards. The sale averaged 345p/kg overall, while heavy lambs averaged 352p/kg. The overall average per head was £160.

The day's trade topped at £246 per head for 75kg Suffolk lambs from Messrs R Hall & Son, Inglewood Edge. The same home also achieved the top price per kilogram, selling a pen of three outstanding 44kg Beltex lambs for £179, or 407p/kg. A further pair weighing 46kg sold for £186, or 404p/kg.

In total, 47 sheep sold for £200 or more. Once again, Messrs D W Cannon & Son, Low Abbey, presented an outstanding run of well-fed Suffolk lambs, selling to 373p/kg for 51kg and realising £190 per head.

Weight continues to pay best, and more well-finished lambs are required here at Penrith.

Numbers were strong in the ewe ring once again, although quality and power were in short supply. The very best Texel ewes sold consistently at £300 and above, topping at £330 for a consignment from Mr M McNally, Northern Ireland, purchased by A J Meats, Birmingham.

The combined sale of ewes and rams averaged £160. A level and honest trade was witnessed, not only for the select few but, more importantly, across the majority of the offering.

Suffolk ewes averaged a very healthy £182.37 and topped at £262 for Suffolk-cross-Texels, with plenty of pens selling at £200 and above.

Horned ewes carrying meat continued to sell comfortably between £110 and £120. The best Swaledales reached £130 for Messrs S & W Maughan, Street House, while Herdwicks sold to £140 for Messrs A Johnston, Oddendale.

Rams sold with great ease, topping at £248 for a Charollais from Mr H M McRae, Shethin. A pen of 10 Continental rams from Mr M McNally achieved £240, with plenty of others selling at £200 and above.

Plainer ewes met a reduced trade, with a large number of fleshy, prominent-spined sorts coming forward.

All classes are needed to fulfil the demand every week here at Penrith. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 5th August. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £238, £190, £189 Park House; £220, £218, £206, £188 Sleagill House; £215, £208, £199, £194 Hesketh House; £215 Rottington Hall; £214, £200, £198, £194 Holme House; £198, £192 Ratten Castle; £196, £184 Ireby Hall; £191 Hay Close; £190 Sceugh Dyke; £189 Currah Close; £188 Crewgarth; £188 Old Wall

Suffolk - £246, £202 Inglewood Edge; £208 Heatherbrae; £200 West End (Hall); £198 Greenacres; £195 Cairnbridge Farm; £191 Sleagill House; £190, £188, £182 (3) Low Abbey; £190 Hewer Hill Cottage; £186 Low Row; £185 Fenton Farm; £182 Holme House; £181 Highfield Farm; £180 Mill Farm; £180 Hesketh House; £180 Rottington Hall

Charollais - £214 Holme End

Dorset - £214 Holme End

Beltex - £192, £176 (3) Hewer Hill Cottage; £190 Greenacres; £186, £179 Inglewood Edge; £180, £174 Woodhead Farm; £180, £170 Rottington Hall; £176 West End (Hall); £175 Newbiggin Farm; £174 Milburn Grange; £172 Hay Close; £170 Garth House; £170 Mill Farm

Continental - £194 Hesketh House

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 407.0, 404.0 Inglewood Edge; 405.0, 403.5, 392.0, 384.0 Home Farm (Metcalf); 405.0 Low Row; 395.0, 393.0, 381.0 Woodhead Farm; 391.0, 374.0 Hewer Hill Cottage; 386.0, 384.0 Mill Farm; 386.0, 383.0, 373.0 Rottington Hall; 378.0 Milburn Grange; 376.0 Green Farm; 375.0 Low Row; 373.0 Greenacres; 372.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 372.0 Newbiggin Farm; 372.0 Crewgarth; 371.0 Holme Farm (Bousfield)

Texel – 393.0 Currah Close; 391.0 Sootyhill; 387.0 Clea Hall; 376.0, 364.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 371.0, 366.0, 365.0, 362.0, 360.0 Hesketh House; 370.0, 368.0, 366.0 Low Row; 368.0 Home Farm (Metcalf); 367.0, 363.0, 362.0, 361.0 Sleagill House; 367.0 Ratten Castle; 366.0, 364.0, 360.0 (2) Holme House; 364.0, 361.0 Low Mill; 364.0 Highfield Farm; 363.0 Threlkeld Hall; 362.0 Old Wall; 361.0 Street House (Maughan); 360.0 Rottington Hall

Suffolk – 373.0, 369.0, 364.0 (2), 357.0 Low Abbey; 364.0, 360.0 Rottington Hall; 362.0 Inglewood Edge; 360.0 Hesketh House; 360.0, 355.0 Mill Farm; 359.0, 355.0 (2) Hay Close; 359.0 Heatherbrae

Continental – 366.0 Hesketh House; 362.0 Holme House

Dorset – 362.0 Holme House

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £223.34) - £330, £325, £275, £253, £238, £213, Holme House; £305, £298 Ballymena Road; £300 Buninver Road; £300, £270 (2), £264, £242, £234 Shethin Farm; £270 Holme End; £262 (2) Brannock Courts; £250, £230, £212 Waterside Farm; £248 Coolkeeran Road; £242 Low Row; £228 Brockwoodlees; £226 Grassknop Farm

Charollais (Av £211.37) - £298 Ballymena Road; £295 Willmount Road; £246, £211 Holme House; £224 Clifton Moor Farm; £220 Brannock Courts

Suffolk (Av £182.37) - £262 Brannock Courts; £252 Low Field; £242, £212, £210 Glen Loughan Road; £238 Knock Hall; £230, £222 (2), £213, £210 Shethin Farm; £228 Holme Road; £224, £216 Honeypot; £224 Highfield Farm; £218, £210 Manister Road; £218 Holme House; £216 Heritmage; £216 Willmount Road; £212 Buninver Road

Beltex (Av £177.83) - £255 (2), £238 Brick House

Continental (Av £169.67) - £252 Westward Park; £248, £210 Clifton Moor Farm; £245, £222, £220, £211 Shethin Farm; £242 The Croft; £240, £220 Manister Road; £238 Old Mill Flatt; £226 Old Field Cottage; £225 (2), £210 (2) Hermitage; £222 Ireby Hall; £220 Willmount Road; £218 Low Row; £216 (2) Brannock Courts; £216 Hallgarth; £215 Inglewood Edge; £213 Holme House; £212 (2) Buninver Road; £210 Green Farm

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £161.41)- £242 Low Portinscale; £202 Shethin Farm

BDM (Av £212.00) - £212 Manister Road

Cheviot (Av £147.85) - £194 Holme End; £190, £189 (2), £166 Coolkeeran Road; £180 Holme House; £168, £152 Manister Road; £160 Clea Hall; £158 Copperthorns; £152 High Harberwain; £151 Brannock Courts

Cheviot Mule (Av £167.49) - £194 Clifton Moor Farm; £190 Shethin Farm; £187 Fenton Farm

Mule (Av £138.51) - £184 Shethin Farm; £182 Street; £182 Ballymena Road; £178 Sceugh Dyke; £178 Grassknop Farm; £172, £171, £166 Cookeeran Road; £170 Knock Hall; £166 Leigh Croft; £165 Fenton Farm; £164 Hole House; £163 Holme House; £162 Brockwoodlees Farm; £160 Holme End

Dorset (Av £154.62) - £170 Holme Road; £166 Shethin Farm

Herdwick (Av £104.90) - £140, £126 Oddendale

Swaledale (Av £82.95) - £130 Street House; £124, £105 Low Portinscale; £122 The Faulds; £118 Copperthorns; £116 Oddendale Hall; £115, £104 Undercragg

Jacob (Av £130.00) - £130 Shethin Farm

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £98.64) - £128 Holme End; £120 Ghyll End

Cast Rams £/head

Charollais - £248 Shethin Farm

Continental - £240, £200 Holme House; £234 Reservoir Farm

Cheviot - £235 Holme House

Bluefaced Leicester - £212 Holme House

Beltex - £208 Street; £200 Holme House