

Mule Gimmer Lambs 2026

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

On Tuesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their Annual Sale of 10,000 North of England Mule Gimmer Lambs and Cheviot Mule Gimmers, generously sponsored by Eden Farm Supplies, PFK Rural, l'Anson Quality Feeds & Marsh Commercial.

The early morning judging saw another record entry of 27 pens of show sheep forward, all well worthy top pens, which were presented to this year's North of England Mule Gimmer lamb judges Mr C Hewitt, Eskew Beck Farm, Miss R Thompson, High Hall, & Miss J Harrison, Sceugh, acting as referee, with Mr M Bewley, Mid Farm, judging the Cheviot-Mules. Credit must go to all vendors for the quality of the consignments turned out and we hope all purchases go on and do well for everyone.

One of the largest ringsides of buyers ever seen at Penrith generated a tremendous buzz and an electric atmosphere, getting the day's trading off to a flying start.

Cheviot Mules set the pace, averaging £205.19 per head, with only seven pens selling for less than £190 per head. Mr J. R. Weir of Elva Plain Farm topped the sale at £280 per head and also presented the champion pen, which was pure class. The pen was purchased by the judge, Mr M. Bewley of Mid Farm. Mr Weir's consignment of 150 went on to average £222 per head.

Overall, this section once again proved extremely popular, with many more required to fulfil demand. Orders ranging from 100 to 200 head remained unfilled.

North of England Mules achieved phenomenal returns, with many new buyers taking advantage of the best-bred Mules from the Eden Valley that never disappoint. The overall sale average was £197 per head, up £44 on the year, with this strong trade consistent across all vendors. Messrs Lord, West Dowgill, topped the sale at £600 per head with a tremendous pen of well-bred sheep displaying excellent conformation. They sold to regular purchaser Mr J. Winter, while the consignment achieved a superb average of £243 per head.

Next at £340 per head were Messrs Lowis, Waterside House, with a pen of tremendously powerful lambs purchased by Messrs W. Richardson & Son, Ghyll House. This was the largest consignment, averaging £205 per head.

New for 2026, the Colin Lowis, Waterside House Trophy for the best run of more than 100 Mule Gimmer Lambs was awarded to Messrs S. & W. Maughan, Street House. Their run of 440 lambs averaged £216 per head, with only one pen selling for less than £200 per head and topping at £275 per head to Mr P. Jones, Ludlow.

Special mention must go to Messrs Strong, Well House, whose run of 516 averaged a colossal £203 per head. A credit to the owners, who bred sheep of such natural quality and tremendous power without supplementary feed and with very little dressing.

Bonny running lambs through to full-faced sorts comfortably realised £190–£198 per head throughout the sale. Topping lambs sold from £210–£225 per head, with the top pens achieving £250–£300 per head.

An overall sale average of £196.16 was achieved, this £43 up on the year! Topping the sale at £600 per head went to Messrs Lord, West Dowgill, with their Champion pen of 10 superb well-bred lambs going on to be purchased by Mr J Winter.

In the Cheviot Mule section, a buzz of buyers helped create a buoyant average of £205.17 for 1099 sold. Topping this section at £280 was the Champion pen, a pen of pure class, from Mr JR Weir, Elva Plains selling to the judge Mr M Bewley. The second placed lambs from the same home achieved £260, selling to Messrs Holliday, Clea Mire.

The following prizes were awarded: -

Mule Gimmer Lambs

1st and Champion (receiving the NEMSA Rosette & Eden Farm Supplies trophy)

Messrs Lord, West Dowgill

2nd and Reserve Champion

Messrs F & M Moore & Son, Highside

3rd Messrs Pears, Fellside

4th GT Birkett, Lonscale

5th Messrs Marrs, Manor Farm

Cheviot-Mule Gimmer Lambs

1st Mr JR Weir, Elva Plain Farm

2nd Mr JR Weir, Elva Plain Farm

3rd Mr JR Weir, Elva Plain Farm

Leading Averages over 100 lambs

Messrs Lord, West Dowgill – 100 lambs to average £243

Messrs Pears, Fellside – 100 lambs to average £226

Messrs MTP & SD Wills, Fawcett Park – 240 lambs to average £220

Messrs GA & DE Thompson, Howburn – 120 lambs to average £219

F & M Moore, High Side – 190 lambs to average £218

Mr JT Davidson, Bell Mount – 100 lambs to average £218

Messrs S & W Maughan, Street House – 440 lambs to average £216

Messrs Sowerby & Whitfield, Cote House Farm – 140 lambs to average £215

Messrs Strong, Well House – 520 lambs to average £212

Messrs WE & B Wilson, Undercragg – 150 lambs to average £204

Messrs Lowis, Waterside House – 650 lambs to average £203

Messrs A & N Bennett, Hollins Farm – 360 lambs to average £203

Messrs Marrs, Manor Farm – 320 lambs to average £202

Cheviot-Mule Top Flock Averages

JR Weir, Elva Plain Farm – 150 lambs to average £222

TJ Noble, Mellgates – 10 lambs to average £215

JM Thompson, Town Foot – 80 lambs to average £209

Messrs EJ Iverson & Sons, Skelling Farm – 255 lambs to average £206

AG Teasdale, Colstons – 10 lambs to average £205

Messrs RJ & M Ridley, Ranbeck – 180 lambs to average £204

Mr AG Morton, Bank Hall – 200 lambs to average £203

Mr S Robinson, Thrang Cragg – 60 lambs to average £203

Leading Prices

Mule Gimmer Lambs - £600, £280 West Dowgill; £340, £250, £245, £220, £212 (2), £210 Waterside House; £330, £245, £225, £215, £210 Manor Farm (Marrs); £290, £280, £215, £210 High Side (Moore); £280, £245, £225, £220 Fellside; £275, £255, £240, £230, £225 (2), £220 (2), £218 (3), £215 Street House (Maughan); £275, £230 Shield Hill Top; £275 Redgate; £270, £265, £240, £230, £225, £220, £210 Fawcett Park; £270, £255, £225, £215 Cote House Barn; £270, £230, £212 Howburn; £270 Lonscale; £265, £245, £210 (2) Hollins Farm; £265, £235, £225 (2), £220, £215 (5), £210 (4) Well House (Strong); £255, £235, £215, £212, £210 Bell Mount; £250, £230 Longwell; £250, £218 Undercragg; £245, £210 Bank End Mill; £245 Old Parks; £240, £215 Gap Shield; £240, £212 Low Mill (Benn); £240 Shap Abbey; £240 Haresceugh Castle; £235, £212 Hegdale; £230 Low Snab; £230 Bowderdale; £225 The Old Forge; £220 Hill Top (Bell); £220 Branthwaite Farm; £215, £210 Mellgates; £215 Tarn House (Shields); £215 Crosby Lodge; £215 Throstle Hall; £215 Mosedale End; £210 (3) Low Mill (Fleming & Wilson); £210 Low Stow Bank

Cheviot Mule - £280, £260, £250, £225, £220, £218, £215, £205 Elva Plain Farm; £235, £215 Townfoot; £230, £215, £210, £208 (2) Ranbeck; £225, £220, £208, £205 Bank Hall; £222 Crosby Lodge; £222 Randalholme; £220, £218, £215, £210, £205 Skelling Farm; £215, £210 Thrang Cragg; £210, £205 (2) Low Stow Bank; £210 Mellgates; £205 Colstons