

# Prime Sheep Report

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 6,850 prime sheep, comprising 2,959 prime lambs, 299 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs, and 3,592 cast ewes and rams.

It was another brilliant day at Penrith, with a bumper show of 2,959 prime lambs meeting a flying trade throughout. The overall average was 342p/kg, or 347p/kg SQQ, and £165 per head—£18.50 ahead of the corresponding week last year. A superb selection of well-fed, heavyweight lambs was forward.

Topping today's sale at £220 was a 76kg Texel lamb from Mr Rodgers, Ireland. Mr Matty Strong, Hewer Hill, followed closely at £218 for a 68kg lamb. The top price per kilo was achieved by a pen of nine indoor-fed Beltex lambs from M/s Gardner, Glebelands, weighing 42kg and selling for £212, or 505p/kg.

Mr W Gribbon & Co sold another pen at 480p/kg, weighing 40kg and realising £192 per head.

Mule lambs soared to £170 for 52kg, or 327p/kg, from M/s T Trafford & Son, Peterhouse. Cheviot lambs sold to £180, or 340p/kg, from the Hall family, Inglewood Edge.

Mr K Forester & Son, Cobble Hall, sold some very well-fed Dutch Spotted lambs, with 54kg lots achieving £194 per head.

The second consignment through the ring, from M/s T E Irving & Son, East Cliff, hit the jackpot: their run of 47 Suffolk and Texel-cross lambs averaged 57kg and sold for £200 per head, or 346p/kg.

Prime sheep are needed here again next week, so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

There were excellent numbers in the ewe ring, and an increased ringside of buyers ensured that all classes were £5–£10 dearer on the week.

A total of 23 ewes sold for more than £300. The sale topped at £375 for a tremendous pure-bred Texel from Mr J Adaw, Raemoir Road, Aberdeen, purchased by Romford Halal. This was closely followed at £305 by an ewe from Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, purchased by A J Meats, Birmingham. The same home also achieved a record price of £190 for a pure Scotch Blackface ewe.

The sale averaged £161.56 overall, with 421 Suffolk ewes averaging £189.85. The Suffolk section topped at £278 for a huge half-bred ewe from Town Foot Farm, with many others selling from £220 to £240.

Mr B Dufton sold some of the finest Cheviot ewes, topping at £255 for a single, followed by nine at £238 and 15 at £213. The same home sold 15 Scotch Mules to £200. Mr T A Byers,

Ellen Bank, sold eight Scotch Blackfaces to £165, while Swaledales reached £130 for Messrs Marrs, Manor Farm.

The best rams sold for £250 and above, topping at £315 for a pure Suffolk from Messrs T E Irving & Son, East Cliff. It was another very successful sale, with strong buyer attendance attracting both trade and numbers.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 30th September. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

### **Leading Prices**

#### ***Prime Lambs £/head***

**Texel** - £220 Ballymaderphy Road; £212, £200, £186 The Wath (Bell); £210 Black Leases; £208, £198 East Cliff; £208, £184 (2) Sceugh Dyke; £204, £197 Sleagill House; £200, £196, £189 (2) High House Farm (Nevinson); £200 Peterhouse; £200 Sickergill; £197, £190, £188 Low Row; £196 Street; £194 Clea Hall; £194 Kilnknowe Farm; £193, £190 Peterhouse; £192 Highrigg; £191 Holme House; £190 (2) Bank House; £190, £186 Dalemmain; £190 Asby Mill; £186 Waterside House; £186 Hewer Hill; £186 Sycamore House; £185 High Knipe; £184 Thorneyland

**Beltex** - £212 (2), £190 Glebelands; £198, £192 Inglewood Edge; £198, £189, £178 High Knipe; £196 Bank House; £195 (2), £174, £172 Glaslyn House; £194, £190, £184, £179, £175, £170 (2) Thorneyland; £194 Black Leases; £192, £176, £172 Waterside Farm; £188, £175 Newstead Grange; £184, £178 Wreay Hall Farm; £182 Fenton Farm; £180, £174 Low Row; £180 Blackwell Farm; £180 Hay Close; £180 Crossfell House; £178, £170 Kilnknowe Farm; £178 Cobble Hall; £178 Peterhouse; £174 Longhurst Farm; £170 Braithwaite Mill

**Suffolk** - £200 East Cliff; £194, £172 Honeypot; £190, £178 (2), £177 Willimoteswick Farm; £189, £188, £184 Black Leases; £188 Fenton Farm; £188 Sleagill House; £186, £178, £174, £171 Holme House; £184, £180 Wreay Hall Farm; £183 Broomhill Farm; £182 Greenacres; £181 (2), £179, £173, £170 (2) Hay Close; £180 Mill Farm (Pollock & Scott); £179 Braithwaite Mill; £172 Cobble Hall; £170 Aspatria Hall; £170 Highrigg

**Dutch Spotted** - £194, £170, £168 Cobble Hall; £160 Powleys Garth

**Continental** - £192 Kilnknowe Farm; £174 High Harberwain; £164 Hay Close; £164 Holme House

**Cheviot** - £180 Inglewood Edge

**Charollais** - £178 North Gill Bank; £163 Blackwell Farm

**Mule** - £170 Peterhouse

#### **Prime Lambs p/kg**

**Beltex** – 505.0 (2), 442.0 Glebelands; 480.0, 419.0, 410.0 Waterside Farm; 464.0 Glaslyn House; 450.0, 440.0, 379.0 High Knipe; 450.0 Crossfell House; 439.0, 370.0 Low Row; 430.0 Inglewood Edge; 422.0, 413.0, 383.0, 378.0, 370.0 Thorneyland; 417.0 Bank House; 410.0

Newstead Grange; 400.0, 389.0 North Gill Bank; 396.0, 383.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 391.0 Blackwell Farm; 387.0 Fenton Farm; 379.0 Cobble Hall; 372.0, 370.0 Braithwaite Mill

**Texel** – 448.0, 427.0, 371.0, 365.0 Low Row; 409.0 Crossfell House; 400.0 Thorneyland; 396.0 Bank House; 391.0 Hewer Hill Cottage; 391.0 Lea Croft; 382.0, 362.0 Hole House; 381.0, 370.0 Glebelands; 381.0 North Gill Bank; 377.0, 363.0 Crosby Hall; 376.0 Julian Holme Farm; 374.0 Dalemain; 371.0, 360.0 Low House; 370.0, 360.0 High Knipe; 368.0, 364.0, 360.0 Asby Mill; 368.0, 364.0 Sickergill; 367.0 Inglewood Edge; 367.0 Clea Hall; 364.0 Church Street; 362.0 Sycamore Rise

**Blue Texel** – 376.0 Crosby Hall

**Dutch Spotted** – 359.0, 357.0 Cobble Hall

**Charollais** – 356.0 North Gill Bank; 354.0 Blackwell Farm

**Suffolk** – 353.0 Scales Hall; 351.0 Cobble Hall; 348.0, 344.0, 342.0, 342.0, 340.0 Hay Close; 347.0 Sceugh Dyke; 345.0 East Cliff; 345.0, 342.0 (2), 340.0 (2) Willimoteswick Farm; 344.0, 342.0, 341.0 Black Leases; 343.0 Holme Wrangle; 342.0 Dalemain; 342.0 Fenton Farm; 341.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 340.0 Julian Holme Farm; 338.0 Hole House; 338.0 (2) Sycamore Rise

**Continental** – 348.0 High Harberwain; 341.0 East Cocklaw Farm; 337.0 Kilnknowe Farm; 335.0 Hay Close

**Cheviot** – 340.0 Inglewood Edge; 339.0 Crossfell House

**Mule** – 327.0 Peterhouse; 300.0 Tannachie Farm

### **Cast Ewes £/head**

**Texel (Av £249.90)** - £375, £325 Raemoir Road; £365, £310, £305, £270, £270 Greenacres; £330, £325, £230 Huntly Lodge Farm; £320, £220 Lane End; £315, £310 (2), £240 (2) Shethin Farm; £300, £288, £242 Fowrass; £290, £250 Brannock Court; £275 Thethwaite Farm; £275 Howgill; £270, £258, £244 Holme House; £260, £235 Aspatria Hall; £260, £221 (2) Greenlands; £248 Ballymacilcurr Road; £247, £232 Buninver Road; £230 Dufton House; £220 Belvedene

**Continental (Av £182.55)** - £320, £270, £248 Glebelands; £305, £265, £252, £240, £234 Braithwaite Mill; £280, £248, £240, £232 Buninver Road; £274, £258, £230 Holme House; £260, £254, £252, £236 Aspatria Hall; £248, £242, £220 (2) Shethin Farm; £245, £240, £232 (2) Huntly Lodge Farm; £244, £232 Westlea; £238, £236 East Cocklaw Farm; £230, £226 Waterside Farm; £228, £220 Howgill; £228 Hay Close; £226, £222 Longhurst Farm; £226 Tara; £226 Thethwaite Farm; £225, £222 Lane End; £222 Sycamore Rise

**Beltex (Av £218.26)** - £288 Ballmacilcurr Road; £270, £258, £242 Westlea; £265, £222 Galloper Park; £240 Shethin Farm; £240 Greenacres; £238 Dufton House; £220 Inglewood Edge

**Suffolk (Av £189.85)** - £278 Town Foot; £265, £212 Lane End; £262, £230 (2), £228, £222, £220, £218, £212, £208, £218, £216 Brannock Court; £242 Scales Hall; £240, £234 Buninver Road; £228, £210, £208 Coolkeeran Road; £223, £218, £214, £212 Shethin Farm; £222, £208 Ballymacilcurr Road; £220 Glebelands; £220 Manister Road; £218 Holme House; £218 Ballymaderphy Road

**Charollais (Av £221.19)** - £260, £232, £226 Buninver Road; £238, £222 Ballymacilcurr Road; £226 Holme House

**Cheviot Mule (Av £157.63)** - £258, £245, £208 East Cocklaw Farm; £252 Town Foot; £205, £186 (2), £182 Tillyfour; £194 Lane End

**Cheviot (Av £141.45)** - £255, £238, £231, £213, £190, £172, £164, £162, £158 Lane End; £218, £166 Belvedene; £196 Sycamore Rise; £188, £150 Bromley Green; £183 Shethin Farm; £170 Tillyfour; £168, £155 Hay Close; £166 Town Foot; £160 Inglewood Edge; £156 Clea Hall; £152 (2) Shethin Farm

**Dutch Spotted** - £220 Lane End

**Blue Texel (Av £186.50)** - £218 Belvedene

**Leicester** - £218 Belvedene

**Mule (Av £154.69)** - £200, £188, £182 Lane End; £198, £188 Scales Hall; £189 Holme House; £188 Belvedene; £188 Raemoir Road; £188 Lowther Castle Inn; £184 Tillyfour; £183 Town Foot; £178 High Knipe; £178 Corskellie; £176 Greenlands

**Scotch Blackfaced (Av £114.33)** - £190, £135, £125 Greenacres; £165 Ellen Bank; £146 Town Foot; £136 Belvedene; £130 Buninver Road; £124 Thethwaite Farm; £122 Huntly Lodge Farm; £121 Holme House

**Dorset** - £182 Town Foot

**Easycare (Av £126.17)** - £162 West Stobswood Farm; £142 Thethwaite Farm

**Goat (Av £126.67)** - £150 Galloper Park

**Herdwick (Av £79.68)** - £136 Belvedene; £132 Hazelgill; £128 Clea Hall; £118 Shethin Farm; £110 Millbeck Hall

**Swaledale (Av £89.46)** - £130, £118 Manor Farm; £128 Low Garth; £126 Fell End; £119 Hazelgill; £113 Knock Hall

**Shetland** - £106 Huntly Lodge Farm; £70 (2) Belvedene; £64 Tannachie Farm

### **Cast Rams £/head**

**Suffolk** - £315, £270 East Cliff; £300, £270 Scales Hall; £260 Park Head

**Texel** - £300 Scales Hall; £275 Plumpton Cottage Farm; £260 Ballymaderphy Road; £232 Brannock Court; £220 Huntly Lodge Farm

**Continental** - £272, £220 Holme House; £255, £230 Whiteley Hill Farm; £220 Ballymacilcurr Road

**Beltex** - £262 Whiteley Hey Farm

**Dutch Spotted** - £225 Ballymaderphy Road

**Cheviot** - £220 Belvedene

**Scotch Blackfaced** - £150 Greenacres; £145 Lane End; £140 Manister Road

**Herdwick** - £130 Millbeck Hall