

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 7th October 2026

On Wednesday 7th October, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 6,918 prime sheep, comprising 2,049 prime lambs, 277 lightweight collections of hoggs and lambs, and 4,592 cast ewes and rams.

A two-tier trade seems to be appearing with the well-fed sheep a storm, possibly dearer on the week. The handy weights, 38-45kg, also proved a joy to sell. A whole sale average of £155.50 per head or 326ppk and 346ppk SQQ.

Topping the sale at 483ppk were 41kg lambs at £198 from D. Dickinson, Brockwoodlees. M/s BS & J Strong, Hewer Hill, followed closely at 480ppk for 41kg at £197.

Top price per head was £212 for 64kg from TI Wetherell & Son, High & Low Buildings. M/s Sowerby & Son, Sycamore Rise sold 2 at 65kg to £211. RW & G Dickinson, High Knipe sold a beautiful Beltex lamb at 46kg to make £210 (457ppk). DG & LM Strong Ltd, Sleagill House sold a fantastic pen of 16 Suffolks at 60kg to £195.

Top consignment averages:

- M/s WW Armstrong, Stoneybeck Farm sold 5 at £197.
- M/s Gardner, Glebelands sold 20 at £190.50.
- M/s DG & LM Strong, Sleagill House sold 41 at £189.76.

Another large entry of cast ewes and rams was forward, attracting a packed ringside of buyers and particularly strong demand for grazing ewes. The sale topped at £390 for Mr S Lawson, Huntly, whose pair of superb, bred ewes sold to AJ Meats, Birmingham, and Romford Halal, Essex.

Messrs Jenkinson, Clifton Moor, sold a run of 181 ewes to average £196.12, with many Texels selling from £220 to £250.

Some excellent pens of Suffolk-cross ewes were forward, with Suffolk-cross Texels topping at £255. Larger pens sold to £238 x 9; £221 x 18; £200 x 19; and £198 x 29.

Mules sold exceptionally well, with heavier ewes achieving particularly strong prices. Mr B Duffton, Huntly, sold Scotch Mules to £202 x 16 and £198 x 18. Other larger pens sold to £192 x 17; £188 x 22; £183 x 17; and £180 x 58.

Hill ewes were dearer on the week, especially the plainer sorts, while meated ewes sold comfortably from £120 to £130. Messrs Wear, Milburn Grange, sold Swaledales to a top of £144, while Messrs Elliott Bros, sold 28 Swaledales to average £122.75. A further pen sold to Pickstock Foods for £128.

Cast rams topped at £295 for Charollais, with many others selling from £220 to £270.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 14th October. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141 or Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £212 High & Low Buildings; £211, £200, £189, £187 Sycamore Rise; £208, £178 Sceugh Dyke; £200, £197, £194, £191, £181 Sleagill House; £198, £175 Wreay Hall; £197 Stoneybeck Farm; £197 Hewan Hill; £194, £187, £184, £180, £179 Willimoteswick Farm; £192, £190, £188, £176 Clea Mire; £190 Hole House; £188, £185 Tarn End; £188, £180 Buninver Road; £186, £185 Shap Abbey; £182 Brockwoodlees Farm; £180 High Knipe; £178, £176 Wham Head; £178, £175 Bank House; £178 Inglewood Edge; £178 Asby Mill; £176 Black Leases

Beltex - £210, £200, £188 High Knipe; £200, £198, £190, £187 Brockwoodlees Farm; £198, £196, £190 Glebelands; £198, £186 North Gill Bank; £190 Black Leases; £185 Sycamore Rise; £180 Hewan Hill

Charollais - £200 Buninver Road

Suffolk - £196 Cobble End; £195, £178 Sleagill House; £194, £190 High Knipe; £190, £170, £165 Wreay Hall Farm; £190 Fellside Farm; £184 West End; £182 Clea Mire; £181 High & Low Buildings; £180, £166, £163, £162(2) Shap Abbey; £180 Tilery Farm; £178, £170, £169, £168, £162 Willimoteswick Farm; £176, £168 Black Leases; £176 Sycamore Rise; £174 High Knipe; £172 West End; £170 Lingfield Bungalow; £169, £168 Howe Green; £169 Braithwaite Mill; £166 Sceugh Dyke; £161 Hole House

Dutch Spotted - £182 Wood House

Continental - £172 Howe Green; £165 Buninver Road; £158 Asby Mill

Cheviot - £170 Buninver Road; £161 Shap Abbey

Mule - £168, £154 Harbour Flatt

Blue Texel - £162 Bromley Green

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 483.0, 455.0, 422.0, 386.0(2), 378.0, 367.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 467.0, 440.0 Glebelands; 465.0, 457.0, 372.0, 365.0 High Knipe; 460.0, 443.0 North Gill Bank; 420.0, 365.0 Sycamore Rise; 405.0, 375.0 Hewan Hill; 397.0 Asby Mill; 396.0 Black Leases; 395.0 Inglewood Edge

Texel – 480.0 Hewan Hill; 430.0, 366.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 414.0 Inglewood Edge; 398.0, 379.0 Bank House; 374.0, 363.0 Leaps Rigg Farm; 374.0 The Hollins; 372.0, 370.0 Shap Abbey; 371.0, 363.0, 359.0 Asby Mill; 369.0 Sleagill House; 368.0, 360.0 Brownrigg Hall Farm; 364.0, 360.0, 357.0 Sycamore Rise; 364.0, 356.0 Drovers Cottage; 363.0, 359.0, 356.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 360.0 Bromley Green; 358.0 Willimoteswick Farm; 357.0, 355.0 Hall Garth; 356.0 Thorneycroft; 355.0 Morton Sceugh

Dutch Spotted – 404.0 Wood House; 374.0 Howe Farm

Continental – 376.0 Asby Mill; 371.0, 357.0 Holme Farm

Mule – 372.0 Cocklaw Farm; 311.0, 308.0 Harbour Flatt

Suffolk – 355.0 Byrnes Close; 352.0, 339.0, 333.0, 326.0, 322.0 Shap Abbey; 351.0 Lingfield Bungalow; 340.0 Birks Farm; 336.0, 326.0 Sycamore Rise; 336.0, 320.0 Black Leases; 335.0 High & Low Buildings; 333.0, 331.0, 324.0, 323.0 Willimoteswick Farm; 333.0, 322.0 High Knipe; 330.0 Hall Garth; 326.0, 321.0 Fowrass Farm; 325.0 Clea Mire; 325.0 West End; 325.0, 323.0 Howe Green; 324.0 Sleagill House; 323.0 Fellside Farm; 321.0 Tilery Farm

Cheviot – 335.0 Shap Abbey; 330.0 Anvile Cottage; 327.0 Leaps Rigg Farm

Cheviot Mule – 322.0, 308.0 Fowrass Farm

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £244.08) - £390(2), £288 Huntly Lodge; £380, £335, £290, £280, £270 Tann House; £305, £280 Greenacres; £300 Shap Abbey; £270 Buninver Road; £260 Dublin Road; £260 Belvedene; £245 Drumreach Farm

Continental (Av £176.23) - £290, £285 Woodlands Farm; £290, £230 Ballymena Road; £270, £268, £258, £228(2), £226 Willmount Road; £270, £242, £226 Greenacres; £270, £225 Buninver Road; £265, £255, £248, £228, £224 Tann House; £265, £230 Hermitage; £258, £248, £231, £228 Holme House; £250(3), £235, £230(2) Clifton Moor Farm; £250, £242, £232(2) Far Broom; £250 Huntly Lodge Farm; £245 Eden Croft; £240 Belvedene; £232 Brannock Courts; £230(2), £225 Ballymacilcurr Road; £230 Dublin Road; £224 High Field

Beltex (Av £200.76) - £265 Huntly Lodge Farm; £220, £210, £196 Westlea; £218 High Field; £216 Grange Hall; £200 Silverband; £194 Station House

Suffolk (Av £181.59) - £255, £238 Brannock Courts; £240, £225, £208 Willmount Road; £238 Bunniver Road; £224 Belvedene; £221 Holme House; £214 Manister Road; £210, £206 Drumreach Farm; £210 Eden Croft; £208 Greenacres

Charollais (Av £199.62) - £235, £220 Holme House; £230 Brannock Courts; £224 Willmount Road

Bluefaced Leicester (Av £177.64) - £232 Willmount Road; £220 Tann House; £208 Greenacres

Mule (Av £152.38) - £202, £198, £188, £183 Tann House; £192, £180 Holme House; £190 Dublin Road; £188 Orphir; £188 Sceugh Dyke; £185 North Netherscales; £180 Manister Road; £180 Knock Hall

Cheviot Mule (Av £165.70) - £198 Belvedene; £190, £184 Tann House; £178, £176, £160 Drumreach Farm; £176 Holme House; £166 High & Low Buildings; £164 Dublin Road

Cheviot (Av £133.77) - £192, £179, £176 Drumreach Farm; £188 Tann House; £170 Hole Farm; £160 Ballymacilcurr Road

Badgerfaced - £180 Currah Close; £110 Robin Hood

Zwartble (Av £140.62) - £160 Mount Pleasant Farm; £160 Greenacres; £158 Tann House

Lleyn (Av £135.46) - £160 Drumreach Farm; £143(2) Far Close; £140, £132 Greenacres; £120, £118 West Stobswood Farm

Hampshire - £160 West Stobswood Farm

Swaledale (Av £91.51) - £144 Milburn Grange; £128 North Gill Bank; £128 Harbour Flatt; £126 Throstle Hall; £120 Willmount Road; £118 Hollins Farm; £115 Slakes Farm

Texdale - £140 Harbour Flatt

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £107.54) - £130, £122, £120 Tann House; £130 Holme House; £124 Greenacres; £120 West Stobswood Farm

Herdwick (Av £67.78) - £114 Glenhighton Woodlands

Kerry Hill - £112 Tann House

Rough Fell (Av £92.15) - £104 Waterhouses

Hebridean - £95 Newbridge

Shetland - £68 Mellgates

Cast Rams £/head

Charollais - £295 Huntly Lodge Farm

Continental - £285 Ballymacilcurr Road; £228 Manister Road

Suffolk - £270 Belvedene; £220 Woodlands Farm

Texel - £242 Greenacres; £225 Holme House; £220 The Green

Dutch Spotted - £210 Willmount Road

Beltex - £180 Ballymacilcurr Road; £170 Earnwell

Bluefaced Leicester - £170 Ballymena Road

Scotch Blackfaced - £170 Willmount Road

Swaledale - £140 Harbour Flatt

Kerryhill - £130 Ballymacilcurr Road

Herdwick - £98 Shethin Farm