Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 4th November 2026

On Wednesday 4th November, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 7,773 prime sheep, comprising 2782 prime lambs, 495 lightweight collections of hoggs and lambs, and 4,496 cast ewes and rams.

Another good entry of lambs was forward, with trade very much on a par with last week. Lambs weighing 47kg to 49kg showed an improvement in trade. The overall average was £158 per head, equating to 330ppk, with an overall SQQ average of 346ppk.

Topping the day's trade at 444ppk were 45kg Beltex lambs from M & L Gibson, 3 Happerhill, which sold to £200 per head. Closely following at 443ppk were lambs from J C Robinson, Blackleases, selling 6 head at 44kg to £195 per head.

The top price per head of the day was £220, achieved by a single 66kg Suffolk lamb from DG & LM Strong Ltd, Sleagill House.

Once again, heavy lambs weighing 55kg and above continue to sell exceptionally well.
R & JM Ridley, Ranbeck sold a pen of 7 Cheviot Mule lambs weighing 56kg to £178 per head.

Mule lambs sold to £170 per head for 3 head at 54kg from Kiachugh Road, Northern Ireland.

M/s Fisher, Dufton House sold a fantastic run of 30 lambs, topping at £202 per head for a pen of 4 lambs weighing 48kg. The overall run averaged an impressive £185.83 per head.

Other leading consignments included:

35 lambs averaging £185.74 - DG & LM Strong, Sleagill
25 lambs averaging £184.08 - D McFarland, Omagh
19 lambs averaging £181.89 - WJ Whitfield, Pennine View

On Wednesday 4th November, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 4,496 cast ewes and rams.

Once again tremendous numbers forward to a packed ringside of buyers. Ensuring an average of £150 ahead on the nail. Topping the sale at £370 went to Mr M Mcnally, Northern Ireland with a unbelievable pure-bred Texel selling to A J Meats, Birmingham.

Next up at £335 went to A M Conner, Skilmafilly with another pure-bred Texel selling to Pak Mecca Meats, Birmingham with this home selling well finished ewes to average £220.94 for 69 sold.

Leading in the average went to Messrs Clubbs, Old Wall with 12 Texel X Ewes to average £265.25 topping at £340.

Suffolks sold with great demand with Mr B Dufton, Huntly selling pure bred Suffolks to £275 with all sold averaging £184.83 with larger pens to £224x17; £222x12; £208x13; £206x15; £203x16; £200x10.

Mr B Dufton also sold 17 scotch mules to a top of £205 ahead and cheviot mules to £210 for a pen of 20. The same home sold a pair of Zwartbles to £218.

Again, horned ewes with meat £115-£130 topping at £140 for Swaledales from Messrs J & F J Edmondson, Low Snab.

The very best of Texel Rams sold to £298 with plenty of others £250-£280.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 11th November. Entries should be notified to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Suffolk - £220, £204 Sleagill House; £200 Parkside Crescent; £196, £185, £184 High Knipe; £196, £164 Brocklebank Farm; £194 Pennine View; £192 Sleagill House; £190 Aspatria Hall; £190, £165, £163 Rosgill Head; £180 Braithwaite Mill; £180 Long Park Farm; £175, £170 Croft House; £170 Shire Lodge; £170 Black Leases; £168 West Foreshield; £164 Town Head (Mounsey); £162, £161 (2) Hole House (Coulston); £161 The Hills; £160 Ghyll House; £160 Sceugh Dyke

Texel - £218, £199 Sceugh Dyke; £218, £189 Pennine View; £214, £198, £190, £183 Ireby Hall; £210 Waters Farm; £208, £195, £194, £184 Clea Mire; £204 Bank House; £198 Glaslyn House; £192, £191, £186, £184, £181 High Knipe; £191 Rosgill Head; £190, £184 Waterside House; £190 High Boreland; £190, £180 Stanley House; £188, £181, £180 (2) Aspatria Hall; £188, £182 Longhurst Farm; £188 Tarn End; £186, £180 Newbiggin Farm; £186 Sleagill House; £184 Barton Hall; £182 Braithwaite Mill; £180 Hewer Hill; £180 Plantation View

Beltex - £202, £200, £195, £194, £192, £188 (2), £182, £180, £174, £172 Dufton House; £200, £181 (2) Hopperhill; £195, £174 Black Leases; £194, £170 Barton Hall; £192 West View; £191, £189, £177, £176, £170 High Knipe; £188 Cottage Farm; £183 Westfield House Farm; £182 Brockwoodlees Farm; £177 Longhurst Farm; £172 Stanley House; £171 High Wreay Farm; £170 (3) Bromley Green

Continental - £190 Kilmachugh Road; £182 Pennine View; £178, £164 Plantation View; £177, £165 Sceugh Dyke; £172 Stanley House; £166 Black Leases; £162 Rosgill Head
Blue Texel - £185, £169 Bromley Green; £160 Hole House
Charollais - £178 Mellgates; £174 Waters Farm; £165 Holme House
Cheviot - £178, £164 Ranbeck; £174 Mill Farm
Cheviot Mule - £177 Fowrass; £169 Sceugh Dyke
Mule - £170 Kilachugh Road; £161 Mellgates; £160 Skilmafilly Farm; £160 Gap Shield; £160 Ormathwaite Farm; £157 Stockbridge Farm; £154 Towcett Farm
Zwartble - £166 Gall Farm
Dutch Spotted - £164 Cobble Hall; £164 Marshes Gill; £161 Towcett Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg
Beltex – 444.0, 431.0, 393.0, 373.0 Hopperhill; 443.0 Black Leases; 441.0 Barton Hall; 426.0 Westfield House Farm; 421.0, 420.0 High Knipe; 421.0, 400.0, 398.0, 396.0, 379.0, 377.0, 376.0, 369.0, 363.0 Dufton House; 417.0 West View; 409.0 Cottage Farm; 404.0, 390.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 391.0 Stanley House; 390.0, 381.0 North Gill Bank; 382.0 Towcett Farm; 378.0 Marshes Gill; 370.0 Black Leases; 366.0 Pear Tree House
Texel – 435.0, 430.0, 397.0 Glaslyn House; 423.0 High Knipe; 405.0, 367.0, 365.0 Plantation View; 400.0 Clea Mire; 400.0 Ratten Castle; 395.0, 382.0, 362.0 Bank House; 395.0, 362.0 Crewgarth; 391.0 Ranbeck; 389.0, 387.0 West View; 386.0, 371.0, 364.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 385.0 Shap Abbey; 378.0, 370.0, 369.0 Westfield House Farm; 375.0, 365.0 Hewer Hill; 370.0 High Knipe; 367.0 Newbiggin Farm; 365.0, 362.0 Clea Mire; 364.0 Lower Gate Farm
Blue Texel – 411.0 Bromley Green
Continental – 374.0 Stanley House; 364.0 Plantation View; 350.0 Pear Tree House
Dutch Spotted – 373.0 Cobble Hall; 335.0 Marshes Gill
Scotch Blackfaced – 358.0, 337.0 Gall Farm
Suffolk – 346.0 Whitehead Hill Farm; 343.0, 327.0 Shap Abbey; 343.0 West View; 341.0 The Hills; 341.0 Nook Farm; 335.0 High Knipe; 333.0, 329.0, 325.0 Sleagill House; 332.0 Brockle-bank Farm; 330.0 High Knipe; 330.0, 321.0 Black Leases; 329.0, 324.0, 322.0 Hole House; 324.0, 322.0, 320.0 Rosgill Head; 324.0 Croft House; 323.0 West Foreshield; 322.0 Towcett Farm; 321.0 Shire Lodge; 321.0 Fowrass; 320.0 Goose Green Cottage
Cheviot – 354.0 Gall Farm; 345.0 (2), 341.0 Nook Farm; 345.0 Leaps Rigg Farm; 335.0 High Lodore Farm; 331.0 Rookin House Farm
Herdwick – 351.0 High Lodore Farm; 349.0 Plantation View
Mule – 320.0 Ormathwaite Farm; 317.0 Stoddah; 315.0 Kilmachugh Road; 314.0 Stockbridge Farm; 311.0 Gap Shield; 307.0 West Foreshield; 304.0 Mellgates

Leading Prices
Cast Ewes £/head
Texel (Av £239.17) - £370, £315 Holme House; £355, £335, £300, £275, £255 Skilmafilly Farm; £346 Huntly Lodge Farm; £340, £295, £265, £238 Old Wall; £300, £265, £244 West

Stobswood Farm; £300, £250 (2), £238, £218, £210 Brannock Court; £242 West View; £238 Sandhills; £235 Buninver Road; £234 Ballymacilcurr Road; £232 Greenacres; £220 Kil-ma-chugh Road; £210 Westfield House Farm

Continental (Av £176.30) - £350, £300, £264, £258, £240, £239, £223 Huntly Lodge Farm; £300 Willmount Road; £290, £226, £226 Barton Hall; £275 Holme Head; £262 (2), £260 Tann House; £260, £230, £214, £212 Holme House; £260, £210 Brannock Court; £250, £220, £210 Skilmafilly Farm; £230, £215, £210 Belvedene; £228, £216 Buninver Road; £226 Lane End; £224 Bank House; £210 Merryvale; £210 Manister Road

Charollais (Av £202.74) - £300 Ballymacilcurr Road; £250 Huntly Lodge Farm; £222, £214 Holme House; £220 Brannock Court; £214 Tarn End

Suffolk (Av £184.83) - £295 Tann House; £280, £210, £197, £196 Willmount Road; £250 Skil-mafilly Road; £224, £222, £196, £203 Holme House; £224 (2) Belvedene; £212 Coolkeeran Road; £208, £195 Croft House; £208 Gate & West Farm; £208 West End; £206 Broomhill Farm; £204, £194 Buninver Road; £204 Huntly Lodge Farm; £200 (3), £198, £196 Brannock Court; £199 Manister Road; £196 Greendale; £190 Kilmachugh Road

Beltex (Av £199.00) - £248 Skilmafilly Farm; £220 West Stobswood Farm

Cheviot (Av £126.61) - £233, £188 Farmanby; £215, £184, £180 (2), £168, £162 (3) Bel-vedene; £196, £180 Tann House; £176, £161 Croft House; £176 Waterside House; £172 Man-ister Road; £170 Holme House; £168 Merryvale; £165 Tarn End; £160 Coolkeeran Road

Cheviot Mule (Av £173.17) – £220 Kilmachugh Road; £202 Castle Bank; £192 Tann House

Zwartble (Av £183.25) - £218, £190 Tann House

Dorset (Av £180.00) - £212 Ballymacilcurr Road

Mule (Av £149.98) - £205, £180, £176 Tann House; £188 Kilmachugh Road; £188 Gate & West Farm; £185 Fell Hill; £182, £178 Croft House; £180 Manister Road; £178 Holme House; £178 Willows Farm; £178 Castle Bank; £174 Ballymacilcurr Road; £172 Tarn House; £172 Barton Hall; £172 Towcett Farm

Blueface Leicester (Av £179.88) - £198 Tann House; £190 Ballymacilcurr Road; £184 Holme House

Easycare (Av £140.21) - £160 Belvedene; £154 Merryvale; £150 Scratchmere Scar; £144 Tann House

Swaledale (Av £92.52) - £140 Low Snab; £121, £120 The Old Forge; £113 Gap Shield; £110 Waters Farm; £109 Low Stow Bank; £108 Ranbeck; £108 Ulcatrow; £107 Mellgates

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £99.02) - £130, £111 Ballymacilcurr Road; £126 Huntly Lodge Farm; £125, £110 Croft House; £120 Fell Hill; £119 Mellgates; £116 Parkside Crescent; £116 Shethin Farm; £116 Low Stow Bank; £116 Brannock Court; £115 Shire Lodge; £114 Coolkeeran Road; £114 Thethwaite Farm; £112 (2) Tann House; £112 Holme House

Herdwick (Av £82.73) - £110 Kinnaird Farm; £108 Ulcatrow; £108 Tann House

Shetland (Av £86.72) - £108 Parkside Cresent; £88 Belvedene

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £298 Manister Road; £228 Holme House

Texel - £285 The Hills; £240 Brannock Court; £235 Greenacres; £220 Parkside Crescent; 218 Tarn End

Suffolk - £270 Tullywinny Road; £222 Parkside Crescent; £220 Manister Road

Cheviot - £255 Fordlands Farm; £215 Belvedene

Dutch Spotted - £220 Belvedene; £218, £204 Tarn End

Dorset - £220 Parkside Crescent

Charollais - £200 Ballymacilcurr Road

Scotch Blackfaced - £190 Holme House; £152 (2) Ballymacilcurr Road; £150 Tullywinny Road

Swaledale - £160 Gap Shield