Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 18th November 2026

On Wednesday 18th November, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 6,871 prime sheep, comprising 2,802 prime lambs, 452 lightweight collections of hoggs and lambs, and 3,617 cast ewes and rams.

A total of 2,802 prime lambs were forward, with demand for well-finished lambs in the 38kg to 46kg weight range exceptionally strong. Trade sharpened throughout the sale, resulting in an improved market on the week. An overall market average of 332p/kg (355p/kg SQQ) was achieved, equating to £159.60 per head across the entire sale.

Topping the day's trade on a pence-per-kilo basis was a superb pen of five 40kg Beltex lambs from Messrs W. & S.E. Dickinson, Kirkbarrow Hall, which realised 475p/kg to return £190 per head.

The highest price per head of the day was £214, achieved by a pen of 66kg Texel lambs from regular consignors Messrs T. Armstrong & Son, Sceugh Dyke.

A strong run of Suffolk lambs from Messrs Robley, Demesne sold to £210 per head for a pen of 22 weighing 65kg. In the Suffolk section, Messrs Hogg, Whitehead Hill Farm achieved the top pence-per-kilo return of 350p/kg, with 42kg lambs selling to £147 per head.

Mule lambs sold to £175 per head for 57kg lambs from Messrs W.E. & B. Wilson, Under-cragg. Meanwhile, Messrs Fleming & Wilson, Low Mill marketed 40 Mule lambs averaging 53kg, returning a strong average of £166 per head.

Leading consignor averages on the day were:

- Messrs Robley, Demesne sold 44 lambs to average £194.50 per head.
- P.E. & M.A. Holmes, Tilery Farm sold 23 lambs to average £191.83 per head.
- Miss E. Carvey, Eastfield sold 28 lambs to average £189.21 per head.

With numbers remaining tight nationally and buyers keen to secure quality lambs, a particularly competitive trade was seen for well-finished, export-weight sheep, with the best lambs continuing to attract significant premiums.

A slightly smaller entry came forward this week, but a full complement of buyers ensured a strong trade, resulting in values rising by £4-£6 on the week.

The sale topped at £350, achieved by Mr B. Duffton, Bogie Street, for a tremendous pure-bred ewe. Also attracting strong interest was a pure-bred ewe from Mr W. Morison, South Bogbain, purchased jointly by A.J. Meats, Birmingham, and Romford Halal, Essex.

Suffolk × Texel ewes from Mr E. Astley, Northumberland, sold to a top of £295, with other pure-breds making £285, £280 and £270. All sheep from this consignment averaged an impressive £191.57 per head, up £11 on the week.

Rams continue to meet excellent demand, with plenty selling more than £200 and pure-bred Texels topping at £288.

Mule ewes sold to £195 from Bogie Street, with a pen of 20 closely following at £188, while a pen of 17 realised £187. The same home also sold 12 Cheviot Mule ewes to a remarkable £210.

Horned ewes remained short of buyers' requirements, with a pen of 14 reaching £155 and all Scotch Blackface ewes averaging a healthy £115.29. Well-fed Swaledale ewes from Messrs R.I. & A.V. Telford, High Park Foot, sold to £132, with another full pen achieving £125.

A ring full of well-fleshed Shetland ewes from Shethin Farm topped at £100 for a pen of three.

More numbers are now required to satisfy demand, particularly as supplies continue to tighten in other centres.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 25th November. Entries should be notified to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £214, £192 Sceugh Dyke; £209, £208, £196 (2), £195, £194, £193, £188 Eastfields Farm; £200, £196 Stoneybeck Farm; £198, £189, £180 Sycamore Rise; £198, £184 Holme House; £198, £183 Pennine View; £196 High Wreay Farm; £194, £193, £183 Tilery Farm; £194, £188, £184 High Knipe; £192 Shethin Farm; £191 Undercragg; £190, £180 Braithwaite Mill; £190 Wham Head Farm; £185 Green Farm; £182 Kirkbarrow Hall

Suffolk - £210, £179 (2) Demesne; £205, £191 Tilery; £198, £190, £170 East Cliff; £197 Hardrigg Hall; £197 Braithwaite Mill; £190, £180 South View; £190 Eastfields Farm; £186 Stackyard House; £186 Clea Mire; £183, £182 High Knipe; £178 Pennine View; £175 Mill Farm; £175, £174 Braithwaite Mill; £173 Sycamore Rise; £172 The Green; £171 Longlands; £170 Long Park Farm; £170 (2) Aitchisons Bank Farm; £170 Scales Hall

Beltex - £208, £190, £185 Braithwaite Mill; £203, £191, £190, £188 Kirkbarrow Hall; £192 Wham Head Farm; £190 High Park Foot; £190, £180, £170 Waterside Farm; £181, £180, £175 Hopperhill; £173 North Gill Bank

Charollais - £200 Holme House; £180 The Wath

Mule - £175, £158 Undercragg; £166 (3) Low Mill; £162 Black Leases; £158 Wham Head Farm; £155 Low Side

Continental - £172 Brigg Farm House; £168 Whitehead Hill Farm; £166 Ranbeck

Blue Texel - £171 High Harberwain

Cheviot - £166, £163 Clea Mire; £166 Ranbeck; £154 Nook Farm; £152 Black Leases; £150 Hole Farm

Dutch Spotted - £158 Midtown Farm

Swaledale - £157, £140 Undercragg

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 475.0, 466.0, 461.0, 427.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 452.0, 442.0, 420.0 Braithwaite Mill; 452.0, 419.0, 378.0 Waterside Farm; 449.0, 429.0, 402.0 Hopperhill; 433.0 North Gill Bank; 422.0 High Park Foot; 406.0 Whitehead Hill Farm; 400.0 Nutholm Farm; 400.0 Wham Head Farm; 383.0 Scales Farm (Wilson)

Texel – 463.0, 410.0, 390.0 Green Farm; 417.0, 411.0, 410.0, 408.0, 392.0, 373.0 Eastfields Farm; 413.0, 409.0, 386.0, 370.0 Sycamore Rise; 404.0 Braithwaite Mill; 403.0, 385.0 West View; 402.0 Clea Mire; 400.0 High Wreay Farm; 383.0 Nook Farm; 382.0 Bank House; 376.0 High Knipe; 375.0 Cairnbridge Farm; 375.0 Shethin Farm; 373.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 373.0 Wham Head Farm; 373.0 Randalholme; 373.0 Towcett Farm; 370.0 The Wath (Bell); 370.0 Sandhills; 370.0 High Harberwain; 370.0 Thethwaite Farm; 370.0 Black Leases

Blue Texel – 389.0 High Harberwain

Charollais – 378.0 Scales Farm (Wilson); 362.0 The Cottage; 344.0 The Wath (Bell)

Cheviot – 370.0, 361.0 Clea Mire; 356.0 East Cocklaw Farm; 353.0 Wood of Dervaird Farm; 346.0 Cottage Farm; 342.0 Nook Farm

Continental – 363.0 East Cocklaw Farm; 342.0 Gall Farm

Suffolk – 350.0 Whitehead Hill Farm; 347.0 Stoddah; 345.0, 324.0 Nook Farm; 344.0 (2), 323.0 Demesne; 343.0, 322.0 Brocklebank Farm; 340.0 North Gill Bank; 339.0, 331.0 Sycamore Rise; 332.0 Stackyard House; 332.0 Clea Mire; 331.0, 321.0 High Knipe; 330.0 Black Leases; 328.0 Eastfields Farm; 326.0 Cairnbridge Farm; 326.0 Long Park Farm; 325.0 High Wreay Farm; 321.0 Fowrass
Dutch Spotted – 350.0, 335.0 Wester Bogieside Farm
Swaledale – 342.0, 323.0 (2), 319.0 East Cocklaw Farm
Mule – 342.0 The Hills; 317.0 Gap Shield; 315.0 High Park Foot; 313.0 (2) Low Mill; 310.0 Eden Park; 309.0, 306.0 Low Side; 308.0 Towcett Farm; 308.0, 302.0 Tarn House; 307.0 Undercragg; 306.0 Black Leases; 304.0 Undercragg

<u>Cast Ewes £/head</u>
Texel (Av £251.13) - £350, £325, £295, £278, £275, £244 Greenacres; £350, £230 Tann House; £312 Cottage Farm; £295, £256 Hardrigg Hall; £292, £276 Ballymacilcurr Road; £280 Shethin Farm; £272, £245, £234, £230 Drumreach Farm; £259, £238 West Stobswood Farm; £258 The Green; £250, £240 Crompton Farm; £246, £236 Aspatria Hall; £238 (2) Holme House; £236, £222 Belvedene; £230 Old Wall; £228 Thethwaite Farm
Suffolk (Av £191.57) - £295 West Stobswood Farm; £285, £250 Belvedene; £280, £255, £220 (2) Tann House; £270, £202 Home Farm (Moir); £252, £229, £222, £221, £210, £208, £204 Beragh; £250, £240, £224, £208, £205 Holme House; £250, £228, £207 Brannock Court; £250, £228 Scales Hall (Jenkinson); £238, £226 Burnside; £216 Manister Road; £213 Ballymaderphy Road; £212 (2), £204 Shethin Farm; £210, £208 Drumreach Farm; £207 Crompton Farm; £202 Ballymacilcurr Road
Continental (Av £185.71) - £288 Primrose Cottage; £280, £258, £240, £228, £226 (2) West Stobswood Farm; £270, £269, £268 Shethin Farm; £258 Merryvale; £255, £250, £232 Brannock Court; £250 Holme House; £249, £238, £230 (2) Drumreach Farm; £248, £244, £240 (2), £228 Crompton Farm; £246, £235, £224 Tann House; £242, £230, £228 Grassgarth; £238 Ballymaderphy Road; £236, £230, £225 Old Wall; £230 Holme House; £230 Park Nook; £228 Braithwaite Mill; £224, £222 Beragh; £222 Aspatria Hall
Beltex (Av £232.50) - £270, £260, £248 West Stobswood Farm; £265 Redgill Farmhouse; £258 High Park Foot; £246 Skelling Farm; £226 Merryvale; £222 Drumreach Farm; £220 Tymperon Hall
Charollais (Av £215.42) - £270, £239 Brannock Court; £248 Ballymaderphy Road; £230 Tann House; £230 West Stobswood Farm
Blue Texel (Av £184.05) - £258 Crompton Farm
Cheviot Mule (Av £179.89) – £212 Tann House; £200 Drumreach Farm
Cheviot (Av £130.04) - £190, £180 Home Farm (Moir): £182 Grassgarth; £180, £147 Tann House; £172, £162 Drumreach Farm; £170 (2) Shethin Farm; £164 Merryvale; £162 Thorneythwaite Farm; £160 Clea Hall; £156 Brigg Farm House; £154, £147 Greenacres
Mule (Av £158.58) - £195, £188, £187 Tann House; £190 Crompton Farm; £190 Holme House; £188 Cottage Farm; £188 Greenacres; £184 Sleagill House; £180 Long Park Farm

Dutch Spotted (Av £184.00) - £190 Tann House
Zwartble (Av £181.60) - £190 Tann House
Scotch Blackfaced (Av £115.29) - £152, £134 Beragh; £140, £124, £120 Greenacres; £140 Carsenestock Farm; £130, £126, £120 Tann House; £128 Kirkbarrow Hall; £128 Thethwaite Farm; £122 Brannock Court; £120 Manister Road
Easycare (Av £150.00) - £150 Tann House; £150 Greenacres
Swaledale (Av £95.29) - £132, £125, £117 High Park Foot; £120 Peterhouse; £120 Prospect Farm; £119 Gap Shield; £114 Hole House (Coulston)
Herdwick (Av £105.03) - £132 Aspatria Hall; £112 Harry Place; £111 Clea Hall
Goat - £132 Starrah
Shetland (Av £88.05) – £100 Shethin Farm; £98 Brae Farm

<u>Cast Rams £/head</u>
Texel - £288, £236 Greenacres; £240 Home Farm (Moir)
Charollais - £265 Holme House; £265 Ballymaderphy Road; £260 Brannock Court
Cheviot - £254 Holme House; £208 Ballymaderphy Road
Bluefaced Leicester - £228 Ballymaderphy Road
Suffolk - £222, £220 Tymperon Hall
Blue Texel - £212 Drumreach Farm
Dutch Spotted - £200 Tann House
Swaledale - £166 Side Farm
Scotch Blackfaced – £155 Tann House