Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 25th November 2026

On Wednesday 25th November, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 8,525 prime sheep, comprising 3,540 prime lambs, 549 lightweight collections of hoggs and lambs, and 4,436 cast ewes and rams.

Another bumper Wednesday at Penrith, not only for numbers but also for trade. A total of 3,540 lambs went through the ring, alongside 549 light lambs, equating to 4,089 prime sheep sold. The overall average was 338.5ppk, or 363ppk SQQ, with an average price per head of £163. This was £9.50 per head higher than the corresponding week last year.

Topping today's sale at 493ppk was a pen of three 42kg lambs from G Cartmell, Hollands, selling to £207 per head. The top price per head of £224 was achieved on two occasions. Firstly, by first-time consigners RW & AJ Jackson, Clarks Farm, with three Suffolk x Texel lambs weighing 66kg and selling at 340ppk. Also achieving £224 were Texel lambs from M/s J Wilson & Son, South Field, weighing 69kg. This home sold an excellent run of 41 well-finished heavy lambs to average £211.59 per head.

The top consignment average of the day came from S McSwiggan, Omagh, whose 13 heavy lambs averaged £218.08 per head. Mule lambs sold to a top of £170 for 64kg lambs from HM Livestock, Aberdeen. M/s Coulston, Hole House, topped the Mule section at 319ppk for 52kg lambs selling at £166.

Handy-weight lambs proved exceptionally well sold, with prices regularly ranging from 360-380ppk. Heavy lambs over 56kg continued to add up to top money, while lambs weighing 50-52kg met slightly more resistance due to the large numbers on the market.

Top Consignment Averages

- S McSwiggan, Omagh - 13 @ £218.08
- M/s J Wilson & Son, South Field - 41 @ £211.59
- M/s DG & LM Strong, Sleagill - 41 @ £201.49
- M/s HG Jackson, Littlebeck - 11 @ £200.91
- M/s T Carrick & Son, High Crossgill - 22 @ £194.27
- RW & AJ Jackson, Clarks Farm - 12 @ £191.33

On Wednesday 25th November, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held its weekly sale of 4,420 cast ewes and rams. Consistent numbers continue to attract a loyal ring of buyers, ensuring a very fast trade. Most classes were up £4 to £6 on the week, with the best bred and leaner Continental ewes seeing the greatest rise, £12 to £15 ahead more on the week.

Topping today's sale was weekly customer Mr W. Morison, South Bogbain, with an outstanding pure-bred Texel ewe achieving £380. A further 19 ewes sold in excess of £300. Vendors are reminded to ensure their ewes are drawn and entered for next week's Christmas Show and Sale of Cast Ewes.

Leading the averages was Mr J. Winter, Clickham, whose run of 18 Texel and Beltex-cross ewes averaged an impressive £295.94 and topped at £340.

A run of 153 Texel, Beltex and Cheviot-cross ewes from Mr E. Astley, West Stobswood, averaged a colossal £213.96, topping at £302 for a pen of the best sorts. Larger pens sold to £259 for 20 head, £227 for 15 head and £218 for 10 head.

A total of 504 Suffolk ewes sold to average £191.85. The section topped at £284 for Suffolk-cross Texels from Donaghanie, with plenty of larger pens making £220 to £240. Further notable prices included £216 for 13 head, £203 for 10 head, £202 for 11 head, £200 for 18 head, £197 for 12 head, £196 for 10 head, £195 for 13 head and £194 for 15 head.

Mule ewes topped at £208 from Mr B. Duffton with six huge English Mules. A total of 774 Mule ewes sold to average £154.45. M/s P & S.A. Nelson, Rosgill Head, sold two excellent pens of exceptionally well-fed English Mules to £198 for 18 head and £186 for 26 head. Other larger pens sold to £191 for 18 head, £190 for 18 head, £190 for 25 head and £188 for 10 head.

There was plenty of demand amongst the horned ewes, with 254 Swaledales sold to average £98.72. Topping the section at £140 were four ewes from M/s S. & W. Maughan, Street House. Larger pens sold to £127 for 11 head, £125 for 20 head and £119 for 13 head.

A total of 269 Scotch Blackface ewes sold to average £110.09, topping at £156 from H.M. Livestock. South Bogbain sold eight outstanding ewes to £148, while larger pens sold to £134 for 19 head, £130 for 15 head, £128 for 26 head and £126 for 16 head.

Cast rams were also a fiery trade, topping at £300 for Charolais-cross Texel rams. Larger pens sold to £270 for five head, while a pen of 11 Dorset rams achieved £239. The best horned ram sold to £180, again from South Bogbain.

The next sale will be held on Wednesday 2nd December. Entries should be notified to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £224, £217, £208 South Field; £216 Buninver Road; £214, £203, £200 Sleagill House; £212, £192 High Crossgill; £202, £186 Brockwoodlees Farm; £202 Fawcett Park; £200, £198, £190, £185 High Knipe; £196 Hewer Hill; £195, £190 Ireby Hall; £195 Holme House; £193 Milburn Grange; £191, £188 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £190, £188, £186 Shap Abbey; £190 Bells View; £189 Belvedene; £188 Clarks Farm; £186 Plantation Road Park; £186 Galleywreay Farm; £186 Crewgarth; £186 Clea Hall; £185 Oddendale Hall

Suffolk - £224, £170 Clarks Farm; £219 Buninver Road; £216, £203, £178 West End; £212 South Field; £208, £190 Sleagill House; £198 Sceugh Dyke; £196, £185 South View; £194, £180 High Knipe; £188, £177 Desmesne; £186, £174, £170 Crindledyke Farm; £185 Hall Garth; £180, £175, £170 (2) Galleywreay Farm; £180 Hay Close; £175 Holme House; £175 Fawcett Park; £174 Belvedene; £172, £171 Fenton Farm; £170 Shap Abbey

Beltex - £208 Glaslyn House; £208 Rottington Hall; £207, £198, £191, £190 (2), £187 (2) Hollands; £206, £202 Littlebeck; £200 Hallsoven Farm; £198, £186 Hewer Hill; £196, £192 Thorneyland; £196 Murrah Hall; £196, £180 (2) Shap Abbey; £192, £191 Waterside Farm; £190 (2), £189 Glebelands; £189 Belvedene; £184, £181 Bolton Wood Lane Farm; £183 Stanley House; £180 Bell Mount

Continental - £198 Clea Hall; £187 Cape Farm; £174 High Crossgill; £167 Holme House; £157 Waterside Farm; £156 Lucy Close; £152 Eden Terrace

Herdwick - £185, £160, £159, £150 Clea Hall

Charollais - £178 Holme House; £170 Waterside Farm; £167 Hay Close

Cheviot - £172 Crosby Hall; £166 Kirkhouse; £160 Sceugh Dyke; £155 High Row Farm; £150 Greenbank Farm

Mule - £170 Shethin Farm; £167 Greenhow; £166 Hole House; £165, £149, £142 Bell Mount; £150 Hill Top; £146 (2) Tarn House; £142 Sherriff; £141 Gap Sheild

Chev Mule - £158 Mellgates; £158, £149 Skelling Farm; £149 Crosby Hall

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 493.0, 471.0, 463.0, 434.0, 404.0 Hollands; 480.0, 455.0 Waterside; 471.0, 425.0 Hollands; 468.0 Littlebeck; 465.0, 420.0 Hallsoven; 456.0 Murrah Hall; 452.0, 405.0 Glaslyn House; 445.0 Thorneyland; 443.0, 440.0 Hewer Hill, 442.0 (2), 430.0 Glebelands; 436.0, 419.0 Shap Abbey; 424.0 Rottington Hall; 422.0, 400.0 Riggshield; 421.0, 409.0 Bolton Wood; 422.0 Riggshield; 421.0 Crosby; 409.0 Thorneyland; 407.0, 398.0, 395.0 Stanley House; 395 Green

Texel – 449.0, 441.0, 423.0, 384.0, 377.0, 370.0 Brockwoodlees; 440.0, 422.0, 411.0, 377.0,

375.0 High Knipe; 423.0 Crewgarth; 413.0, 406.0, 395.0, 373.0 Shap Abbey; 405.0 Stanley House; 400.0, 370.0 Bolton Wood Lane; 400.0 Hollands; 398.0, 379.0 Hollands; 388.0 Hallsoven; 387.0 Thorneyland; 387.0 Green; 386.0 Waterside; 384.0 Sickergill; 382.0 Lane End; 380.0 Sherriff; 373 High Lodore; 371.0 Sandhills; 371.0 Milburn Grange
Continental – 440.0 Clea Hall; 361.0 Shethin Farm; 358.0 Harry Place; 356.0, 343.0 Greenbank; 353.0 Eden Terrace; 343.0 Basco Dyke; 340.0 Leaps Rigg
Blue Texel – 384.0 Whitehead Hill
Suffolk- 370.0 Shap Abbey; 351 Gall Farm; 350.0 Sceugh Dyke; 348.0 Buninver; 346.0, 335.0 Hay Close; 342.0 Basco Dyke; 341.0 Hall Garth; 339.0, 333.0 Clarks; 333.0 Kirkhouse; 333.0, 330.0 West End; 333.0 Hill Top; 333.0 Sleagill House; 332.0, 331.0, 330.0 Crindledyke; 331.0, 330.0 Hole House; 331.0 Hole House; 331.0 South Field; 331.0 Fenton; 330.0 Galleywreay; 330.0 Sleagill House
Cheviot- 370.0 High Lodore; 368.0 (2) Gall Farm; 366.0, 355.0 Greenbank
Charollais – 362.0 Waterside
Herdwick- 348.0 Noran Bank; 341.0, 330.0, 324.0 Clea Hall
Cheviot – 336.0 Mellgates; 324.0 Skelling; 317.0 Crosby Hall
Mule – 319.0 Hole House; 317.0, 316.0 Bell Mount; 315.0 Greenhow; 313.0 Gap Shield; 311.0, 304.0 Tarn House; 307.0, 300.0 Low Side; 302.0 Sherriff

Leading Prices
Cast Ewes £/head
Texel (Av £220.66) - £380, £345 South Bogbain; £350, £285 Ballymaderphy; £345, £295, £286 (2), £252 Holme House; £340, £330, £325, £308, £300 Clickham; £302 West Stobswood; £295, £262 Park Drive; £288 Cottage; £260 Brannock Courts; £238 (2) South Bogbain; £225 Thorneyland
Charollais (Av £205.10) - £300, £260 Ballshield; £288, £268 Tarn End; £220, £214, £210 Beragh.
Continental (Av £180.91) - £285, £282, £270 Clickham; £275 Tullywinny; £270 (5), £259, £227 West Stobswood; £270, £265 Bogie Steet; £270 Ballshield; £266, £255, £234 Old Wall; £265, £259, £240 Shap Abbey; £262, £255, £238 Tarn End; £256 Holme House; £255, £236, £226 Buninver; £250 Lane End; £250, £233 High Boreland; £248 Lansmere; £246 Nether Stenries; £242, £226 Fawcett Park; £232 Glaslyn; £228 Ballymaderphy; £228 Riggshield; £226 Brannock Courts; £222 Belvedene
Suffolk (Av £191.85) - £284 Donaghanie; £278, £258 Bogie Street; £270, £236, £216, £210 Holme House; £255, £210 Brannock Courts; £250 Beragh; £228, £220, £218 Tarn End; £224 Lane End; £224 (2) Ballymaderphy; £222, £208 Ballshield; £220 West Stobswood; £220 Clickham; £218 Tullywinny; £212 Shethin; £210 Shap Abbey; £208 (2) Buninver
Beltex (Av £201.87) - £278 Clickham; £278 West Stobswood; £228 Cottage Farm; £226 Unity Farm; £222 Lansmere
Dutch Spotted (Av £241.00) - £258 Buninver; £224 Ballymaderphy
Blue Leicester (Av £170.73) - £230 Albury; £204 North Netherscales

Mule (Av £154.45) - £208, £190 (2) Duffton; £198, £184 High Boreland; £194, £186 Rosgill £191 Tarn End; £190 Clickham; £188 Lansmere; £188 West Stobswood; £188 South Bogbain; £186 Woodhouse; £184 Donaghanie
Cheviot (Av £131.31) - £200 Highrigg; £189, £167 Holme House; £184 Rosgill Head; £182, £160 Shethin; £176 Brownrigg; £174 Tarn End; £172, £158 Thethwaite; £168 Shap Abbey; £166 Rosgill Head; £166 Lansmere; £166, £155 North Netherscales; £158, £157 Lawson Leicester (Av £198) - £198 Belvedene
Zwartble (Av £133.16) - £193 Belvedene; £180 South Bogbain
Cheviot Mule (Av £165.91) – £192 Tann House; £180 Clea Mire; £180 South Bogbain
Goat - £178, £158, £144, £136, £120 (2) Lawson
Easycare (Av £144.34) - £172 Duffton; £162 Belvedene; £145 (2) Shethin
Scotch Blackfaced (Av 110.09) – £156, £130 Shethin; £148, £128 South Bogbain; £138 Thethwaite; £134 Holme House; £127 Tann House; £126 Beragh; £126 Brannock Courts Swaledale (Av £98.72) - £140, £130 Street House; £130 Fawcett Park; £127, £120 Town Head; £126 Cottage Farm; £125 Hollins Farm; £123 Low Stow Bank; £119 Greenhow; £119 Horsemoor
Woodland (Av 126.62) - £131 Dale Foot Farm
Herdwick (Av 81.10) - £105 Low Stow Bank; £102 Hollins Farm; £100 Middle Fell

Cast Rams £/head
Continental- £300, £230 The Shearlings; £270, £239 Holme House; £252, £228 Beragh; £250 Ballymaderphy; £239 Duffton; 3239 Belvedene; £232 Brannock Courts
Texel – £280 Sickergill; £272 Brannock Courts; £248 Tarn End; £230 Tullywinny; £220 Shap Abbey
Bluefaced Leicester - £270 Hole House
Charollais – £255 Belvedene
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Suffolk - £235 Copperthorns; £220 Brannock Courts
Dutch Spotted - £235 Belvedene
Beltex- £230 Belvedene
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Swaledale - £162, £145 Hole House
Goat- £150 Lawson