

Prime Sheep

Wednesday 26th February 2025

On Wednesday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 8,016 prime sheep, comprising of 3,600 prime hogs & 4,416 cast ewes & rams.

The biggest Wednesday we've ever had in Penrith with 8,016 sheep going under the hammer. Many thanks to both vendors and buyers. A huge appreciation also goes to all staff and helpers who made the day run so smoothly.

A huge entry of 3,600 hogs were forward with handy weights excelling, heavy sheep proved slightly harder to sell with larger quantities on offer.

Topping today's sale at 462ppk came for a single Beltex Hogg weighing 39kg achieving £180 from Mrs S Armstrong & Sons, Moorriggs. A huge amount of Hogs eased over 400ppk yesterday. Top price per head of £200 came for a 52kg Beltex Hogg from Messrs W & S E Dickinson & Son, Kirkbarrow Hall.

Mules sold to 338ppk for 45kg achieving £152 from Messrs J Carrick & Son, Ireshope Plains. An outstanding run of 87 Mule Hogs weighing 59kg sold to average £167. Scotch Blackface Hogs sold to 337ppk firstly for weighing 41kg at £138 from Mr D Crew, The Gall, secondly for a pen of 17 weighing 43kg achieving £145 from Messrs T A & A Dickinson, North Nether Scales.

Record after record broken! Starting with 4,416 Ewes the largest entry for PDFM in 23 years, with the pens wall to wall packed by 8am in the morning.

Topping at £340 went to Mrs S Armstrong & Sons, Moorriggs with Texel Ewes purchased by Mr J Linsley on behalf of A J Meats, Birmingham. The overall sale average was achieved at £171.18.

First time vendors Messrs A J & M E Minshall, Bent House Farm, Staffordshire sold a run of 88 Texel x Ewes to average a staggering £196.51 topping at £295 for a pen. A consignment of 29 Beltex Ewes from Messrs G E & V H Slater & Sons, Whitley Hey Farm achieved a staggering average of £241.89 with 12 achieving £265 purchased by Yorkshire Halal, Ossett.

The Suffolks did it again taking the lead, with a first time average over £200 topping at £270 from Messrs W E & B Wilson, Undercragg with pure Ewes and a total of 768 sold during the sale to average £204.81. With larger pens achieving £252 x19, £250 x14, £240 x18, £240 x11, £236 x19, £235 x22, £235 x16, £234 x16, £229 x17, £226 x16, £218 x22, £218 x39, £216 x11, £216 x14, £214 x22, £213 x30, £212 x12.

Mules broke the £200 with ease with, Mr C Donnie, Mains of Techmury, Aberdeenshire topping at £220 purchased by PAK Mecca Meats, with larger pens achieving £214 for 16 from Tarn House for Scotch Mules purchased by Romford Halal, others to £194 x16, £192 x14.

Horned Ewes with flesh comfortably £120 - £130 with the strongest Blackies to £148 from G & E Livestock, Norwich and Swaledales to £130 from Messrs Lightfoot, Gillside.

Cast Ram £200 ahead plus comfortably and very regular topping at £275 from Holme House with a pen of 10 with numerous £250 plus.

Numbers are required on a weekly basis, please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717611952, or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Hoggs p/kg

Texel – 462.0 Moorriggs; 433.0, 412.0, 409.0, 395.0 Skelling Farm; 432.0 Ranbeck; 430.0(2), 377.0, 375.0 Clea Mire; 428.0, 420.0, 405.0 Shap Abbey; 425.0, 390.0 Murrah Hall; 424.0, 407.0 Green Farm; 415.0 Bank House; 414.0 Colstons; 407.0, 391.0, 390.0 Backmuir Farm; 405.0, 377.0 Black Leases; 400.0, 395.0 Reagill Grange; 400.0, 376.0 Smallthwaite Farms; 400.0, 390.0 Pringle House; 391.0, 381.0 Black Leases; 391.0 Hermitage; 390.0, 380.0, 375.0 Brockwoodlees Farm; 390.0 High Knipe; 389.0, 381.0 Sickergill; 385.0 Ireshope Plains; 385.0 Clea Hall; 385.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 383.0 Milburn Grange; 382.0 Petterill Green; 380.0 Riggshield; 378.0 Honeypot; 377.0 Crindledyke Farm; 377.0 Ranbeck; 376.0 The Hills; 375.0 Moory Lea Farm

Beltex – 446.0, 415.0, 400.0, 382.0 Shap Abbey; 445.0, 425.0, 400.0, 391.0, 377.0, 370.0 High Knipe; 440.0, 415.0, 405.0, 389.0 Brockwoodlees; 440.0, 422.0 Woodfoot; 436.0, 421.0 Silverband; 426.0 Lowergate Farm; 422.0, 404.0, 388.0, 385.0, 384.0, 374.0 Kirkbarrow Hall; 414.0, 402.0, 382.0, 381.0 The Hills; 395.0 Sleddale Hall; 383.0 Riggshield

Continental X– 431.0, 421.0, 383.0, 364.0, 359.0 Stanley House; 383.0, 367.0, 364.0(2), 357.0 Ireshope Plains; 381.0, 376.0, 374.0 Shawclough Road; 368.0, 363.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 367.0, 354.0, 351.0 Clea Hall; 362.0 Moory Lea Farm; 351.0(2) Shap Abbey; 351.0 North Netherscales; 350.0 Friarbiggin

Suffolk – 379.0, 371.0, 366.0, 342.0 Ireshope Plains; 377.0, 364.0, 356.0 Shap Abbey; 374.0, 356.0 Plumpton Old Hall; 367.0, 350.0 Low Row; 361.0 Smallthwaite House; 358.0 South View; 348.0, 343.0 Friarbiggin; 342.0 Pennine View

Cheviot – 378.0, 370.0, 350.0 Greenbank Farm; 377.0 Ranbeck; 374.0 Ireshope Plains; 356.0 Riggshield; 355.0 Ireshope Plains; 355.0 Skelling Farm; 351.0 Fowrass

Herdwick – 343.0 Gillside

Mule – 338.0 Ireshope Plains; 329.0, 308.0 Moory Lea Farm; 318.0, 306.0 Gaitsgill Hall; 314.0 High House Farm; 312.0 Gall Farm; 311.0 Lea Croft; 310.0, 306.0 Street House; 310.0 Shethin Farm; 307.0 Ploveriggs; 300.0 Towcett Farm; 300.0 Crindledyke

Blackface – 337.0 Gall Farm; 337.0 North Netherscales; 333.0 North Netherscales; 333.0 Kirkbarrow Hall

Swaledale – 336.0 Ireshope Plains; 307.0, 302.0 Fog Close

Cheviot Mule – 324.0 Skelling Farm

Prime Hogs £/head

Beltex - £200, £194, £192, £190, £188, £187(2), £182 Kirkbarrow Hall; £190, £184(2), £178, £174, £170, £169, £166 High Knipe; £190, £188, £176 Woodfoot; £185, £166(2)

Brockwoodlees; £182, £178, £169, £168, £164 The Hills; £180 Hermitage; £175 Ranbeck; £174 Petteril Green; £174 High House Farm; £170, £160 Silverband; £170 Sleddale Hall; £168 Moory Lea Farm; £168, £166, £165, £160 Shap Abbey; £166 Lower Gate Farm

Texel - £199, £190, £180 High House Farm; £193, £185 Sceugh Dyke; £192 High House; £192, £184(2), £182 Moory Lea Farm; £192, £190, £189 Pear Tree House; £190, £188, £178(2) High Knipe; £190, £185, Ranbeck; £190 Ploveriggs; £188, £186 Skelling Farm; £187(2) Backmuir Farm; £187, £184 Petteril Green; £187, £178 Green Farm; £186, £180 Milburn Grange; £186 Crewgarth; £184 Shap Abbey; £184 Burblethwaite; £184, £180 Hermitage; £182 Riverview; £180 Mooriggs; £180, £179 Kirkbarrow Hall; £180, £178 Honeypot; £180 Ireby Hall; £179 Towcett Farm; £179 Waters Farm; £178 Clifton Moor; £178 Reagill Grange; £178 Black Leases; £178(2) Colstons; £178 Brockwoodlees Farm

Mule – £198 High House Farm; £170(2), £167, £162, £155 Hole House; £164, £148 Moory Lea Farm; £159 Towcett Farm; £158, £152 Sceugh Dyke; £158 Town Head; £158 Pennine View; £153 Gaitsgill Hall; £152 Milburn Grange; £152 Ireshope Plains; £150, £149 Street House; £150 Crindledyke;

Cheviot - £188, £158 Riverview; £185 Shethin Farm; £168, £160, £158(2), £154 Honeypot; £166, £165, £162 Ranbeck; £160, £154 Greenbank Farm; £160 Riggshield; £158, £154 Fowrass; £158 Black Leases; £158 Kirkbarrow Hall; £157, £156 Ireshope Plains; £156(2) Skelling Farm; £154 North Netherscales

Suffolk - £184, £174, £154 South View; £176, £173, £160 Sceugh Dyke; £170, £166 Riverview; £170 Lowergate Farm; £168 High Knipe; £167 Honeypot; £166 Towcett Farm; £166 Town Head; £164, £161, £158 Low Row; £164, £163, £161 Ireshope Plains; £164 Crindledyke Farm; £162, £161, £160(3) Shap Abbey; £160, £158, £157 Plumpton Old Hall; £158 Shethin Farm; £156 Brockwoodlees; £154 Pennine View

Continental X– £177 Pear Tree House; £174 Bank Hall; £165, £161, £160(2), £155 Stanley House; £164(2), £161 Ireshope Plains; £164 Clea Hall; £162 Skelling Farm; £160 Shawclough Road; £160 Plumpton Old Hall; £158(2) Shap Abbey; £158, £156 Pennine View; £156 Low Greenside Farm; £156 The Hills

Leicester - £160 West Dowgill

Cheviot Mule - £159 Skelling Farm

Blackface - £155, £150 Kirkbarrow Hall; £145 North Netherscales

Swaledale - £138.00 Fog Close; £131 Ireshope Plains

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (av £215.82) - £340 Mooriggs; £330 Ash Farm; £330, £315, £300, £280, £255, £240, £226, £225 Haas Side Farm, £330 Braithwaite Shields; £300(2), £290, £280, £248, £239, £226(2) Holme House; £300 Glenroyd Road; £290 Tann House; £290, £250 Shawclough Road; £288, £234 Kirkbarrow Hall; £280 Bent House Farm; £275, £265, £235 Shethin Farm; £275, £255(2) James House; £275, £222 Hall Farm; £270, £254, £245, £232, £220 West Stobswood Farm; £245 Whiteley Hey Farm; £236 Clifton Moor; £230 Prospect Farm Cottage; £230 Tarn End; £229, £222 Ploveriggs; £220(2) Riverview; £220(2) Drumreach Farm

Beltex (av £233.07) - £310, £280(2), £220 Haas Side Farm, £295 Bent House Farm; £280, £234 Skelling Farm; £280 Shap Abbey; £265, £260, £240, £220 Inglewood Edge; £265(3), £255 Whiteley Hey Farm; £250 Middle Bank End; £220 Tann House

Charollais (av £215.76) - £310, £290 Brick House; £280 Bridge End; £270, £255 Holme House; £260, £236(2) Tarn End; £255 Jame House; £245 Waters Farm; £227 Clifton Moor Farm

Continental (av £177.29) - £295, £275, £245(2), £228 Bent House Farm; £280, £270, £235 Glenroyd Road; £280 Clea Hall; £270 Tarn End; £270 Fowrass; £260, £250, £240, £229 Ash Farm; £255, £230(2) Holme House; £242 Riverview; £240 Moorriggs; £238, £221, £220 Bank End; £228 Plumpton Old Hall; £226(2) Tann House; £222 Inglewood Edge

Blue Texel (av £209.78) - £285 Moorriggs; £280 Bent House Farm; £245 Gillside; £228, £222 Braithwaite Mill

Suffolk (av £204.81) - £270, £258 Undercragg; £252, £250, £240, £236, £229, £226, £218, £213 Holme House; £248(2), £238, £234, £220, £218 Glenroyd Road; £240, £222, £214 West Stobswood Farm; £240, £212 Ash Farm; £235(2), £216, £214 Tarn End; £234, £212, £211 Grave End; £230(2), £216(2) Bank End; £230, £220, £216, £210 Riverview; £230 Kinnaird Farm; £226(2) Huntley Lodge; £224, £218 Mains of Techmuiry; £222 Plumpton Old Hall; £220 Shethin Farm; £215 Drumreach Farm; £215 Town Head; £214 James House; £212 Gillside

Bluefaced Leicester (av £161.11) - £230 West Dowgill; £210 Stubsgill Farm; £205 Glenroyd Road

Cheviot (av £128.66) - £224, £214(2) Drumreach Farm; £196 Huntley Lodge Farm; £194 Ash Farm; £194 West Stobswood Farm; £188 Noran Bank; £182 Skelling Farm; £176 Riverview; £175 Inglewood Edge; £175 Petteril Green

Mule (av £158.09) - £220, £192 Mains of Techmuiry; £218, £180 Huntley Lodge Farm; £214, £198, £179, £178 Tann House; £205 Holme House; £194, £180 Ash Farm; £190 Kinnaird Farm; £188 Riverview; £186 Glenroyd Road; £185 Sootyhill; £180 Greenacres; £180 Prospect Farm; £178 Shield Hill Top; £178 Moory Lea Farm; £176 Keskadale Farm; £175 Town Head

Cheviot Mule (av £177.05) - £216, £194, £185 Tann House; £195 Holme House; £190 Bank End; £188 Town Head

Zwartble (av £148.00) - £190 Plumpton Old Hall; £175 Tann House

Blackface (av £109.24) - £148 Home Farm; £135 Holme House; £130 Braithwaite Shields; £125, £112 Gall Farm; £123 Greenacres; £121 Drumreach Farm; £118 Middle Bank End; £118 Riverview; £112 Tann House

Herdwick (av £100.71) - £144(2) Waters Farm; £125 Gillside; £112 Clea Hall; £110 Shap Abbey

Jacob (av £125.33) - £142 Hall Farm

Swaledale (av £92.71) - £130, £100 Gillside; £120 Ash Farm; £120 Shap Abbey; £120 Undercragg; £120 Kinnaird Farm; £120 Fawcett Park; £118 Well House; £116 Howe Green; £116 Throstle Hall; £108 Hole House Farm; £100 Stubsgill Farm

Rough Fell (av £16.86) - £120 Midtown Farm; £114 Ellergill

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £275, £205 Holme House; £250 Glenroyd Road; £225 James House; £225 Riverview; £215 Greenacres; £200 Middle Bank End

Texel - £270 Hermitage; £250 Hill Top; £245 Waters Farm; £225, £220 Langton Gate; £225 Mains of Techmuiry; £200 Asby Mill

Charollais - £250(2), £222 Clifton Moor Farm; £235 Holme House; £225 James House; £222 Ash Farm

Beltex - £230 Stubsgill Farm; £205 Whiteley Hey Farm

Cheviot - £225 Greenacres; £220 Ash Farm

Suffolk - £225 James House; £205 Huntley Lodge Farm

Bluefaced Leicester - £225 Low Houses; £205 Stubsgill

Blue Texel – £205 Wayside Cottage

Swaledale - £105 Wintercragg; £105 Tarn House