

Prime Sheep Report

Sunday 29th December 2025

On Sunday Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 7,831 prime sheep, comprising of 3,516 prime lambs and 4,315 cast ewes & rams.

Another huge entry of prime lambs descended on Penrith for our Sunday sale. Once again heavy sheep power on and add up to the biggest returns, a whole sale average of 332p/kg was achieved with an SQQ average of 346p/kg or £154 per head.

The sale topped at 444p/kg for a pair of Goats, weighing 32kg, achieving £142 from JM & AM Morland, Starrah.

Messrs M Bindloss, Shap Abbey, sold 35kg Beltex lambs to 440p/kg, realising £154. A top price per head of £208 was achieved for a brilliant pen of 15 Texel X Beltex lambs, weighing 59kg (353p/kg) from Messrs Fettes, Aberdeenshire. A total of 35 pens achieved over £200 per head.

Suffolk lambs topped at £196 for 61kg from Messrs TH & SC Carr, Millhill Farm. Mr R Brazendale, Brocklebank Farm, sold a pen of 10 Suffolks, weighing 58kg to £189 with Messrs M Bindloss, Shap Abbey, selling a pen of 43kg lambs to £150 (349p/kg).

Topping the consignment averages at £192.18 was a run of 40 lambs, averaging 59kg from Messrs DG & LM Strong, Sleagill House.

Mule lambs topped at £175 for a pen of 13, weighing 58kg from GMS Carruthers, Towcett Farm, this was closely followed by a pen of 25, weighing 57kg, realising £170 from Messrs Lowis, Waterside House.

Numbers in the cast section once again surpassed expectations with all sold averaging £154.42, topping at £345 for a pair of extreme Texel ewes from Mr G Bell, Haas Side Farm, purchased by Romford Halal. This was closely followed at £330 for a pure Texel from AM Cannon & Son, Skilmafilly Farm, with this home also selling a run of 40 to average £230.18. Aberdeenshire customers topped the Suffolk ewes at £300 from Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, also purchased by Romford Halal, with larger pens of Suffolks achieving £228 x16, £218 x14, £216 x14, £206 x17.

A total of 629 sold in excess of £200 per head, with Rams topping at £258 for a Continental from Mr J Clark, Northern Ireland.

Horned ewes sold extremely well, topping at £150 for Scotch Blackfaces, with some great pens of well-fed ewes achieving £131 x37 and £125 x49. Swaledale ewes topped at £126 for a pen of 8 from Messrs Fleming & Wilson, Low Mill, with the best Herdwick ewes realising £122 from West Head, Thirlmere.

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank all customers both buyers and vendors for their continued support throughout the year and wish them a very happy new year from all the team here at PDFM.

Our next sale will be our opening sale of 2026 on Sunday 4th January. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141, or Andrew Maughan on 07717611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £208, £200, £195, £180 Braes of Enzie; £200 (3), £192, £188 (2), £186, £178 Prior House; £198, £187 Sleagill House; £198 Wreay Hall Farm; £196, £182, £177, £176 High Knipe; £190, £183, £177 Towcett Farm; £189 Milburn Grange; £188 Street House (Maughan); £188 Pennine View; £188 Lane End; £187 Hewer Hill; £184, £178, £176, £175 Waterside House; £184 Clea Mire; £182 Moss Thorn Farm; £182 Mellgates; £181 Ireby Hall; £180 Black Leases; £180 Shawclough Road; £180 Midtown Farm (Strong); £179, £175 Newbiggin Farm
Beltex - £206, £202, £200, £194, £192, £190 (3), £180 Inglewood Edge; £200, £192, £186, £184, £170 Glebelands; £190 Newbiggin Farm; £182, £170 (2) Low Row; £180 Thethwaite Farm; £178 Aspatria Hall; £175, £172 Wham Head Farm; £174 Woodfoot; £172 Ranbeck; £170 Wreay Hall Farm; £170 Undercrag

Suffolk - £198, £184 Sleagill House; £196 Millhill Farm; £189, £174 Brocklebank Farm £185 Lane End; £184, £158 Westray; £177 High Knipe; £175, £160 Tilery Farm; £172 Sceugh Dyke; £170, £156 Midtown Farm (Fisher); £167 Low Row; £166, £165, £162 Low Abbey; £166 Wreay Hall Farm; £160, £154 Highrigg; £160, £152 Hallgarth; £160 Towcett Farm; £158, £155, £152, £150 Ireshope Plains; £157 (2), £150 Shap Abbey; £157, £154 Black Leases; £156 Millhill Farm; £155 Belvedene; £154 High House; £152 Thrang Crag; £152 Meadow Close; £150 Reservoir Farm

Continental - £190 West View; £185 Sceugh Dyke; £170 High Harberwain; £160 Mellgates; £158 Braes of Enzie; £157, £154 Rottington Hall; £152 Ireshope Plains; £151 Cairnbridge Farm; £150 Thrang Crag

Cheviot - £179 Thethwaite Farm; £169 Fenton Farm; £162, £157 Ranbeck

Mule - £175 Towcett Farm; £170, £169 Waterside House; £165 Pennine View; £165 Low Abbey; £164 Undercrag; £160, £157, £150 Howgill Castle; £157 Street House (Maughan); £151 Low Mill; £150 Woodhall; £150 Mellgates

Cheviot Mule - £158 Crosby Lodge; £157 Black Leases

Blue Texel - £152 Burblethwaite

Hebridean - £150 Shap Abbey

Herdwick - £143, £141, £133 Clea Hall; £131 Starrah; £130 Cottage Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg

Goat – 444.0 Starrah

Beltex – 440.0, 421.0, 410.0, 406.0, 393.0 Shap Abbey; 439.0, 430.0 Thethwaite Farm; 435.0, 413.0, 409.0, 384.0, 370.0 Glebelands; 417.0, 404.0, 400.0, 396.0 (2) Inglewood Edge; 416.0 Bank House; 414.0, 373.0 Woodfoot; 411.0, 379.0, 370.0 Low Row; 398.0, 390.0, 379.0, 376.0 Galloper Park; 397.0 West View; 395.0 Clea Hall; 390.0, 370.0 Green Farm (Mattinson); 390.0 Murrah Hall; 387.0 Aspatria Hall; 385.0 Askrigg Hall; 381.0 Fenton Farm; 378.0, 375.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 374.0 Ranbeck

Texel – 439.0, 395.0, 385.0 Midtown Farm (Strong); 426.0, 388.0 Shap Abbey; 416.0 (2), 376.0, 370.0 Prior House; 405.0 Shap Abbey; 400.0, 376.0 High Knipe; 391.0, 383.0, 372.0 Clea Mire; 390.0 Ireshope Plains; 390.0 Thethwaite Farm; 384.0, 370.0 Rottington Hall; 384.0 Low Trough Farm; 377.0 Newbiggin Farm; 373.0 Hewer Hill

Continental – 395.0 Clea Hall; 373.0, 347.0 Cairnbridge Farm; 361.0 High Lodore Farm; 358.0, 341.0 Rottington Hall; 358.0 West View; 357.0 Clea Mire; 349.0 Thrang Crag; 348.0 Midtown Farm (Fisher); 348.0, 343.0 Shethin Farm; 342.0 Mellgates; 341.0 Horsegills; 341.0 North Gill Bank; 338.0, 332.0 Ireshope Plains; 333.0, 331.0 (2) Rigg House Farm; 333.0 Meadow Close; 333.0 High Harberwain; 331.0 Low Trough Farm; 330.0 Park Head Farm

Blue Texel – 371.0 Burblethwaite

Suffolk – 349.0, 340.0 Shap Abbey; 346.0 Belvedene; 345.0, 330.0 West View; 345.0, 329.0 Meadow Close; 341.0 (2), 339.0, 337.0, 323.0 (2) Ireshope Plains; 341.0 Thethwaite Farm; 337.0, 323.0 Thrang Crag; 335.0 Sleagill House; 331.0 Horsegills; 328.0, 324.0 (2) Low Abbey; 328.0 High Knipe; 328.0 Far Bank End; 328.0 Black Leases; 327.0 (2) Town Head (Hird); 326.0 Shethin Farm; 326.0 Brocklebank Farm; 324.0 Askrigg Hall; 324.0 Midtown Farm (Fisher); 324.0 Hallgarth; 323.0 Blakehills Farm; 321.0 Low Row; 321.0 Millhill Farm

Cheviot – 337.0, 335.0 Thethwaite Farm; 335.0 High Lodore Farm; 331.0 The Bramery; 329.0, 328.0 Thrang Crag; 325.0 Fenton Farm; 320.0 Cottage Farm

Herdwick – 345.0 Starrah; 341.0, 333.0, 320.0 Clea Hall

Cheviot Mule – 322.0 Crosby Lodge

Mule – 315.0 Undercragg; 314.0 Low Garth; 314.0 Street House (Maughan); 313.0 Shethin Farm; 311.0 Pennine View; 306.0, 300.0 Woodhall; 306.0 Low Abbey; 306.0 Mellgates; 305.0 Howe Farm; 302.0 Sceugh Dyke; 302.0 Towcett Farm; 302.0 Horsegills; 300.0 Howgill Castle

Leading Prices

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £222.42) - £345, £315, £295 (2), £265, £262, £260 Haas Side Farm; £330, £276, £248 (2), £240 Skilmafilly Farm; £308, £246, £236 Bogie Street; £305 Lacklost; £290 (2), £270, £245, £230 Aspatria Hall; £285 (2), £268, £260 Shethin Farm; £280, £260 Prior House; £270, £255, £250, £242, £230 Askrigg Hall; £250, £240 Glebe Cottage; £248, £246, £234 Tarn End; £245, £234, £232 Lane End; £235 Great House Farm; £230 (2) Hall Farm

Continental (Av £175.49) - £325, £285, £268, £226, £223 Holme House; £270 Prior House; £260, £238, £236, £235, £220 Tarn End; £260, £238 Lansmere; £250, £242 Greenacres; £248, £234, £232 Lane End; £242, £228 (2) Skilmafilly Farm; £242, £228 Great House Farm

Suffolk (Av £193.26) - £300 Greenacres; £270, £228, £216 Holme House; £235 Shethin Farm; £228, £225, £210 Honeypot; £228, £220 Skilmafilly Farm; £222, £218, £216 (2), £212, £210, £208 (3), £206, £204, £200 (2) Tarn End; £214 Lane End; £209, £200 (2) Glebe Cottage; £205 Kettleside Farm; £200 Great House Farm

Beltex (Av £224.87) - £295, £262, £200 Brick House; £260 Prior House; £242, £230 Whiteley Hey Farm; £230 Bogie Street; £220 Lane End; £216 Shethin Farm; £200 Inglewood Edge

Charollais (Av £249.33) - £268 Skilmafilly Farm; £262 Shethin Farm; £218 Tarn End

Dutch Spotted (Av £225) - £225 Skilmafilly Farm

Blue Texel (Av £218) - £218 Lane End

Cheviot (Av £132.80) - £208 Skilmafilly Farm; £200 Prior House; £190, £180 Lane End; £174, £156 Bogie Street; £172 Blackfold; £170 Gate Farm; £170 Merryvale; £162 Greenacres; £160 Nether Stenries; £156, £150 Glebe Cottage; £150 Harry Place; £150 Tarn End

Mule (Av £143.98) - £190, £165 Knock Hall; £184, £169, £168 (2) Glebe Cottage; £180, £165 Greenacres; £178, £166 Kettleside Farm; £170, £168, £159 (2) Tarn End; £170 Bogie Street; £168 Aspatria Hall; £168 Ireby Hall; £168 Haas Side Farm; £166 Holme House; £160 Gate Farm; £160 East Newbiggin Farm; £160 Lacklost; £159 Lane End £158 Nether Stenries; £158 Viver Mill Farm

Cheviot Mule (Av £180) - £180 Glebe Cottage

Zwarbtle (Av £159) - £172, £168, £166 Gate Farm

Jacob (Av £172) - £172 Tarn End

Leicester (Av £170) - £170 Glebelands

Lleyn (Av £158) - £158 Tarn End

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £109.38) - £150 Greenacres; £142, £124 Tarn End; £140, £131, £125 Bogie Street; £132 Millhill Farm; £126 Netherplace Farm; £126 East Cluichie; £125 Viver Mill Farm; £120 Hall Farm

Goat (Av £140) - £140 Tarn End

Rough Fell (Av £134) - £134 Hardendale Hall

Swaledale (Av £100.50) - £126 Low Mill; £126 West Hill; £124 Old Parks; £120, £106 Moory Lea Farm; £118 Aspatia Hall; £118 Hole House; £116 Gateghyll; £98 High Loanthwaite Farm; £92 Lonscale

Herdwick (Av £95.54) - £122, £112 West Head Farm; £107 High Loanthwaite Farm; £106 Greensyke Farm; £102 Hunley Bank Farm

Shetland (Av £86) – £122 Lane End

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £258, £220 Tarn End; £225 Brick House

Beltex - £222, £190 Whiteley Hey Farm

Charollais - £214 Tarn End; £200 Ghyll House

Suffolk - £212 Lacklost

Cheviot - £190 High Knipe; £150 Harry Place

Dorset - £180, £160 Tarn End

Texel - £175, £170 Galloper Park; £170 Tarn End

Swaledale - £132 Lonscale