

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 17th June 2026

On Wednesday 17th June, Penrith & District Farmers Mart held their weekly sale of 5,131 sheep, comprising of 692 prime lambs, 1,230 prime hogs, 471 lightweight hogs and 2,738 cast ewes and rams.

A strong entry of spring lambs, including more quality-fed sheep, resulted in a wholesale average of 450.45ppk SQQ, or £200.67 per head. Topping today's sale at 521ppk was a beautiful 42kg Texel x Beltex lamb, selling for £219 from Messrs Pollock, Braithwaite Mill. This was closely followed at 520ppk by two Texel lambs, weighing 40kg and achieving £208, from E S & D Noble, Mill Farm. The top price per head of £272 was achieved for 59kg Suffolk lambs from Messrs Graves, Hesketh House. Texel lambs topped at £264 for two weighing 56kg, or 471ppk, from Messrs Holliday, Clea Mire. Weight continues to excel, with all classes dearer on the week and 45kg lambs showing a £10 lift. Messrs Mitchell, Grassknop, sold some cracking Rouge lambs to £240 for 49kg, or 490ppk. Suffolks topped at 498ppk for 51kg, achieving £254 from Messrs Holliday, Clea Mire.

Top consignment averages were as follows:

26 at £239.31 for 49kg, or 480ppk – Messrs Graves, Hesketh House.

16 at £228.63 for 45kg, or 501ppk – Mrs J Marshall, Hermitage.

14 at £227.79 for 50kg, or 446ppk – Holme House.

6 at £224.17 for 48kg, or 487ppk – M/s Pollock, Braithwaite Mill.

A large entry of 1,230 hogs came forward to a far brisker trade throughout, resulting in an average of 360ppk. Topping the day's sale at £258 was a pen of four, weighing 59kg and realising 437ppk, from Messrs W R & F D Siddle, Honeypot. Mr T Hetherington, Stafffield Old Hall, closely followed with a pen of 15 weighing 67kg and achieving £252. The same home topped the p/kg section at 450ppk for a pen of seven weighing 48kg, or £216. G Cartmell sold 53kg Beltex hogs to 447ppk, or £237. T Armstrong & Sons, Sceugh Dyke, once again brought an excellent run of fed hogs, selling Mule hogs to £196 for a pen of 12 weighing 50kg, and Scotch Blackface hogs to 387ppk for a pen of 12 weighing 45kg and achieving £174.

Top consignment averages were as follows:

4 at £237 – Messrs A H Ritson, Ireby Hall.

65 at £232.62 – Messrs T Hetherington, Stafffield Old Hall.

20 at £223.40 – Messrs W R & F D Siddle, Honeypot.

A slightly smaller entry of cast ewes and rams was forward, but a welcome rise in trade was witnessed, with an overall average of £170.69 being achieved. The sale topped at £390 for a superb pure-bred Texel ewe from Mr D Coulter, Ballymena Road, with a further 20 Texel ewes achieving over £300 per head.

Suffolk ewes remained a strong trade, with plenty selling at £200 and above. A total of 492 Suffolk ewes sold to average £185.92, topping at £250 for Suffolk X from Mr B Duffton,

Huntly. A great show of 93 Charollais ewes averaged £222.86 and topped at £320 for Mr P Qua, Northern Ireland.

A ring full of 27 Scotch Blackfaced ewes achieved £154 from Mr W Morison, South Bogbain, with another pen of 15 selling to £150.

The best Mules sold to £190 for a pen of 16 Scotch-bred ewes from Mr B Duffton. Messrs J D Bowness, Cliburn Hall, also sold 10 excellent Mule ewes to £188, with a further 10 selling to £182.

Cast rams sold with great ease, topping at £272 for pure Suffolks, with plenty of rams selling at £220 and above.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 24th June. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Suffolk - £272, £260, £248, £246, £243, £226 Hesket House; £254 Clea Mire; £234, £212 Braithwaite Mill; £230 Sceugh Dyke; £226 Grassknop Farm; £216 Park Nook; £213 Wreay Hall Farm

Texel - £264, £234, £218 Clea Mire; £255, £236 Holme House; £240, £228, £227, £220 (2) Hermitage; £239, £220 Wreay Hall Farm; £238 Park Nook; £235 Hesket House; £234, £226, £218 (2) Greystone House; £228, £216 Clifton Moor Farm; £228 Fell Farm House; £226, £218 Plum Tree House; £224 Mill Farm; £222 South Field Farm; £219 Braithwaite Mill; £218 Hay Close; £215 Lane End

Rouge - £240, £222 Grassknop Farm

Beltex - £238 Hermitage; £212 Hay Close

Blue Texel - £216 Hay Close

Cheviot - £206 Clifton Moor Farm

Prime Lambs p/kg

Texel – 521.0, 505.0 Braithwaite Mill; 520.0, 490.0, 477.0, 476.0 Mill Farm; 516.0, 500.0, 489.0 (2), 485.0 Hermitage; 512.0, 498.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 509.0, 471.0 Clea Mire; 505.0, 483.0 Newbiggin Farm; 493.0 Crewgarth; 492.0 Holme House; 490.0 Hesket House; 486.0 Park Nook; 482.0 Hay Close; 481.0 Plum Tree House; 475.0, 470.0 Clifton Moor Farm; 475.0 Fell Farm House; 474.0 Greystone House

Beltex – 517.0 Hermitage; 482.0 Hay Close; 481.0 Plum Tree House

Suffolk – 498.0 Clea Mire; 486.0, 481.0, 473.0, 468.0, 461.0 Hesket House; 480.0 Park Nook; 478.0, 471.0 Braithwaite Mill; 473.0 Wreay Hall Farm; 469.0 Sceugh Dyke; 464.0 (3), 460.0, 451.0 (2) South Field; 459.0 Mill Farm; 452.0 Brayton Road

Rouge – 490.0, 472.0 Grassknop Farm

Prime Hogs £/head

Texel: £258, £238, £234, £220, £218 Honeypot; £252, £242, £240, £236, £216 Stafffield Old Hall, £248, £246, £238 Sceugh Dyke; £242, £238, £202 West Stobswood Farm; £240, £220 Cottage Farm; £237 Ireby Hall; £236 Clickham Farm; £235 Cottage Farm; £230 Sceugh Dyke,

£220 Shawclough Road; £214 High Knipe; £208 Firbank; £200 Killough Road, £200, South Field Farm; £200 Fell Hill

Beltex: £242 Honeypot; £240, £214 Staffield Old Hall; £237 Hollands; £220 West Stobswood Farm

Suffolk: £244, £230, £222, £214 Staffield Old Hall; £238 Sceugh Dyke; £238 Cottage Farm; £228, Hallrigg; £208 High Knipe

Cheviot: £196, West Stobswood Farm; £190 Sceugh Dyke; £180 Eamont Terrace

Blackfaced: £188 Hazelrigg; £180 Holme House; £174, £157, £152 West Stobswood Farm; £174, £170, £158 Sceugh Dyke, £147 Cottage Farm

Herdwick: £180 Cottage Farm

Swaledale: £185 Hollands, £180 Sceugh Dyke; £160 Old Parks

Mule: £196, £176 Sceugh Dyke; £180 Hollins Farm, £178 Nutholm Farm, £174 West Stobswood Farm, £170 Eamont Terrace

Continental: £215, £206 Holme House; £210 Eamont Terrace

Prime Hoggs p/kg

Texel: 450.0, 414.0, 376.0 Staffield Old Hall; 437.0, 433.0, 425.0, 373.0 (2) Honeypot; 430.0, 418.0, 396.0 High Knipe; 426.0, 417.0 Sceugh Dyke; 416.0, 411.0, 391.0 Eamont Terrace; 406.0 Hollands; 404.0, 384.0 West Stobswood Farm; 400.0 Shawclough Road; 393, Clickham Farm; 392.0 South Field Farm; 386.0, 385.0, 381.0 Cottage Farm; 385.0 Firbank; 380.0 Hesketh House; 376.0 Ireby Hall

Suffolk: 416.0 High Knipe; 412.0, 396.0 Staffield Old Hall; 410.0, 383.0 Sceugh Dyke

Cheviot: 417.0 West Stobswood; 413.0 Sceugh Dyke; 400.0, 391.0, 390.0, 385.0, 380.0 Eamont Terrace

Mule: 392.0, 374.0 Sceugh Dyke; 390.0, 378.0, 371.0, 361.0, 355.0 Eamont Terrace; 378.0 West Stobswood Farm; 371.0 Nutholm Farm

Beltex: 447.0 Hollands; 446.0 Staffield Old Farm; 445.0, 440.0 Honeypot; 436.0 Staffield Old Hall; 407.0 West Stobswood Farm

Herdwick: 376.0 Fell Farm House; 346.0, 339.0 Cottage Farm

Blackfaced: 387.0, 385.0 Sceugh Dyke; 366.0 (2), 359.0 Cottage Farm; 365.0 West Stobswood Farm; 362.0 Hazelrigg; 351.0 Middleton of Fintree

Swaledale: 383.0 Sceugh Dyke; 354.0 Cottage Farm

Continental: 396.0, 393.0, 388.0, 384.0, 375.0, 374.0 Eamont Terrace; 381.0 Holme House; 370.0 Greenacres; 366.0, 363.0, 361.0, 359.0 (2) Cottage Farm

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £240.35) - £390 Ballymena Road; £305, £272 (2) Lane End; £350, £300 (2), £270, £268 Holme House; £325, £300, £272, £262, £228 Greenacres; £300, £270 Lane Side; £285 East View; £245, £230 Clickham; £245 Glen Loughan Road; £244 The Croft; £238 Riverside House; £230 Old Mill Flatt; £210 Ireby Hall

Charollais (Av £222.86) - £320, £250, £222 Lane End; £300, £252, £230, £220 (2), £210 Glen Loughan Road; £275 Haas Side Farm; £260 Bogie Street; £240, £232 Greystone House; £232, £218, £212 Holme House

Continental (Av £183.65) - £290, £275, £218 (2) Bogie Street; £285, £270 (2), £265, £250 (2), £240 (2), £218 (2) Haas Side Farm; £258 (3), £244, £220, £210 The Laurels; £250 (2), £248, £222, £218, £210 (2) Lane End; £248, £240 Greenacres; £242 Clickham; £240, £236, £222

Holme House; £220 Gall Farm; £216 Sycamore House; £216 Cottage Farm; £214, £212, £210 Greystone House; £212 Hollands; £210 Newstead Grange; £210 Glen Loughan Road

Beltex (Av £240.55) - £260, £258, £255, £242 Haas Side Farm

Suffolk (Av £185.00) - £250, £238, £230, £210, £208, £195 Bogie Street; £230, £202 (2) Glen Loughan Road; £228, £202, £198, £192 (2), £190 (2) Lane End; £216 (2), £200, £194, £192, £190 Holme House; £210 Cliburn Hall; £208 Haas Side Farm; £206 High End; £204, £198 (2), £195, £192 Greystone House; £200 Clickham; £200 The Laurels; £198 East View; £194 Kettle-side Farm

B.D.M - £250 Lane End

Rouge - £228 Grassknop Farm

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £121.75) - £154, £150 Greenacres; £150 Haas Side Farm; £145, £130 Lane End; £137 Greystone House; £130 Hazelrigg; £130 Holme House

Cheviot Mule (Av £174.03) - £192, £174 Glen Loughan Road; £178, £176, £174 Lane End

Zwartble (Av £165.00) - £190, £184 Glen Loughan Road; £178 Greenacres

Cheviot (Av £137.39) - £190, £172 Bogie Street; £186, £158 Greenacres; £172 Glen Loughan Road; £160 West Stobswood Farm; £160 Nutholm Farm; £154 Gale Croft

Mule (Av £161.02) - £190, £176, £170 Bogie Street; £188, £182 Cliburn Hall; £180 East View; £180 Lane End; £178 Kettleside Farm; £176 Cottage Farm; £175, £171, £170 West Stobswood Farm; £174 Ireby Hall; £170 Greenacres

Kerry - £168 High End

Easycare (Av £158.11) - £162 West Stobswood Farm; £160 Bogie Street; £152 Greystone Hosue

Goat - £155 Glen Loughan Road; £152 Greystone House

Swaledale (Av £104.35) - £136 Rakefoot; £130 Deepdale Hall; £130 Askham Gate; £130 Hole House; £128 Hollands; £126, £122 Knock Hall

Herdwick (Av £84.32) - £126 Fold Head Farm

Cast Rams £/head

Suffolk - £272 Cliburn Hall; £250, £224 Greenacres; £235 Clickham

Continental - £270 (2) Clickham; £224 Greenacres

Dorset - £248 Holme House

Bluefaced Leicester - £242 Holme House

Texel - £240 Greenacres; £230, £226 Clickham

Dutch Spotted - £200 Holme House