

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 21st October 2026

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Trade was far stronger than expected, with an overall average of 327p/kg, an SQQ average of 350p/kg and an average price of £160.20 per head.

The day's sale topped at £220 per head for 76kg Texel lambs from M/s AH Ritson, Ireby Hall, with other lambs from the same home achieving £218 for 66kg. The top price per kilogram was 493p/kg for four 42kg Beltex lambs, which realised £207 per head for M/s Gardner, Glebelands.

First-time consignor L J Davidson, Hallsoven Farm, followed closely at 476p/kg for three 42kg lambs, which achieved £200 per head. The best lambs regularly sold for more than £200, with quality lambs in short supply at Penrith. D W Cannon & Son, Willimoteswick, topped the Suffolk lamb trade at 396p/kg for a pen of six 48kg lambs, which achieved £190 per head.

Suffolk lambs from T A & A Jefferson, Aspatria Hall, also sold for £201 per head at 67kg. M/s T Trafford & Son, Peterhouse, sold Mules to £167 per head for a pen of five weighing 54kg, or 309p/kg. G & H R Shields, Tarn House, sold a run of 44 Mules weighing 49kg for £148 per head. Once again, all classes of handy-weight sheep proved very good to sell. Jason Weir, High Lodore Farm, sold a pen of 19 Cheviots weighing 43kg for £148 per head.

Some great consignment averages also achieved:

- M/s Gardner, Glebelands 18 @ £191.78
- M/s T A & A Jefferson, Aspatria Hall 24 @ £190.83
- M/s AH Ritson, Ireby Hall 41 @ £186.10
- M/s RW & G Dickinson, High Knipe 44 @ £180.48
- M/s TE Irving & Son, East Cliff 50 @ £180.36

Another strong entry came forward, with all buyers back in attendance and trade sharper throughout. Weekly supporter Mr W T Morisons, South Bogbain, topped the sale at £320 per head with three pure-bred Texels, which sold to Pak Mecca Meats, Birmingham. There was a marked shortage of pure-bred ewes, with many more required to fulfil several orders.

Mr B Duffton, Bogie Street, sold Suffolk x Texel ewes to a top of £260. All Suffolks averaged £185.41, with larger pens selling to £230 x 19, £213 x 16, £208 x 18, £202 x 25 and £202 x 11.

Bogie Street also sold an outstanding run of Scotch Mule ewes, topping at £205 for a pen of 14. Larger pens sold to £200 x 24, £196 x 31, £183 x 20, £174 x 56 and £172 x 32. Cheviot Mules also met strong demand, topping at £209 x 13, with several lots selling for more than £190. The overall average was £195.

Horned ewes were in strong demand, with numbers well short of requirements for both killing and feeding. Many sold between £120 and £130, topping at £140 for Swaledales from Messrs W & R Lawson, Stubbsgill. Larger pens sold to £136 x 12, £128 x 16, £124 x 18 and £123 x 22. A total of 350 Swaledale's averaged £95.33.

Cast rams met very strong demand, with Texels topping at £305 per head and Suffolk x Texels selling to £290. Many others realised between £240 and £280.

Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 28th October. Please advise entries to Paul Gardner on 07552 589141 or Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £220, £218, £198, £194 Ireby Hall; £204, £201, £191, £190 Aspatria Hall; £200, £195 £188, £186 Clifton Moor; £200, £186 East Cliff; £194 Highgarth Meadows; £194, £190, £180 Greenhow; £190 (2) Brockwoodlees; £190, £186, £182 Hallsoven; £186 Black Leases; £184 Town Head; £183 Black Leases; £182 Ireby Hall; £182 Peterhouse; £180 Holme House; £180 (2) Bromley Green; £180 Shethin

Beltex - £207, £190 Glebelands; £205, £197, £192, £190, £188, £178 High Knipe; £202, £192, £191 Clifton Moor; £200, £188 Black Leases; £200 Hallsoven; £198 Greenhow; £189, £180, £172 Brockwoodlees; £188 Aspatria Hall; £184 Kilnknowe; £181 Wreay Hall; £180 North Gill; £178 Fenton; £176, £170 Bank House; £170 Grange view

Suffolk - £201, £188 Aspatria Hall; £194 Town Head; £190, £170, £165 Willimoteswick; £190 Peterhouse; £189, £180 East Cliff; £188, £170 (2) Hole House; £183 (2) Holme House; £182 Pennine View; £177 Rosgill Head; £176 Kettleside; £173 East Cliff; £171 Scales; £170 Town Head; £168 Clifton Moor; £168, £167 Black Leases; £166 Wreay Hall; £165 (2) Town Head

Continental - £200, £181, £158 Sceugh Dyke; £175 Hole House; £168, £155 Highgarth Meadows; £160 Waterhouses; £156 Howe Green; £155 Castle Bank

Dutch Spotted- £188 Thethwaite; £159 Grange View

Cheviot Mule - £170 Clifton Moor; £166 Sceugh Dyke

Mule - £167 Peterhouse; £166 Greenhow; £148, £146 Waterhouses; £148 (2) Tarn House.

Blue Texel - £168 Bromley Green

Prime Lambs p/kg

Beltex – 493.00, 463.00 Glebelands; 476.00 Hallsoven Farm; 456.00, 409.00, 396.00, 379.00, 376.00, 356.00 High Knipe; 436.00, 390.00, 374.00 Clifton Moor Farm; 435.00, 384.00 Black Leases; 431.00 Wreay Hall Farm; 430.00, 375.00, 374.00 Brockwoodlees Farm; 409.00

Kilnknowe Farm; 386.00, 359.00 Bank House; 383.00, 376.00 North Gill Bank; 362.00 Aspatria Hall; 354.00 Greenhow

Texel – 457.00 Aspatria Hall; 432.00, 413.00, 379.00, 369.00 Hallsoven Farm; 423.00, 390.00, 368.00 Clifton Moor Farm; 415.00, 395.00 Haltcliffe Bridge; 402.00, 400.00, 366.00 Highgarth Meadows; 400.00 Shethin Farm; 392.00 West View; 390.00 North Gill Bank; 390.00 High Lodore Farm; 379.00 Peterhouse; 377.00 Bank House; 373.00 Greenhow; 369.00 Triermain; 367.00, 364.00 Clea Hall; 365.00 Black Leases; 363.00 Bromley Green

Suffolk – 396.00 Willimoteswick Farm; 359.00 Kettleside Farm; 350.00, 344.00 Clifton Moor Farm; 348.00, 339.00 Eden Terrace; 347.00, 332.00 Scales Farm; 338.00 Fowrass; 336.00 Nook Farm; 333.00 North Gill Bank; 330.00 West View

Cheviot – 344.00 High Lodore Farm; 322.00 Nook Farm

Continental – 342.00 Sceugh Dyke; 340.00, 337.00 Highgarth Meadows

Dutch Spot – 332.00 Marshes Gill Farm.

Mule – 309.00 Peterhouse; 302.00 (2) Tarn House.

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £237.23) - £320, £278, £238 Greenacres; £280, £270, £248 Holme House; £278, £256, £248, £228, £212, £210 Brannocks Courts; £260 Fowrass; £260, £258, £248 Bogie Street; £260 Hallsoven Farm; £245, £236 Buninver Road; £242 Shethin Farm; £235 Clea Mire; £230 The Harras; £228 Sleddale Hall; £214 Belmont.

Charollais (Av £212.17) - £310, £244 Holme House; £290, £285 Bogie Street; £248 Glen Loughan; £218, £206 Ballymacilcurr; £202 Brannock Courts

Continental (Av £175.88) - £295 West Stobswood Farm; £295, £270, £238 (2) Shethin Farm; £258, £240 West Stobswood Farm; £258 School Hill; £252 Hallsoven Farm; £240, £236 Crompton Farm; £240 Corkskellie Farm; £230 Salter Hall Farm; £230 Grange View; £230 Greenlands; £228 Hallsoven Farm; £222, £212 Greenlands; £222, £220 Bogie Street; £221 Throstle Hall; £220 West Stobswood; £220 Salter Hall; £220 Kilnknowe; £219, £210 (2) Shethin; £218 Crompton; £218, £213 Holme House; £215, £210 Clea Mire; £214 Ballymacilcurr; £212 Glen Loughan; £210 Corskellie, £210 Ploveriggs

Suffolk (Av £183.97) - £260, £238, £220, £212, £210 Bogie Street; £230, £213 Holme House; £220 Clea Mire; £218 Crompton; £214 Buninver; £212 Corskellie; £210 Ballymaderphy; £208 Brannock Courts

Beltex (Av £188.12) - £240 Clea Mire; £230 Holme House

Half-Bred- £220 Ainstable Hall

Cheviot Mule (Av £159.17) – £209, £189 Bogie Street; £200, £198 Uras Farm; £200 Clea Mire

Mule (Av £154.78) - £205, £200, £183, £172 (2) Bogie Street; £200, £186 Salter Hall; £196, £174 Holme House; £194 (2) High House; £190 Willmount; £186 West Stobswood; £184 Stubsgill; £176 Sleddale Hall; £172 Morison; £170 Mid Todhills

Cheviot (Av £136.58) - £196 West Stobswood; £194 Jonesborough; £194, £178, £158 Bogie Street; £180, £172 (2) West Stobswood, £170 Shethin; £162 Fellside; £154 Melbourne House; £149 Mid Farm

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £114.42) - £168 Coolkeer; £150 (2), £130, £125 Bogie Street; £132 West Stobswood; £126, £124 Thethwaite; £124 Ballymaderphy; £120 Jonesborough; £120 South Bogbain

Zwartble - £164 Aspatia Hall

Wensleydale - £148 Ellonby Hall

Easycare - £144 Briggie Farm; £134 Sleddale Hall; £132 Bogie Street

Swaledale (Av £88.54) - £140, £113 Stubsgill; £136 Harbour Flatt; £136 Low Mill; £128 Fellside; £128 Fordlands; £124 Tarn House; £124 Throstle Hall; £123 Well House; £122 Lockholme Hall; £118 West Stobswood; £117 Harbour Flatt; £116 Howtown Hotel; £112 Hole House; £112 Todhills

Herdwick - £126 Glenhighton; £120 Bogie Street

Cast Rams £/head

Texel - £305 Brannock Courts; £210 Willmount Road.

Suffolk - £290 Holme House; £255 Briggie Farm; £225 Cliburn Hall; £220 Low House; £218 Brannock Courts.

Charollais - £280, £235 Briggie Farm; £260 Low House; £218 Bogie Street; £202 Leigh Croft.

Beltex - £250, £245 Ainstable Hall (Aiken)

Continental - £235 Bogie Street; £226 Hall Farm; £225, £215 Holme House.

Dutch Spot - £208 Bogie Street

Lleyn - £200 Briggie Farm.

Cheviot - £170 Ballymaderphy Road.