

TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2025

Forward: 2023 Sheep comprising 1751 Prime Lambs and 272 Cast Ewes and Rams.

PRIME LAMBS

Continental and Mule lambs were very much in festive demand at Hawes, as prime lambs nationwide enjoyed a welcome lift in prices, with a strong entry of 1,751 forward. Handy-weight continental lambs once again led the way, selling exceptionally well, with heavy-weight continentals easily £10 up on the week. Mule lambs also joined the Christmas cheer, returning an improved trade and averaging just shy of 310p/kg, with an overall market average of 315p/kg.

Heavy-weight continental lambs provided plenty of sparkle, with the best types selling well in excess of £180 and peaking at £190 from Libby Winspear, Hawes, fittingly achieved on her birthday with a standout pen of heavy-weight Texels. This was closely followed by £188 and £183 from Whyte and Percival, Bainbridge, while W.A. Dinsdale & Son, Grinton, sold heavy-weight Texels to £185. Plenty more heavy-weight lambs changed hands in the region of £180.

Heavy-weight Beltex lambs topped at £180 from D. Hodgson, Askriigg. Handy-weight continental lambs (38–45kg) proved the trade of the day, regularly selling around 350p/kg for well-fleshed sorts, with numerous pens exceeding this level and a festive peak of 388p/kg from Seth Guy, Hawes.

A good seasonal entry of Mule lambs was forward once again and met with plenty of demand. Heavy-weight Mules topped at £164 from R. & R. Gornall, Dent, followed by £159 from S.D. Thompson, Aysgarth, and J. Scarr & Sons, Askriigg. Further pens sold to £158.50 from W.A. Dinsdale & Son, Grinton, with plenty of Mule lambs trading comfortably in the one hundreds and fifties. All Mules forward averaged just shy of 310p/kg.

Horned lambs also enjoyed a bright trade, with Dalesbreds selling to £139 from Bainbridge Bros, Marrick. Scotch Blackface lambs peaked at £135 from P. Turnbull, Whitby, while Swaledales topped at £130 from J. Scarr & Sons, Askriigg (46kg) and £130 from G. Calvert & Sons, Keld (47kg).

The final sale of the year will be held as normal on Tuesday, 30th December 2025, at 10:00am. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year, and to sincerely thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Beltex to	386p/kg	Seth Guy, Hawes	Av. 358p/kg
Mules to	367p/kg	M/S Coates, Stainforth	Av. 307p/kg
Texel to	365p/kg	AT Pratt, Hawes	Av. 325p/kg
Suffolk to	364p/kg	G Barraclough, Rosedale	Av. 340p/kg
Swaledale to	301p/kg	A & AJ Lambert, Bainbridge	Av. 264p/kg

Total Average: 315p/kg

Leading Prices: Texel x – EM Winspear, £190, £160, Whyte & Percival, £188, £183, £161, WA Dinsdale & Son, £185, £154JH Sharp & Sons, £181, K Calvert Ltd, £178, £173, £169, £159, G & G Schofield, £171, AT Pratt, £170, J Rukin & Son, £169, £150, SD Thompson, £167, G Calvert & Sons, £166, RF Lambert, £164, £150, EM Winspear, £164, D & SM Pratt, £164, GJ & ME Walker & Sons, £162, RW & MA Sutill & Son, £160, Taylor Bros, £160 x2, £157 x2, £154 x2, JW & JH Burton & Son, £160, £156, £153.50, JA Dent & Sons, £159.50, D Hodgson, £159, S Alderson, £159, R & H Hird, £159, J Scarr & Sons, £155, T Metcalfe & Son, £155, CT & JE Willoughby, £155, £150, M Bell & Son, £154, R & R Gornall, £154, D Hodgson, £153, DC Miller, £153, AT Pratt, £153, SM Iveson, £152, £150.50, D & SM Pratt, £152, S Alderson, £150, J Sunter & Sons, £150.

Beltex – D Hodgson, £180, £155.50, JL & JA Sunter, £169, BC Gregg, £168, (to C Steadman, Butchers Kirkby Stephen) £154, D & SM Pratt, £163, £153, £151.50, £149, R Mudd & Sons, £159, £158, £155, £154.50, £152, £150 x2, £149, £144, Seth Guy, £151, £140.50, £139, £135, K Milburn & A Devlin, £148, £141.

Mules- R & R Gornall, £164, £135, J Scarr & Sons, £159, £144, SD Thompson, £159, £157, £150, £135, WA Dinsdale & Son, £158.50, £150, £144, J Garth & Son, £156, G & G Schofield, £155, £144, RW & RA Booth, £153, A & AJ Lambert, £152, £135.50, JL & JA Sunter, £151, £135, ME Bainbridge, £150, J & JA Burrow, £150, £147, £136, GJ & ME Walker & Sons, £150, J Sunter & Sons, £150, £141, WC Porter & Son, £149, RW & MA Sutill & Son, £149, Bainbridge Bros, £148, J Allison & Sons, £146, R & PR Banks & Son, £146, S Bell & Sons, £145, JW Porter & Sons, £144, JW & JH Burton & Son, £144, JR & LA Capstick, £143, M/S Coates, £143, JS & S Atkinson, £140, AT Pratt, £140, T Dent & Son, £139, SM Iveson, £137.

Charollais- JK Foster, £166, £145

BFL- Bainbridge Bros, £164, CT & JE Willoughby, £137.

Suffolk- M Bell & Son, £163, £147, R & R Gornall, £160, Woodend Farms, £150, SM Iveson, £149, £142, KJ Burrow, £149, R Mudd & Sons, £148.50, JM Dickeson, £145, D Alderson, £143, £142, G Barraclough, £142, A & H Watson, £123.50.

Cheviot- AT Pratt, £149, KJ Burrow, £136.50, G Barraclough, £131.50,

Romney- JW & JH Burton, £144.

Herdwick x- Woodend Farms, £140, G Stephenson, £130.

Dalesbred – Bainbridge Bros, £139 x2, Owlands Farm, £135, M/S Coates, £128, PD Bowdin, £116, £110.

Masham- GJ & ME Walker & Sons, £136, PD Bowdin, £132, £126.50, CT & JE Willoughby, £119.

Blackface- P Turnbull, £135, £122, K Milburn & A Devlin, £108.

Swaledale – J Scarr & Sons, £130, G Calvert & Sons, £130, £109, £100, J Rukin & Son, £128, £114, S Alderson, £128, £117, £110, Owlands Farm, £125.50, J Sunter & Sons, £121, MR & LE Rukin, £120, £118, £117, £102, R & R Gornall, £120, T Metcalfe & Son, £118, £108, G Stephenson, £114.50, A & AJ Lambert, £111.50, G Barracough, £111, WC Porter & Son, £110, PD Bowdin, £110, J Sunter & Sons, £109.50, Elm Gill Farm, £109.50, D Hodgson, £108, JW Porter & Sons, £107, £101.50, JH Sharp & Sons, £103, RW Clarkson & Son, £100, BE Hall, £100, MW Dent, £100.

CAST EWES

Ewe trade up in all departments today with buyers wanting to stock up before Christmas. Topping the trade was a smart Charollais Ewe from JK Foster at £222. A Smart BFL Ewe from JW & JH Burton & Son achieved £190 followed with two from JK Foster at £168. Suffolks were brought from Sledmere Estate and achieved £186, £178 & £172. The same good consignment topped the Cheviot section at £180 & £174. Texel Ewes topped at £170 for both K Calvert Ltd at £170 followed by Breck House at £168. Horned Ewes today were topped twice by the same vendor, Elm Gill having both Swaledales & Blackface achieving £126 then two vendors achieved £120 for Swaledales, M Bell & Son & G Barracough followed by P Turnbull with £120 for Blackface Ewes. Medium horned Ewes would be £85-£100 with the leanest between £55-£75. Few Rams forward with Texels at £144 & £140 from N Hobson and J & JH Whaley Suffolks at £140 and Swaledales topped at £136 for JW Porter & Sons with JL & JA Sunter at £122.

Charollais to	£222 JK Foster, Leyburn
BFL to	£190 JW & JH Burton & Son, Hawes
Suffolk to	£186 Sledmere Estate, Driffield
Cheviot to	£180 Sledmere Estate, Driffield
Continentals to	£170 K Calvert Ltd, Bainbridge & JW & JH Burton & Son, Hawes
Mules to	£170 K Calvert Ltd, Bainbridge
Romney to	£152
Beltex to	£146 K Calvert Ltd, Bainbridge
Blackface to	£126 Elm Gill Farm, Mallerstang
Swaledales to	£126 Elm Gill Farm, Mallerstang

CORRECT & CAST RAMS

Continental to	£144 N Hobson, Ripon
Suffolk to	£140 N Hobson, Ripon
Swaledales to	£136 JW Porter & Sons, Gunnerside
BFL to	£130 J & JH Whaley, Hawes

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our customers