



LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

TUESDAY 30th DECEMBER 2025

Forward: Sheep comprising 1479 Prime Lambs and 258 Cast Ewes and Rams.

1479 Prime Lambs

The final sale of prime lambs of the year saw a welcome lift in trade, sharpening on the previous weeks strong trade, with a larger proportion of upland lambs forward.

Handy-weight continental lambs once again proved the standout trade, attracting strong buyer competition and selling well beyond expectations. Prices regularly exceeded the 350p/kg mark, with continental lambs in the early 40kg weight range consistently making around £150. Beltex lambs from BC Gregg, Masham led the way, topping the trade at an impressive 388p/kg or £162 at 42kg. Three pens of handy-weight Beltex lambs from R Mudd & Sons, Cubeck, which sold easily over 380p/kg.

Heavy-weight continental lambs also enjoyed a noticeably sharper trade, topping at a tremendous £192 for Texels from Luke Bell Percy, Masham. A run of well-finished heavy-weight Texels from Fleets Farm, Leyburn sold extremely well at £180 (x2), £179.50 and £178, while the consignment from Whyte & Percival, Bainbridge reached £179. Plenty of pens of heavy-weight continental lambs comfortably broke through the £170 barrier. Heavy-weight Mules peaked at £165 from J Dixon & Sons, Downholme, with BFLs selling to a strong £161 from S Bell & Sons, Askrigg.

The Mule trade held firm throughout, averaging 315pence per kilo, with handy-weight Mules regularly exceeding 320p/kg. Horned lambs saw a much-improved trade, with increased demand across the board, particularly for inside-fed handy-weight lambs selling around 300p/kg. Horned lambs peaked at £142 for 47kg Scotch Blackface lambs from P Dinsdale & Son, Carlton, while Swaledale lambs twice reached a top of £136 from DJ Amsden, Hawes and JE Cowperthwaite, Eldroth.

258 Cast Sheep & Rams

Demand for cast sheep remained strong, with a buoyant and energetic trade throughout. Continental ewes led the way, selling to a top of £185 from K Calvert Ltd, Bainbridge, with others from the same home reaching £175—a level also matched by T Tennant & Son, Askrigg. Leicester ewes shone at £180 from A & H Watson, Kirkby Lonsdale.

The Mule ewe trade was lively, twice topping at £158 from A & H Watson, Kirkby Lonsdale and JH Pedley, Barbon, with many pens comfortably selling above £150. Horned ewes saw a noticeable lift, twice reaching £148 for Rough Fells from SL Hoggarth, Sedbergh, with further strong ewes from the same home at £142 and £141 from A & H Watson. Swaledale ewes performed well, topping at £120 from A Fawcett & Son, Hardraw, with plenty of strong pens around £110.

Tups enjoyed a strong trade, topping at £160 for BFLs from J Dixon & Sons, Downholme. Horned tups were equally sought after, reaching £160 for Swaledales from JH Pedley, Barbon, with further Swaledales selling to £150.

PRIME LAMBS

Beltex to 388p/kg Av. 361p/kg
Texel to 375p/kg Av. 346p/kg
Suffolk to 365p/kg Av. 330p/kg
Swaledale to 315p/kg Av. 275p/kg
Mules to 340p/kg Av. 315p/kg

Total Average: 315p/kg

Leading Prices: Beltex – K Calvert Ltd, £174, £162, £160, £158, £154, BC Gregg, £162, R Mudd & Sons, £157, £156, £154, £153

Texel x – L Bell-Percy, £192, Fleets Farm, £180 x2, £179.50, £178, £175.50, £175, £173.50, £170, Whyte & Percival, £179

Suffolk- ME Dinsdale, £164, A & H Watson, £153, £152.5, G & P Middleton, £152,

Cheviot- JH Cloughton, £164, DA & MA Brown & Son, £154, KJ Burrow, £152, JF & GR Howard, £148.50, £148, £145 PD Bowdin, £145, Spout House Farms, £150, D Alderson, £149, £140, DB & A Hoggarth, £145,

Mules- J Dixon & Sons, £165, Spout House Farms, £156, DL Mudd, £152, DJ Amsden, £152, SH TA & M Sutcliffe, £150, R & RM Dent, £150, £147, KD Hulley, £149, JE Cowperthwaite, £147, JH Sharp & Sons, £145,

Swaledale – DJ Amsden, £136, JE Cowperthwaite, £136, £130, MR Ewbank, £134, DL Mudd, £134, S Bell & Sons, £132.50, S Alderson, £132, SH TA & M Sutcliffe, £131, J Scarr & Sons, £130, KD Hulley, £130

Gritstone- JE Cowperthwaite, £153,

Blackface- P Dinsdale & Son, £142,

BFL– S Bell & Sons, £161, SH TA & M Sutcliffe, £154.50,

Dalesbred – AD Lambert, £111, DJ Charnley, £106.50,

RoughFell – A & H Watson, £128, D Stephenson, £123.50,

Herdwick- G Stephenson, £114,

CAST EWES

Continental to £ 185, K Calvert Ltd, Bainbridge

Rough Fell to £ 148, SL Hoggarth, Sedbergh

BFL to £180, A & H Watson, Middleton

Mules to £158, A & H Watson, Middleton

Blackface to £ 108, Elm Gill Farm, Mallerstang

Swaledales to £120, A Fawcett & Sons, Hawes

CORRECT & CAST RAMS

BFL to £160, J Dixon & Sons, Stainton

Roughfell to £130, A & H Watson, Middleton

Swaledales to £160, JH Pedley, Barbon,

Dalesbred to £130, DJ Charnley, Litton

Happy New Year to all our customers