

HAWES FARMERS AUCTION MART CO LTD

LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2026

Forward: 754 Sheep comprising 30 Spring Lambs, 174 Prime Hogs, 190 Cast Ewes and Rams, and 139 Ewes with 221 Lambs at foot.

SPRING LAMBS

Hawes Auction Mart experienced a slightly quieter day today, but trade remained very strong across all sections, with buyers keen to secure all classes of sheep. Despite smaller numbers in several sections, demand was excellent and vendors were well rewarded for quality stock.

Spring Lambs – Outstanding Trade with a Superb £222.96 Average

A tremendous trade for the 30 spring lambs forward saw an outstanding overall average of £222.96 per head. With a busy ring of buyers in attendance, more spring lambs could easily have been sold to vendors' advantage. Leading the way was the consignment from High Greenbury Farm, which peaked at £241 for Texels, with further pens at £234 and £230. Their Beltex lambs also sold to £230. JR & LA Capstick, Killington topped at £237 with a smart Texel, while a standout pair of Beltex lambs from the same home achieved the top price of the day on a pence-per-kilo basis at 502p/kg, purchased by M Hare of Lane End Farm Shop. High Greenbury Farm followed closely with 40kg Beltex lambs selling to 500p/kg. The market averaged an impressive 455p/kg, with an SQQ average of 485p/kg.

Spring lambs are required next week, and vendors are encouraged to take advantage of the strong demand. Please do not hesitate to contact Ian Atkinson on 07957 256337 or Kenton Foster on 07711 469280 to discuss the current trade.

Continental to 502p JR & LA Capstick, Killington.

Suffolks to 472p JR & LA Capstick, Killington

Total Av. 455p/kg SQQ 485p/kg

Continental- High Greenbury, £242, £234, £230 x2, £229, £228, £226 x2, £208, £200, JR & LA Capstick, £237, £226, £220, £214, £212, £202.

Suffolks-High Greenbury, £224, JR & LA Capstick, £222.

PRIME HOGGS -Smaller Numbers Met by Strong Festival Demand

A smaller entry of prime hogs was forward this week, as expected for the time of year, but trade remained very strong with well-fleshed hogs in excellent demand ahead of the upcoming festival. Heavyweight Texel hogs topped at £230 from JC White, Lunedale, followed by £226 from Middleton Livestock. Handy-weight Continental hogs continue to be keenly sought after, with well-finished sorts regularly selling well in excess of 400p/kg. Heavyweight hogs sold to £220 from J Metcalfe & Sons, Grantley, with T & LM Goad & Sons, Dent close behind at £214.

Swaledale tup hogs met a particularly strong trade, peaking at £220 for 71kg hogs from JR & SL Pratt, Thornton Rust. Further notable prices included £208 from G Calvert & Sons and £200 from JC White, Lunedale, with many more selling in the £190s. Herdwick hogs topped at £198 from G Stephenson, Cautley. With demand remaining high, we strongly encourage vendors to draw out any remaining tup hogs for next week's sale.

Leading Prices: Continental- Middleton Livestock Ltd, £226, J Metcalfe & Sons, £218 x2, £202, £198, £182, £164, T & LM Goad & Sons, £218, WJ Metcalfe & Ptns, £186, £180, £163, £160, £157, £130, JR Blades, 3158, HG Lynas & Son, £142.

Mules- J Metcalfe & Sons, £220, T & LM Goad & Sons, £214, £202, £193, £192, JW & JH Burton & Son, £198, J Metcalfe & Sons, £190 x2, £182, £174, £132, JR Blades, £178.

Swaledale – JR & SL Pratt, £220, £198 x2, G Calvert & Sons, £208, £158, £156, JC White, £200, £190, £146, JR Blades, £196, £158, £152, MR Ewbank, £190, £184, T & LM Goad & Sons, £188, £178, £164, DJ Charnley, £140.

BFL- J Metcalfe & Sons, £212, JW & JH Burton & Son, £200.

Herdwick- G Stephenson, £198, £180, WJ Metcalfe & Ptns, £140, DJ Charnley, £138.

Romney- JW & JH Burton & Son, £180, £176.

Dalesbred- DJ Charnley, £143, £140.

Cheviot- E Blackburn, £134.

CAST EWES

Trade very good today and the leanest of ewes were a big step up and look very dear in comparison. Topping the trade was a good consignment from JR & LA Capstick and his Texel x Ewes were £242 & £240 with DA & MA Brown & Son at £228. Suffolks topped at £240 for M Bell & Son with JR & LA Capstick at £238. BFL Headed at £208 for DA & MA Brown & Son and £190 for BD & A Horner. Mules a good sort from JR & LA Capstick achieved £202 and a pen from M Bell & Son at £190. Swaledales took a big jump up with M Bell & Son having a couple of big ewes at £166 followed by A Spence at £162 and £158 with G Harker & Son

following at £161. A pen full from WPP Farming came in to the ring selling for £147 but the leanest ewes seemed the dearest today with nothing much below £70-£90.

Continental to £242 JR & LA Capstick, Killington
Suffolks to £240 M Bell & Son, Askrigg
BFL to £208 DA & MA Brown & Son, Coverdale
Mules to £202 JR & LA Capstick, Killington
Swaledale to £166 M Bell & Son, Askrigg
Masham to £150 DJ Charnley, Litton
Cheviot to £142 E Blackburn, Low Row
Dalesbred to £138 DJ Charnley, Litton
Herdwick to £152 G Stephenson, Cautley

CAST RAMS

Not many Rams forward BFL topped at 3225 for J & JH Whaley, Tex x made £230 for JC White and Swaledales topped at £188 for G Harker & Son.

Continental to £230 JC White, Lunesdale
BFL to £225 J & JH Whaley, Hawes £225
Swaledale to £188 G Harker & Son, Arkengarthdale
Dalesbred to £172 DJ Charnley, Litton

SALE OF EWES & LAMBS- Fewer Forward but Trade Remains Exceptionally Strong

A smaller entry of 139 sheep with lambs at foot met another very strong trade. The consignment from EW Atkinson, Arkengarthdale led the way, peaking at £380 for Continental shearlings with Texel twins. Continental ewes with twins sold to £365 from RJ Dale, Ripon. K & A Woof, Marsett sold Mule shearlings with twins to £358, with two-crop ewes from the same home reaching £340. Among lowland ewes with single lambs, Continental shearlings from EW Atkinson topped at £305, followed by Beltex ewes with smart single Beltex lambs from JC White, Lunedale at £300.

There was also another strong entry of hill-bred ewes, which attracted plenty of buyer interest. Swaledale two-crop ewes with bonny twin Mule gimmer lambs sold to £370 from R Metcalfe, Gunnerside. GR Scarr, Askrigg sold Swaledale ewes with twins to £315, with singles from the same home reaching £280. The consignment of Texdale gimmer shearlings with smart Texel twins from J & SJ Bland, Hawes selling to £342 and £340.

We are looking forward to a busy sale day on Tuesday 19th May, when Spring Lambs, Prime Hoggs, Cast Sheep and Sheep with Lambs at Foot will all be met by strong demand. The sale will also include the Annual Show of Hoggs with Lambs at Foot. In addition, entries are already flowing in for the May Machinery Sale. Please ensure all entries are submitted by Wednesday 13th May. We look forward to another busy and successful day at Hawes Auction Mart.

Twins **Lowland Sheep with Lambs at foot** **Av. £337**
 Upland Sheep with Lambs at foot **Av. £264**

Singles **Lowland Sheep with Lambs at foot** **Av. £231**
 Upland Sheep with Lambs at foot **Av. £214**

Twins

Swaledales –R Metcalfe, £370, GR Scarr, £315, J Alderson, £290, £262, JF & GR Howard, £285, £280, T Metcalfe & Son, £195, EW Atkinson, £190.

Continental- EW Atkinson, £380, RJ Dale, £365, J & SJ Bland, £342, £340, WM & JE Shuttleworth, £340, £335, J Alderson, £300.

Mules- K & A Woof, £358 £340, WM & JE Shuttleworth, £332 x2, RJ Dale, £328, C Hancocks, £320, D Pearson & Son, £300, Croft Farm Ptns, £300, J Alderson, £288.

Cheviot- D Pearson & Son, £315, £310, RJ Dale, £280, £240.

Singles

Continental- JC White, £300, £260, EW Atkinson, £305, WM & JE Shuttleworth, £245, C Hancocks, £205.

Cheviot- JR Blades, £248, £235, £180, D Pearson & Son, £222, RJ Dale, £210, £195.

Mule- C Hancocks, £210, WM & JE Shuttleworth, £208, JR Blades, £195, RJ Dale, £195, D Pearson & Son, £185, JC White, £185.

Suffolk- JR Blades, £210.

Swaledale- GR Scarr, £280, JF & GR Howard, £180, £160.