

HAWES FARMERS AUCTION MART CO LTD

LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Forward: 1131 Sheep comprising 801 Prime Lambs, 330 Cast Ewes and Rams.

PRIME LAMBS

There was a welcome jump in the prime lamb trade at Hawes today, with buyers noticeably keener to secure lambs and competition considerably sharper throughout the sale.

It was the handy-weight Continental lambs that saw the biggest improvement, selling to a market average of 325p/kg. The overall market average was 315p/kg, while Mule lambs once again proved in strong demand. Quality and well-conformed lambs were particularly sought after. The top price per kilo was 408p/kg, achieved by BC Gregg, Masham, for a smart pair of 49kg Beltex lambs selling for £200 to M Hare of Lane End Farm Shop. Texel lambs sold to 391p/kg from JR & LA Capstick, Killington.

Heavy-weight lambs also met a tremendous trade, topping at £212 for 60kg Texel lambs from J Rukin & Son, Keld. Hitting the £200 mark were MW & HE Pedley, Kirkby Stephen, with a 55kg Blue Texel, while A Lodge, Malham Moor, also achieved £200 for 56kg Texel lambs. The same home sold 51kg Beltex lambs for £189 to Hammonds Butchers, Bainbridge, with other pens reaching £188.

Other leading prices for heavy-weight lambs included £198 from J Scarr & Sons, Askrigg, with plenty of heavy lambs trading between £165 and £190.

As mentioned earlier, it was the handy-weight Continental lambs that showed the sharpest increase in trade. The better-shaped lambs regularly sold in excess of 350p/kg, while good commercial types were consistently making between 320p/kg and 340p/kg.

Mule lambs were also in good demand at Hawes. Heavy-weight Mules sold to a top of £156 from A Lodge, Malham Moor, followed closely by £155 from S Bell & Sons, Askrigg. The top price per kilo was 323p/kg, achieved by JE Cowperthwaite, Eldroth, for 43kg lambs selling at £139.

A strong and encouraging trade overall, with the improvement in demand particularly evident for well-finished, quality lambs and a welcome boost to the prime lamb market at Hawes.

Beltex to	408p	BC Gregg, Ellingstring	Av. 353p/kg
Texel to	384p	JM & DE Wood, Horton-in-Ribblesdale	Av. 320p/kg
Suffolks to	351p	J & JA Preston & Son, Stainforth	Av. 320p/kg
Mules to	323p	JE Cowperthwaite, Eldroth	Av. 305p/kg
Swaledales to	317p	BE Hall, Keld	Av. 289p/kg

Total Av. 315.56p/kg

Texel x – J Rukin & Son, £212, £184, £178, £167, £161, £157, A Lodge, £200, £188, £163, J Scarr & Sons, £198, £174, S Bell & Sons, £182, DA & MA Brown & Son, £180, £178, £151, A & AJ Lambert, £179, £152, Springhill Ptns, £179, AT Lambert & Son, £174, £170, £150, MW & HE Pedley, £174, £172, £155, £151.50, LV & N Croft, £172, JF & GR Howard, £165, MR & LE Rukin, £163, £159, DL Mudd, £161, R Wood & Son, £160, TG & B Todd, £159.50, BC Gregg, £159, S Bell & Sons, £159, MW & HE Pedley, £158, JR Davidson & Son, £158, £155, £154, JW & JH Burton & Son, £157, JR & LA Capstick, £155, D & A Cowperthwaite, £155, AT Lambert & Son, £155, JF & GR Howard, £153, M Alderson, £153, Whyte & Percival, £152.50, R Moore & Son, £152.

Beltex- MW & HE Pedley, £200, £180, BC Gregg, £200, (to Lane End Farm Shop, Tong), £180, £154, A Lodge, £189, £178, JR & LA Capstick, £180, £178, £170, R Marwood & Son, £165, £160, £158, JF & GR Howard, £164, A Mudd, £149, H Wood, £135.

Suffolks- JR & LA Capstick, £169, DA & MA Brown & Son, £159, A & H Watson, £156, £138, TJ Cowperthwaite, £150, MW & HE Pedley, £150, R & JM Harper, £149, D Stephenson, £139, JW & JH Burton & Son, £138, DT Dinsdale & Son, £136.50, B & J Park, £136.50, J & JA Preston, £130, JR Davidson & Son, £130.

Teeswater- Bainbridge Bros, £164.

BFL- Bainbridge Bros, £158, £153, JW & ME Taylor & Sons, £156.

Mules- A Lodge, £156, S Bell & Sons, £155, £141.50, A & AJ Lambert, £152, £140, LV & N Croft, £149, £131.50, DJ Amsden, £148.50, £141.50, £141, £130, A Fawcett & Sons, £146, R Capstick & Son, £144, J Scarr & Sons, £143, DA & MA Brown & Son, £140, J Allison & Sons, £140, DL Mudd, £139, JE Cowperthwaite, £139, DT Dinsdale & Son, £138, SH TA & M Sutcliffe, £136, £134, D Stephenson, £135.50, Bainbridge Bros, £135, JW & ME Taylor & Sons, £134.50, S Alderson, £133.50, AJ & J Sunter, £132.50, A & H Watson, £131.50, D Hodgson, £130, JE Cowperthwaite, £130, C & M Hugill, £130.

Dutch Spot x- AR Barker, £140.

Cheviot – MW & HE Pedley, £137.

Swaledale- Owlands Farm, £133, JS Calvert Ltd, £126, HG Lynas & Son, £120, B Thornborrow, £118, BE Hall, £111, £104, MR & LE Rukin, £109.

Dalesbred- Owlands Farm, £119.

Herdwick- Cragg & Carr, £114, £101.

CAST EWES

Well finished ewes selling to a fast trade with leaner hard worked ewes a little harder to cash. Pure Texel ewes sold to £231 from RG Blackburn, Penrith who sold other pens to £221. Beltex sold to £210 from D Wightman, Kendal who sold first crossed texel ewes to £180. Over fat Mule ewes would be less on the week, topping at £150 from D Wightman. Kendal with other pens of stronger mule ewes selling £140+ Another large show of hill bred ewes forward topping at £129 for rough fell from A & H Watson Kirby Lonsdale. Strong Dalesbred ewes sold to £120 from DL Mudd Buckden. Best of the Swaledale ewes selling £100 + Medium Swaledale ewes selling £65-£75 with the smaller/leaner types £45-£50. Topping at £117 from B Thornborrow Keld other pens sold to £116 from MA Bainbridge Barnard Castle.

Continental to	£231 RG Blackburn, GT Strickland
BFL to	£164 HS Metcalfe, Wharton
Mules to	£150 Wightman Farming Ltd, Burton in Kendal
Suffolk to	£141
Beltex to	£139 Wightman Farming Ltd, Burton in Kendal
Cheviot to	£134 Wightman Farming Ltd, Burton in Kendal
Roughfell to	£129 A & H Watson, Kirkby Lonsdale
Swaledale to	£120 D Stephenson, Garsdale
Dalesbred to	£120 DL Mudd, Buckden

CAST RAMS

Continental to	£140 Springhill Ptns, Jervaulx
Swaledale to	£112 MR & LE Rukin, West Stonesdale