

HAWES FARMERS AUCTION MART CO LTD

LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2026

ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF SWALEDALE EWES AND GIMMER SHEARLINGS

Forward: 596 Swaledale Sheep, comprising 569 Ewes and 27 Shearlings.

Ewes Averaged £270.68

Shearlings Averaged £260

The annual show and sale of Swaledale draft ewes was held at Hawes Auction today, with a larger pre-sale show than has been seen for a number of years. Thank you to all our vendors for supporting the show with a quality entry of sheep, and to our judges, Mr Paul Ayrton and Mr Simon Garth, for giving their time and expertise.

The quality tup breeding potential end of the entry met a very good trade, with some outstanding individual sheep and smaller lots attracting strong competition. The commercial end of the sale was a more selective trade, although the sheep on offer looked very buyable for those looking for useful breeding ewes.

Pens of ten three-crop ewes sold to a top of **£440** from MR & LE Rukin, West Stonesdale, purchased by JC Walker & Son, Dunsop Bridge. This was followed by **£400** for the leading pen of ten from Ms Brogden, Kirkby Stephen, with further pens selling to **£360** from P Hallam and **£340** from B Thornborrow.

The commercial ewes today looked very buyable and, with the opportunity to purchase good quality commercial swaledale breeding sheep at sensible money, we would encourage Mule gimmer lamb breeders not to shy away from attending this sale to source good Swaledale breeding ewes.

There was considerable interest in a number of smaller lots of sheep fit for ram-breeding purposes. An individual ewe from P Hallam topped the sale at **£1,700**, purchased by CC & DA Fawcett, with another much-admired pair from the same home selling to **£1,300**, purchased by JS Tully.

An individual ewe from JR & SL Pratt, which had been successfully shown, sold to **£1,600**, purchased by TS Brogden.

A much-admired run of ewes from F & MP Allinson & Son created considerable interest ringside, with pens of five selling to **£820, £680 and £650**. Their run of 20 ewes averaged an impressive **£607.50**.

The sale also included the part dispersal of the Swaledale flock from JS Calvert, Reeth. Their consignment peaked at **£520**, purchased by Elliot Hutchinson, with further ewes from the same home selling to **£430 and £410**.

The quality ram producing sheep continue to meet a strong demand, and the commercial ewes on offer today represented good buying for those looking for useful breeding sheep. The sale also demonstrated that there are opportunities for Mule gimmer lamb breeders to purchase good Swaledale breeding ewes at sensible money.

Show Results

Kindly Judged by Paul Ayrton, Lancaster & Simon Garth, Clapham

Ewes

1 st	M & EM Wilson, Lunesdale	N/S
2 nd	P Hallam, Horton-in-Ribblesdale	£360
3 rd	MR & LE Rukin, West Stonesdale	£440

Swaledale Ewes

Leading Prices: P Hallam, £1700, £1300, £580, £520, £360, £300, £230, JR & SL Pratt, £1600, £650, £240, F & MP Allinson & Son, £820, £680, £650, £280, JS Calvert Ltd, £520, £430, £330, £310, £270, MR & LE Rukin, £440, £300, £295, £230, M/S Brogden, £400, B Thornborrow, £340, £240, WH Harker, £305, ME Allison, £265, J Dixon & Sons, £265, REC Simpson & Sons, £260, £230, GR Scarr, £260, £255, £250, EW Atkinson, £255, £245, G Calvert & Sons, £255, £252, £242 x2, £230, AD Coates & Son, £250, R & H Hird, £250 x2, G Lambert, £245, £230, ME Waggett, £235, RW & MA Suttill & Son, £230, M & EM Wilson, £230.

Shearlings

Leading Prices: JS Calvert Ltd, £410, £340, £270, £195 x2, P Ewbank, £300, WH Harker, £250, ME Allison, £250, MW Dent, £205.

Leading Flock Averages 15 or more Sheep:

F & MP Allinson & Son £608 for 20, P Hallam £456 for 28, MR & LE Rukin £323 for 37, JS Calvert Ltd, £295 for 18, B Thornborrow £262 for 30, JR & SL Pratt, £255 for 54, ME Allison £254 for 18, GR Scarr £248 for 41, G Calvert & Sons £240 for 70, R & H Hird £232 for 41, REC Simpson & Sons £230 for 30, G Lambert, £228 for 28, EW Atkinson, £228, RW & MA Suttill & Son £211 for 40, J & SJ Bland, £209 for 17, AD Coates & Son £195 for 19.