

Friday 24th July 2026

On Friday 24th July Mitchells auction mart held their opening show and sale of store lambs where a fantastic entry of 1122 head were forward , the pre sale judging was entrusted in the capable hand of local sheep enthusiast Robbie Graham, Millstone View who awarded the Championship rosette to M/s Wood, Woodhall Brow, Dean this super smart pen of lambs stood 1st in the continental class and sold at £162 to the judge , the reserve championship was claimed by the second prize pen of continentals these were shown by M/s Allen & Dickinson , Windrush, Hutton John and sold at £210 to Michael Lawson.

M/s Allen & Dickinson topped the sale at an amazing £235 for a pen of gimmer lambs , these sold to Norman Fisher, Dufton House, Ivegill taking M/s Allen & Dickinsons average to £222.50 for 20 sold.

Lambs sold to extreme rates with strong lambs seeing big demand, with the trade of the day being a pen of 50 Tex x Herdwick long keep lambs from Craig Fearon , Nook Farm selling at £98 a head.

Suffolk's topped at £160 from Gavin Fearon , Briery Moss, Keswick with Chev Mules to £128 from Joe Weir, Elva Plain and north of England types to £120 from RJ Marrs, Manor Farm, High Ireby. An overall average of £128.77 was achieved which shows a rise of £15.40 on the year.

Breeding Shearlings –

Texel – 370, 305, 295, 290, 270(2) The Beeches. **Suffolk** – 285(2) The Beeches. **Blue Texel** – 250 The Beeches.

Store Lambs –

Texel – 235, 210 Windrush, 175, 158, 144 Crooklands, 170 Littleton Farm, 168 Beech House, 164 Grange Farm, 162, 150 Woodhall Brow Farm, 155, 152 Low Priorscales, 152, 146 The Guards, 150 Howbeck Lodge, 150 Ullock Farm, 146 High Croft, 144 Briery Moss. **Dutch Texel** – 170 Crooklands, 160, 142 Beech House. **Suffolk** – 160 Briery Moss, 158 The Guards, 140, 134 Howbeck Lodge, 138 Bully House Farm, 135, 126 Row End Farm, 125 Crooklands. **Beltex** – 145 Woodhall Brow Farm, 144, 142 Crooklands. **Dutch Spotted** – 136 Newhouse Farm, 118 Lower Hawthwaite. **Cheviot** – 128, 102 Elva Plain. **Texel x Herdwick** – 121, 116 Chance Cottage. **Mule** – 120, 115 Manor Farm, 116, 106, 102 Wythop Hall, 108 The Globe, 105 Whinnerah.