

British Wool - Sale Report



BW194 - 7th January 2025

KEY METRICS

Index1.613Total weigh offered:1,220 tonnesAverage clean price:£1.597 per kgTotal weight sold1,216 tonnesAverage greasy price£1.074 per kgClearance99.7%

SALE REPORT

The British Wool sale on 7th January saw strong demand with prices increasing by just over 4% sale on sale. All core types were at least firm, with core bedding types more than 10% dearer. Bidding was competitive from the outset and strengthened towards the end of the catalogue, with all but one of the lots in the offer selling.

Romney wool, which has seen soft demand over the last few sales due to poor colour found a market and was discounted to a lesser extent than of late.

The average greasy price was up 4.3% sale on sale at £1.074 / kg and the price index, which is based off clean prices, was up 4.2% at 1.613. Prices were last at this level in October 2018. Improved prices should encourage more farmers to send in their wool, but British Wool still expects its supply to be around 7% lower in the 2024 season than in the 2023 clip year. Approximately 50% of the projected supply for the year has now been sold with many core types more than 55% sold.

The volumes sold, clearances by wool type and price changes in BW194 were as follows:

Wool type	Weight sold (Tonnes)	Clearance	Price change
Fine	119	100%	Hoggs 2 – 5% Dearer, Ewes 1 – up to 3% Dearer, Ewes 2 – fully 10% Dearer. Lt Grey – 4% Dearer.
Medium	224	100%	Hoggs 1 – Firm to 3% Dearer, Hoggs 2 – 8% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 2% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 3% Dearer, Discoloured – 5% Dearer, Lt Grey – 5% Dearer.
Romney	58	100%	Ewes 1 – fully 8% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 7% Dearer.
Mule	342	100%	Hoggs 1 – 3% Dearer, Hoggs 2 – firm to 2% Dearer, Ewes 1 – firm to 2% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 4% Dearer, Cott Grades – 4% Dearer, Lt Grey – 5% Dearer.
Lustre	17	100%	Blueface – 5% Dearer
Cheviot	68	100%	Hoggs 1 – firm, Hoggs 2 – Buyers Favour, Ewes 1 & 2 – 1% Dearer.
Cheviot Cross	41	100%	2 to 4% Dearer.
Hill	37	100%	Medium – 1% Dearer, Lt Grey – 3% Dearer.
Blackface	81	100%	Fine 1 – 2% Dearer, No 2 – 3% Dearer, Cotts – Sellers Favour.
Welsh Mountain	72	100%	No 1 – 5% Dearer, No 2 – 4% Dearer, Coloured Kempy – 7% Dearer.
Swaledale	33	100%	No 1 – 1% Dearer. Grey – Sellers Favour
Lamb	52	100%	A selection of lambs sold at an average of 4% higher than in BW193.
Fault, Oddments	60	93%	Oddments – Firm.

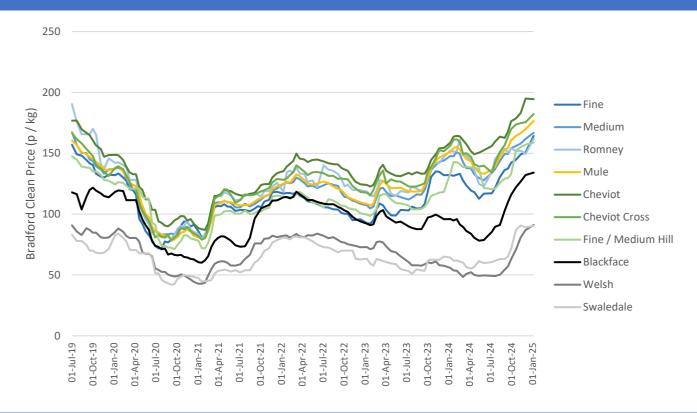


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PRICE MOVEMENTS FOR KEY WOOL TYPES: JULY 2019 TO DATE



PRICE INDEX HISTORY: JULY 2015 TO DATE

