



British Wool – Sale Report

BW195 – 21st January 2025



KEY METRICS

Index	1.641	Total weight offered:	1,360 tonnes
Average clean price:	£1.634 per kg	Total weight sold	1,343 tonnes
Average greasy price	£1.092 per kg	Clearance	98.8%

SALE REPORT

With a three-week gap to the February sale British Wool offered an increased volume of wool in BW195 on 21st January. Demand remained strong with prices improving by around 2% on an underlying basis and an almost full clearance. All core types were at least firm, with the discount on some slightly poorer colour lots closing relative to recent sales. Bidding was competitive from the outset and was sustained throughout the catalogue.

The average greasy price was up 1.7% sale on sale at £1.092 / kg and the price index, which is based off clean prices, was also up 1.7% at 1.641. 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 it was in the 2023 clip year. Sheep numbers have fallen across the UK and a significant minority of farmers have chosen to use their wool on farm given the low returns achieved over the last few years.

Approximately 57% of the projected supply for the year has now been sold with many core types more than 60% sold. The volumes sold, clearances by wool type, and price changes in BW195 were as follows:

Wool type	Weight sold (Tonnes)	Clearance	Price change
Fine	111	100%	Hoggs 2 – 1.5% Dearer, Ewes 1 – Fully firm, Ewes 2 – Sellers favour Lt Grey – 6% Dearer.
Medium	261	97%	Hoggs 1 – up to 2% Dearer, Hoggs 2 – 3.5% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 4% Dearer, Ewes 2 – Fully firm, Discoloured – 3% Dearer, Lt Grey – 1.5% Dearer.
Romney	63	100%	Ewes 1 – Fully 1% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 6% Dearer.
Mule	404	98%	Hoggs 2 – 3% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 1.5 to 5% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 1 to 2% Dearer, All Cott Grades – 1 to 2.5% Dearer, Lt Grey – 5% Dearer.
Lustre	8	100%	Blueface – Firm.
Cheviot	67	100%	Hoggs 1 & 2 – Fully firm, Ewes 1 & 2 – 1.5% Dearer.
Cheviot Cross	58	100%	Firm.
Hill	27	100%	Medium – 2.5% Dearer
Blackface	97	100%	Fine 1 – 2.5% Dearer, No 2 – 2% Dearer, Cotts – Fully firm.
Welsh Mountain	96	100%	No 1 – 2.5% Dearer, No 2 – Firm, Coloured Kempy – Sellers favour.
Swaledale	33	100%	No 1 – Sellers favour, Grey 2% Dearer.
Lamb	34	100%	All Grades – 2.5% Dearer.
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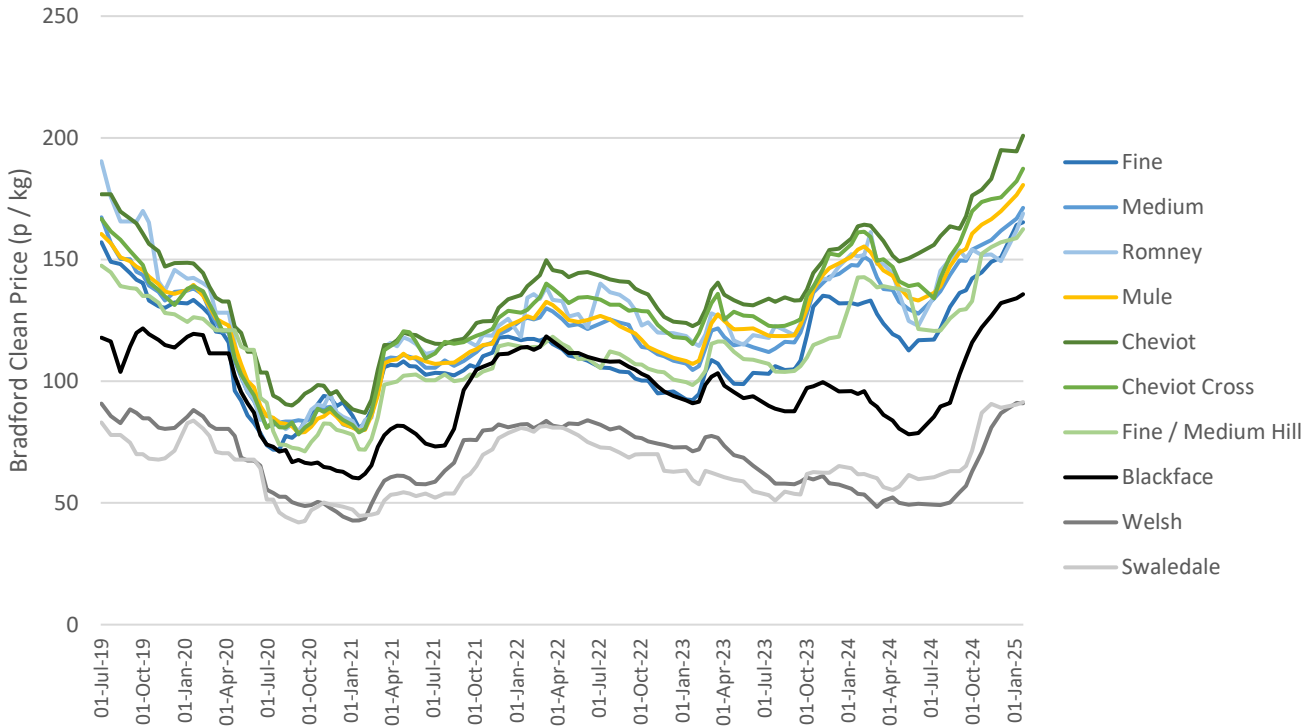


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PRICE MOVEMENTS FOR KEY WOOL TYPES: JULY 2019 TO DATE



PRICE INDEX HISTORY: JULY 2015 TO DATE

