



# British Wool – Sale Report

## BW197 – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025



### KEY METRICS

Index	1.622	Total weight offered:	1,207 tonnes
Average clean price:	£1.589 per kg	Total weight sold	1,162 tonnes
Average greasy price	£1.067 per kg	Clearance	96.3%

### SALE REPORT

British Wool offered 1,207 tonnes of wool in BW197 on 4th March. Demand was solid, with prices generally holding firm. 1,162 tonnes sold, which was equivalent to a 96.3% clearance. Most core types were firm, with good colour lots trading slightly dearer. Swaledale was a highlight trading up to 5% dearer. Bidding was competitive from the outset and was sustained throughout the catalogue.

The average greasy price was up 2.9% sale on sale at £1.067 / kg. The price index, which is based off clean prices, was flat sale on sale at 1.622. This measure is more representative of the underlying market movement.

Price gains achieved over recent months are supporting the year-to-date average price which now stands at £1.01 per kg. This should translate into better returns for British Wool's members this year. Whilst it is now too late to expect a pick-up in volumes for the 2024 clip year this will hopefully encourage more farmers to send in their wool next year. British Wool expects its supply this season to be around 7% lower than it was in the 2023 clip year. Given low returns over the last few years a significant minority of UK farmers have chosen to use their wool on farm. Wool will only come back into the supply chain if improved returns can be sustained. Most types are still selling below the price required to cover the costs of shearing.

Almost 70% of the projected supply for the year has now been sold with many core types approaching 80% sold. The volumes sold, clearances by wool type, and price changes in BW197 were as follows:

Wool type	Weight sold (Tonnes)	Clearance	Price change
Fine	115	93%	Hoggs 2 – 3% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 1% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 1% Dearer.
Medium	228	100%	Hoggs 2 – 2% Dearer, Ewes 1 – Firm, Ewes 2 – Buyers' Favour, Discoloured – Buyers Favour.
Romney	45	100%	Ewes 1 – 1% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 1% Dearer.
Mule	298	97%	Hoggs 1 – Firm, Hoggs 2 – Sellers' Favour, Ewes 1 – 1% Dearer, Ewes 2 – Firm to 1.5% Cheaper, Soft Cotts – Firm to Buyers' Favour, Cotts – Firm to 1.5% Dearer, Lt Grey – Firm.
Lustre	6	100%	N/A
Cheviot	63	100%	Hoggs 1 – Buyers Favour, Hoggs 2 – Sellers Favour, Ewes 1 – 1% Dearer, Ewes 2 – Firm.
Cheviot Cross	54	100%	Firm to Buyers Favour
Hill	24	100%	Medium – 2% Cheaper
Blackface	106	100%	Fine 1 – 2% Cheaper, Med 1 – 2% Dearer, No 2 – Sellers' Favour, Cotts – Buyers' Favour.
Welsh Mountain	74	75%	No 1 – Fully Firm, No 2 – 1.5% Cheaper, Coloured Kempy – Firm.
Swaledale	40	100%	No 1 – Up to 5% Dearer.
Lamb	37	100%	A selection of good colour lambs sold above last sales levels.
Fault, Oddments	50	100%	Oddments – Firm.

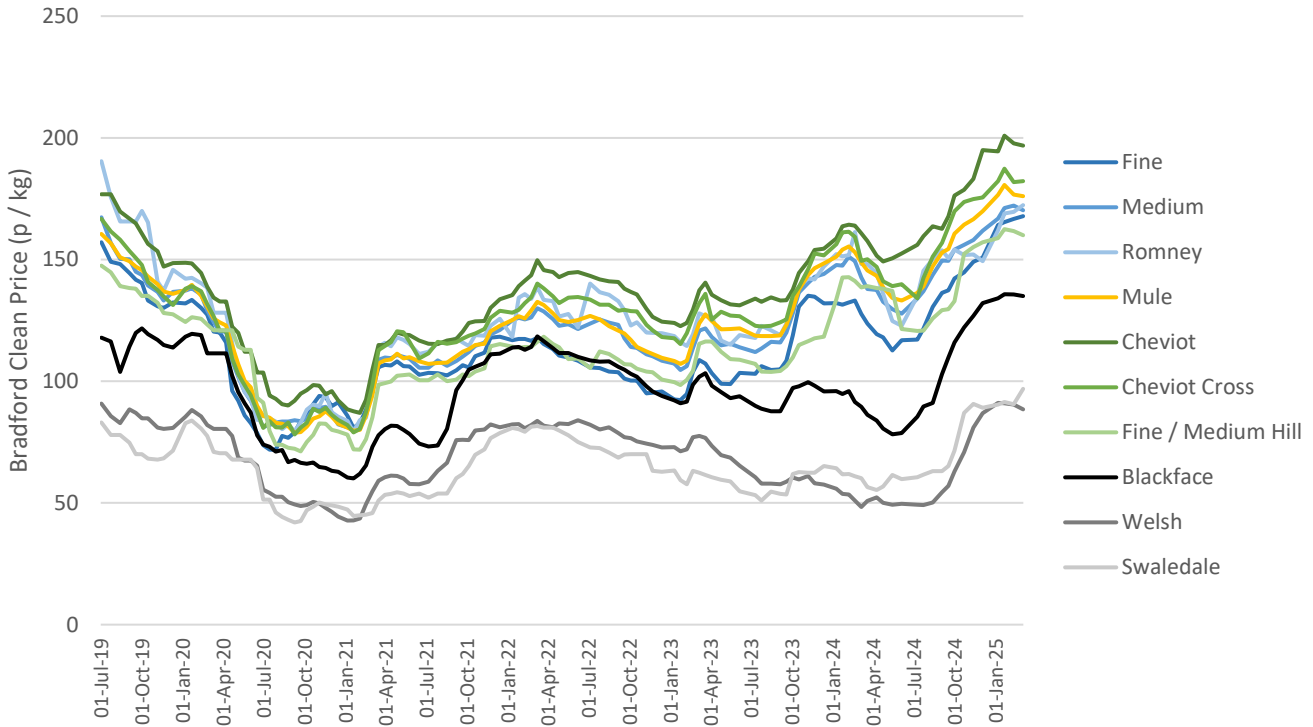


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### PRICE MOVEMENTS FOR KEY WOOL TYPES: JULY 2019 TO DATE



### PRICE INDEX HISTORY: JULY 2015 TO DATE

