



British Wool – Sale Report

BW113 – 5th January 2021



Key Points

The announcement of new lockdown measures in the UK clearly had a bearing on the appetite for wool in BW113. Despite this two thirds of the 1.4m kg offered sold with prices for most types falling by ~3%. The British Wool Index fell by just over 3% sale on sale and the average greasy sale price dropped back to 50p / kg. In total 0.925m kg sold which equated to a 66.6% clearance. Of the wool sold 42 tonnes was old season wool and a further 883 tonnes was new season wool.

- Total weight offered 1.388m kg Total weight sold 0.925m kg
- Clearance 66.6%
- Average clean price £0.746 / kg Average greasy price £0.502 / kg
- British Wool Index 0.739 per kg vs. 0.773 per kg in BW112

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 59%,
- Medium wool 72%,
- Mule wool 78%,
- Hill wool 49%,
- Mountain wool 57%,
- Lamb 63%.

Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW112;

Fine: Ewes No1 & No2 – up to 2.5% cheaper.

Medium: Hogs No2 – 3% dearer. Ewes No1 & No2 – buyers favour. Naturally discoloured – firm.

Mules: Hogs No2 – buyers favour. Ewes No1 – buyers favour to 1.5% cheaper. Ewes No2 – firm to buyers favour. All Cott grades – up to 3% cheaper.

Cheviots: Hogs No2 – up to 3% cheaper. Ewes No2 – fully 3% cheaper. Cross grades – firm to 2% cheaper.

Swaledale: No1 – buyers favour.

Blackface: All grades – buyers favour.

Welsh: All grades – firm to buyers favour.

Lamb: A small selection of lamb where comparable sold at a higher level to that of the previous sale.