



British Wool – Sale Report

BW134 – 14th December 2021



Key Points

British Wool's final sale of 2021 delivered a 100% clearance and saw prices continue their steady recovery. With 10 of the 20 rostered sales for the 2021 season completed British Wool has now sold 10.1m kg of this season's wool which is equivalent to 44% of its anticipated supply. Whilst auction prices for British Wool are still below pre-pandemic levels it is good to note that they have increased by 50% over the last twelve months.

British Wool's offer in BW134 amounted to 1.072m kg and all 151 lots offered sold. The average greasy price of 78.4p / kg was 1p higher than last sale, an increase of 1.2%, and the British Wool index increased by 1.7% to 1.163. Organic lots were particularly well sought after as were speciality types such as Bluefaced Leicester and Herdwick.

- Total weight offered 1.072m kg Total weight sold 1.072m kg
- Clearance 100.0%
- Average clean price £1.162 / kg Average greasy price £0.784 / kg
- British Wool Index 1.163 vs. 1.143 in BW133.

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 100%,
- Medium wool 100%,
- Mule wool 100%,
- Hill wool 100%,
- Mountain wool 100%,
- Lamb 100%.

Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW133;

Fine: Hoggs No1 – fully 4% dearer. Hoggs No2 – up to 4% cheaper. Ewes No1 – sellers favour. Ewes No2 – firm. Lt Grey – 1% dearer.

Romney: Ewes No1 – 1.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – 3% dearer.

Medium: Hoggs No1 – up to 1% dearer. Hoggs No2 – firm. Ewes No1 – up to 5% dearer. Ewes No2 – fully 1% dearer. Naturally Discoloured – buyers favour. Lt Grey – firm.

Mules: Hoggs No1 & No2 – firm. Ewes No1 – fully 3% dearer. Ewes No2 – firm to 2% dearer. Cott grades – firm. Lt Grey – 1 to 2.5% dearer.

Cheviots: Hoggs No1 – sellers favour. Hoggs No2 – 7.5% dearer. Ewes No1 – 7.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – fully 3% dearer. Cross grades – firm to sellers favour.

Hill: Fine & Medium – firm.

Blackface: Medium No1 – 2% dearer. No2 – firm. Cotts – firm.

Welsh: All grades fully 1.5% dearer.

Swaledale: No1 – 3% dearer. Grey – 2% dearer.

A small selection of organic wools sold at a significant premium over their non-organic equivalents.