



# British Wool – Sale Report

## BW136 – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022



### Key Points

British Wool saw strong demand and good competition in BW136; the average greasy price increased to 82p per kg and 98% of wool offered sold. Prices for all major types were at least firm and generally in the sellers favour. Organic certified wool was particularly well sought after with a significant premium achieved relative to the underlying grade on all types. Speciality wools such as Herdwick and Bluefaced Leicester also continue to attract strong demand and the price differential between No. 1 and No. 2 grades was evident once again.

British Wool's offer in BW136 amounted to 1.236m kg and 168 of the 171 lots offered sold. The only unsold lots were mountain wools. The average greasy price of 82.2p / kg was 2.4p higher than last sale, an increase of 3.1%, and the British Wool index increased by 1.9% to 1.193. British Wool has now held 12 of the 20 rostered sales for the 2021 season and has sold 12.5m kg of this season's clip which is equivalent to ~55% of its anticipated supply.

- Total weight offered 1.236m kg      Total weight sold 1.211m kg
- Clearance 98.0%
- Average clean price £1.222 / kg      Average greasy price £0.822 / kg
- British Wool Index 1.193 vs. 1.171 in BW135.

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 100%,
- Medium wool 100%,
- Mule wool 100%,
- Hill wool 100%,
- Mountain wool 89%,
- Lamb 100%.

### Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW135;

Fine: Hogs No1 – buyers favour. Hogs No2 – 5% dearer. Ewes No1 – 1.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – firm. Lt Grey – firm.

Romney: Ewes No2 – up to 2.5% dearer. Discoloured – firm.

Medium: Hogs No2 – up to 2.5% dearer. Ewes No1 – 3% dearer. Ewes No2 – 1.5% dearer. Discoloured – firm. Lt Grey – firm.

Mules: Hogs No1 – 4% dearer. Hogs No2 – 2% to 5% dearer. Ewes No1 – 2% dearer. Ewes No2 – firm to 3.5% dearer. Cott grades – firm to 2% dearer. Lt Grey – firm.

Cheviots: Hogs No1 & No2 – firm. Ewes No1 – 3% dearer. Ewes No2 – 2% dearer. Cross grades – 1% to 3% dearer.

Hill: Fine – buyers favour. Medium – firm.

Blackface: Medium No1 – sellers favour. Fine – sellers favour. No2 – firm. Cotts – 2% dearer. Lt Grey – firm.

Welsh: No1 – 3% dearer. No2 – buyers favour. Coloured Kempy – sellers favour.

Swaledale: Lt Grey – firm.

The prices achieved for lamb were generally firm to sellers favour and once again we saw significant premiums on a small offering of organic wools.