



British Wool – Sale Report

BW137 – 8th February 2022



Key Points

British Wool saw solid demand in BW137; the average greasy price was steady on the previous sale and 99% of wool offered sold. Prices for some types were in the buyers favour but on the whole prices were firm to sellers favour with some of the better combing wools dearer. Organic certified wool was once again well sought after and achieved a significant premium relative to the underlying grade.

British Wool's offer in BW137 amounted to 1.180m kg and 166 of the 168 lots offered sold. The only unsold lots were mountain wools. The average greasy price of 81.4p / kg was 0.6p below last sale, a drop of 0.9%. The British Wool index fell by 0.4% from 1.192 to 1.189. British Wool has now held 13 of the 20 rostered sales for the 2021 season and has sold 13.7m kg of this season's clip which is equivalent to ~60% of its anticipated supply.

- Total weight offered 1.180m kg Total weight sold 1.164m kg
- Clearance 98.7%
- Average clean price £1.213 / kg Average greasy price £0.814 / kg
- British Wool Index 1.189 vs. 1.193 in BW136.

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 100%,
- Medium wool 100%,
- Mule wool 100%,
- Hill wool 97.3%,
- Mountain wool 95.6%,
- Lamb 100%.

Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW136;

Fine: Hoggs No1 – 7.5% dearer. Hoggs No2 – fully firm. Ewes No1 – 1.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – 1% dearer. Lt Grey – 2.5% dearer.

Romney: Ewes No1 – 4% dearer. Ewes No2 – buyers favour. Discoloured – fully firm.

Medium: Hoggs No1 – up to 5% dearer. Hoggs No2 – 1.5% dearer. Ewes No1, Ewes No2, Discoloured and Lt Grey – firm.

Mules: Hoggs No1 – sellers favour. Hoggs No2 – buyers favour. Ewes No1 – fully firm. Ewes No2 – firm to 1.5% dearer. Cott grades – firm to 1.5% dearer. Lt Grey – buyers favour.

Cheviots: Hoggs No1 – fully 4% dearer. Hoggs No2 – up to 1% dearer. Ewes No1 – firm. Ewes No2 – up to 1.5% dearer. Cross grades – firm to 1.5% dearer.

Hill: Medium – 1.5% dearer.

Blackface: All grades buyers favour except Fine No1 which was fully 2% dearer.

Welsh: All grades buyers favour.

Swaledale: Lt Grey – fully firm.

The majority of lambs sold achieved higher prices than BW136 and once again significant premiums were achieved for organic wools.