



British Wool – Sale Report

BW138 – 22nd February 2022



Key Points

British Wool saw good demand in BW138 with prices generally increasing by 1p to 2p per kg over the previous sale on an underlying basis; the average greasy price was 82p per kg and 99% of wool offered sold. Prices for all types were at least firm and clearly strengthened for Medium, Mule, Cheviot and Welsh types. Organic certified wool was once again well sought after and achieved a significant premium relative to the underlying grade.

British Wool's offer in BW138 amounted to 1.148m kg and 161 of the 163 lots offered sold. The only unsold lots were speciality wools. The average greasy price of 81.9p / kg was 0.5p higher than last sale, an increase of 0.6%. The British Wool index increased by 0.9% from 1.189 to 1.199. British Wool has now held 14 of the 20 rostered sales for the 2021 season and has sold 13.7m kg of this season's clip which is equivalent to ~65% of its anticipated supply.

- Total weight offered 1.148m kg Total weight sold 1.142m kg
- Clearance 99.5%
- Average clean price £1.218 / kg Average greasy price £0.819 / kg
- British Wool Index 1.199 vs. 1.189 in BW137.

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 100%,
- Medium wool 100%,
- Mule wool 100%,
- Hill wool 98.6%,
- Mountain wool 97.6%,
- Lamb 100%.

Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW137;

Fine: Hoggs No1 – 2% dearer. Hoggs No2 – buyers favour. Ewes No1 & No2 – fully firm. Lt Grey – firm.

Romney: Ewes No2 – 2.5% dearer.

Medium: Hoggs No1 – fully firm. Hoggs No2 – up to 1.5% dearer. Ewes No1 – firm. Ewes No2 – 2% dearer. Discoloured and Lt Grey – 1.5% dearer.

Mules: Hoggs No1 – firm to 2.5% dearer. Hoggs No2 – 4 to 7% dearer. Ewes No1 – 3% dearer. Ewes No2 – 1.5 to 3% dearer. Cott grades – 3.5 to 7% dearer. Lt Grey – firm to sellers favour.

Cheviots: Hoggs No1 – firm. Hoggs No2 – 2% dearer. Ewes No1 – 4% dearer. Ewes No2 – 2% dearer. Cross grades – 1.5% dearer.

Hill: Medium – 2% dearer.

Blackface: Medium No1 – 1% dearer. Fine – firm. No2 – 1.5% dearer. Cotts – fully firm.

Welsh: No1 – firm. No2 – fully 3% dearer. Coloured kempy - 4% dearer.

Swaledale: No1 – up to 2.5% dearer. Grey – sellers favour.

A small offering of lambs particularly the Romney achieved higher values than BW137