



# British Wool – Sale Report

## BW140 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022



### Key Points

British Wool saw softer demand in BW140 with economic concerns resulting in slightly weaker market confidence than we have seen in recent sales. Prices were generally in the buyers' favour and the clearance fell back to 79%. The average greasy price of 87.2p per kg reflected a higher quality offering of wools and that demand for speciality types and organic wool remained strong.

British Wool's offer in BW140 amounted to 1.338m kg and 149 of the 186 lots offered sold. The average greasy price of 87.2p / kg was 4.3p higher than last sale, an increase of 5.1%. The British Wool index was stable at 1.215. British Wool has now held 16 of the 20 rostered sales for the 2021 season and has sold 17.1m kg of this season's clip which is equivalent to ~74% of its anticipated supply.

- Total weight offered 1.338m kg      Total weight sold 1.056m kg
- Clearance 78.9%
- Average clean price £1.311 / kg      Average greasy price £0.872 / kg
- British Wool Index 1.215 vs. 1.216 in BW139.

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 68.6%,
- Medium wool 82.8%,
- Mule wool 63.5%,
- Hill wool 88.2%,
- Mountain wool 88.4%,
- Lamb 74.9%.

### Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW139;

Fine: Hogs No1 – 1% dearer. Hogs No2 – up to 2.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – buyers favour to 1% cheaper.

Romney: Ewes No1 – sellers favour. Ewes No2 – buyers favour to 3% cheaper.

Medium: Hogs No2 – up to 4% dearer. Ewes No1 – buyers favour to 2% cheaper. Ewes No2 – 1% cheaper. Discoloured – buyers favour. Lt Grey – buyers favour to 2% cheaper.

Mules: Hogs No1 – up to 2% cheaper. Hogs No2 – up to 3% dearer. Ewes No1 – buyers favour. Ewes No2 – buyers favour to 2% cheaper. Cott grades – firm to buyers favour.

Cheviots: Hogs No1 – up to 4% cheaper. Hogs No2 – 2.5% dearer. Ewes No1 – buyers favour to 2% cheaper. Cross grades – buyers favour to 1.5% cheaper.

Hill: Medium – buyers favour.

Blackface: Medium No1 – firm to sellers favour. Fine – buyers favour. No2 – firm. Cotts – firm.

Welsh: No1 – firm. No2 – 1% cheaper. Coloured kempy – 1.5% cheaper.

Swaledale: No1 – all grades firm.