



British Wool – Sale Report

BW141 – 12th April 2022



Key Points

British Wool saw healthier demand in BW141 but economic concerns are still clearly having an impact on market confidence. Prices were generally in the buyers' favour however the clearance recovered to 87% with over 1.1m kg of wool sold. The average greasy price of 80.0p per kg reflected the mix of wools sold. Encouragingly the demand for speciality types and organic wool remained strong.

British Wool's offer in BW141 amounted to 1.275m kg and 171 of the 196 lots offered sold. The average greasy price of 80.0p / kg was down 8% sale on sale but this was largely a reflection of the mix of wools offered. The British Wool index was 3.0% down at 1.179 which is a better representation of the market. British Wool has now held 17 of the 20 rostered sales for the 2021 season and has sold 18.2m kg of this season's clip which is equivalent to ~79% of its anticipated supply.

- Total weight offered 1.275m kg Total weight sold 1.107m kg
- Clearance 86.8%
- Average clean price £1.195 / kg Average greasy price £0.800 / kg
- British Wool Index 1.179 vs. 1.215 in BW140.

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 87.7%,
- Medium wool 90.1%,
- Mule wool 85.1%,
- Hill wool 78.5%,
- Mountain wool 84.9%,
- Lamb 78.5%.

Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW140;

Fine: Hoggs No1 – firm. Hoggs No2 – buyers favour. Ewes No2 – buyers favour.

Romney: Ewes No1 – 2% dearer. Ewes No2 – firm.

Medium: Hoggs No1 – 3% dearer. Hoggs No2 – buyers favour. Ewes No1 – 1% cheaper. Ewes No2 – buyers favour. Discoloured – buyers favour.

Mules: Hoggs No1 & No2 – firm. Ewes No1 – buyers favour. Ewes No2 – firm to buyers favour. Cott grades – up to 2% cheaper.

Cheviots: Hoggs No1 – 4% dearer. Hoggs No2 – buyers favour. Ewes No1 & No2 – fully firm. Cross grades – firm to buyers favour.

Hill: Medium – fully firm.

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

Welsh: No1 – buyers favour. No2 – firm. Coloured kempy – firm.