



# British Wool – Sale Report

## BW143 – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### Key Points

British Wool achieved a 96% clearance on an increased offering of wool in BW143. Prices were generally firm with better coloured wools up to 3% dearer. Prices for poor colour lots and small end of season lots weakened. Organic certified lots continued to be well sought after and attracted a significant premium. Almost 1.4m kg of wool sold making this the largest sale of British Wool for more than a year. The average greasy price of 82.6p per kg reflected the mix of wools in the offer, the index was down 3% largely due to a high proportion of poor colour lots in the offer.

British Wool's offer in BW143 amounted to 1.445m kg with 237 of the 248 lots offered sold. The average greasy price of 82.6p per kg was down 8% sale on sale and the index fell back to 1.138. British Wool has now sold 20.7m kg of the 2021 season's clip which is equivalent to 90% of its supply. British Wool will hold one more sale in June before new season wool starts to become available from July. It is anticipated that the carry over to next season will be minimal.

- Total weight offered 1.445m kg      Total weight sold 1.387m kg
- Clearance 96.0%
- Average clean price £1.216 / kg      Average greasy price £0.826 / kg
- British Wool Index 1.138 vs. 1.171 in BW142.

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 98.0%,
- Medium wool 99.0%,
- Mule wool 97.9%,
- Hill wool 98.4%,
- Mountain wool 89.5%,
- Lamb 62.2%.

### Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW142;

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

Romney: Ewes No2 – up to 5% dearer.

Medium: Hoggs No1 – fully firm. Ewes No1 – up to 3% dearer. Ewes No2 – firm. Discoloured – buyers favour. Lt Grey – fully 7.5% dearer.

Mules: Hoggs No1 – 1-3% dearer. Hoggs No2 – firm. Ewes No1 – 1.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – firm to 3% dearer. All Cott grades – firm to sellers favour.

Cheviots: Hoggs No1 & No2 – firm to buyers favour. Ewes No1 – 2.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – 1.5% dearer. Cross grades – fully firm.

Blackface: Medium No1 – firm. No2 – 1% dearer. Cottis – buyers favour.

Swaledale: Grey - firm.

Welsh: No2 – 1.5% dearer. Coloured kempy – fully firm.