



British Wool – Sale Report

BW166 – 25th July 2023



Key Points

BW166 comprised a mix of old season and new season wool. With UK processors currently on their summer shut down British Wool had scaled back its offer to 177 lots with a total weight of 1,100 tonnes; this included 70 lots of new season wool with a total weight of 558 tonnes, and 107 lots of old season wool with a total weight of 543 tonnes.

Across the catalogue as a whole British Wool achieved an 87% clearance in BW166. 153 lots sold with a total weight of 951 tonnes. This is approximately 100 tonnes more than in the equivalent sale a year ago. 441 tonnes of the wool that sold was from the old season with 510 tonnes from the new season.

Prices for Fine, Medium, Romney and Mule Wools strengthened. Demand for Welsh and Swaledale remains poor with prices cheaper where sold. The index strengthened by 2% sale on sale but the average greasy price was down 5% sale on sale at 72p per kg reflecting an inferior mix of wool sold.

British Wool has now sold 22.4m kg of the 2022 season clip which is equivalent to 97% of its supply for the year. The remaining lots of old season wool will be offered over the next few sales alongside an increased weight of new season wool.

- Total weight offered 1.100m kg Total weight sold 0.951m kg
- Clearance 86.4%
- Average clean price £1.062 / kg Average greasy price £0.719 / kg
- British Wool Index 1.099

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 93%,
- Romney 100%,
- Medium wool 100%,
- Mule wool 79%,
- Hill wool 88%,
- Mountain wool 65%,
- Lamb 100%.

Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW165;

Fine: Ewes No1 – fully firm. Ewes No2 – 4% dearer. Lt Grey – fully 5% dearer.

Medium: Hoggs No1 – fully firm. Hoggs No2 – firm. Ewes No1 – 1.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – sellers favour. Naturally discoloured – 3% dearer. Lt Grey – sellers favour.

Romney: Ewes No1 – 1.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – sellers favour.

Mule: Hoggs No1 – firm to sellers favour. Ewes No1 – 1.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – firm. Cotts grades – firm to 3% dearer. Lt Grey – 2.5% dearer.

Cheviots: Hoggs No1 & No2 – up to 2.5% cheaper. Ewes No1 & No2 – firm. Cross Grades – 2 to 4% dearer.

Blackface: No1 – firm. Cotts – sellers favour.

Welsh: No1 – 2% cheaper. No2 – 4% cheaper. Coloured Kempy – fully firm.

Swaledale: No1 – 2.5% cheaper. Grey – firm.