British Wool – Sale Report

BW167 – 15th August 2023

Key Points

BW167 comprised a mix of old season and new season wool. British Wool had a relatively small offer of 158 lots with a total weight of 1,065 tonnes; this included 682 tonnes of new season wool and 383 tonnes of old season wool.

Across the catalogue as a whole British Wool achieved an 89% clearance in BW167. 138 lots sold with a total weight of 951 tonnes. 636 tonnes of the wool that sold was from the new season with 315 tonnes from the old season.

The index was stable sale on sale but the average greasy price rose 13% sale on sale to 81p per kg. This was due to a significant weight of Organic certified wool in the offer.

British Wool has now sold 22.9m kg of the 2022 season clip which is equivalent to 99% 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 1.065m kg Total weight sold 0.951m kg
- Clearance 89.3%
- Average clean price £1.204 / kg Average greasy price £0.813 / kg
- British Wool Index 1.095

The clearances by wool type were as follows;

- Fine wool 87%,
- Romney 100%,
- Medium wool 100%,
- Mule wool 86%,
- Hill wool 84%,
- Mountain wool 90%,
- Lamb 100%.

Price movements for key wool types

Prices where comparable to BW166;

Fine: Hoggs No1 – 1% dearer. Ewes No1 & Ewes No2 – firm. Lt Grey – 2% dearer.

Medium: Hoggs No1 – buyers favour. Hoggs No2 – fully firm. Ewes No1 – firm. Ewes No2 – sellers favour. Naturally discoloured – 3% dearer. Lt Grey – 2.5% dearer.

Romney: Ewes No1 & No2 – buyers favour.

Mule: Hoggs No1 – up to 2% dearer. Hoggs No2 – sellers favour. Ewes No1 – sellers favour to 1.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – firm to 1.5% dearer. Cotts grades – firm. Lt Grey – firm to 2% dearer.

Cheviots: Hoggs No1 – up to 5% dearer. Ewes No1 – 1.5% dearer. Ewes No2 – fully 1% dearer.

Blackface: Cotts – buyers favour.

Welsh: No1 & No2 – firm. Coloured Kempy – firm.

Swaledale: No1 – fully 7.5% dearer.