

British Wool - Sale Report





KEY METRICS

Index: 1.736 Total weight offered: 1,109 tonnes

Average clean price: £1.758 per kg Total weight sold: 1,104 tonnes

Average greasy price: £1.178 per kg Clearance: 99.6%

SALE REPORT

The British Wool sale on 7th October saw the most intense level of competition in the last decade. Bidding was heated from the first lot in the catalogue and continued to strengthen through the sale. Sales in New Zealand over the last few weeks have also been very competitive with global market demand for quality cross bred wools outstripping supply. All core types traded significantly dearer with core grades of carpet wool trading close to 20% dearer towards the end of the catalogue.

The British Wool index was up 14.2% sale on sale and the average greasy sale price increased by 16% to £1.18 per kg. Prices were last at this level at the end of 2016. The clearance was 99.6% with just one lot of speciality wool being taken back into stock. Of the 1,104 tonnes sold, 1,084 tonnes was 2025 season wool and just 20 tonnes was 2024 season wool.

Test results for new season wool continue to be significantly better than last year for colour and British Wool continues to produce a greater proportion of No.1 grades in the core types. British Wool's intake volumes this season are currently running 3% down year on year and current expectations are for the total supply of wool this season to be lower than last year. Better prices may however encourage some farmers that have been holding onto their wool or using it on farm to present it for sale.

The volumes sold, clearances by wool type, and price changes in BW207 were as below. The next British Wool sale is in two weeks' time on 21st October.

Wool type	Weight sold (Tonnes)	Clearance	Price change
Fine	138	100%	Hoggs 1 – 12.5% Dearer, Hoggs 2 – 11% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 10% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 10% Dearer, Lt. Grey – 8.5% Dearer.
Medium	213	100%	Hoggs 1 – 6% Dearer, Hoggs 2 – 3% Dearer, Ewes 1 – Fully 5% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 7.5% Dearer, Discoloured – 8% Dearer, Light Grey – 6% Dearer.
Romney	42	100%	Hoggs 1 – 11% Dearer, Hoggs 2 – 16% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 12% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 12.5% Dearer, Light Grey – 11% Dearer.
Mule	318	100%	Hoggs 1 – 13% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 13% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 12.5% Dearer, Soft Cotts – up to 16% Dearer, Cotts – 15% Dearer, Lt Grey – 10% Dearer.
Lustre	2	26%	Firm.
Cheviot	53	100%	Hoggs 1 – 12% Dearer, Hoggs 2 – 13% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 9% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 10% Dearer.
Cheviot Cross	48	100%	Up to 14% Dearer.
Hill	32	100%	Medium – 16% Dearer.
Blackface	66	100%	Medium 1 – 16% Dearer, Cotts – 14% Dearer.
Welsh Mountain	81	100%	No 1 – 21% Dearer, No 2 – 25% Dearer, Coloured Kempy – 19% Dearer.
Swaledale	8	100%	No 1 – 11% Dearer.
Lamb	17	100%	15% Dearer
Fault, Oddments, Organic	85	100%	Locks / Oddments – 23% Dearer.

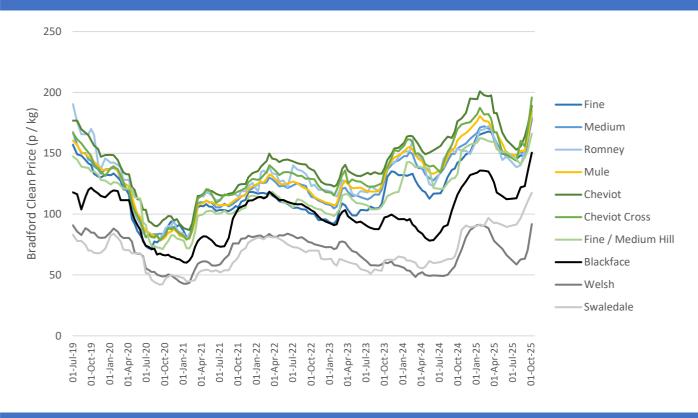


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PRICE MOVEMENTS FOR KEY WOOL TYPES: JULY 2019 TO DATE



PRICE INDEX HISTORY: JULY 2015 TO DATE

