



British Wool – Sale Report

BW217 – 14th April 2026



KEY METRICS

Index:	2.437	Total weight offered:	1,037 tonnes
Average clean price:	£2.511 per kg	Total weight sold:	1,036 tonnes
Average greasy price:	£1.685 per kg	Clearance:	99.8%

SALE REPORT

Prices in the British Wool sale on 14th April were generally firm to 2% dearer with the index rising by just over 1% and a virtually full clearance. Bidding was slightly hesitant for the first few lots, but momentum built as price levels were established. Both domestic and export customers were active with wool secured by a good spread of buyers.

The British Wool index was up 1.2% sale on sale at 2.437 in BW217 with the market further consolidating recent gains. Most core types aside from Swaledale and Blackface traded dearer. The average greasy sale price of £1.685 per kg was 9.4% higher than in BW216 but this was supported by the mix of wools in the offer. BW217 included a number of organic certified lots which attracted a significant premium over the equivalent non-organic grades, and speciality types such as Shetland and Teeswater / Wensleydale which supported the overall average price. These types are not included in the index measure which provides a better indication of the overall market dynamics.

British Wool closed its books for the 2025 clip year at Easter. The final volume figure for the year was 3.0% lower than last season at just over 18.6 million kilos. 81% of British Wool's supply for the current clip year has now been sold. Collections for the new season will commence at the start of May with the wool not expected to come through the auctions until late July.

The volumes sold, clearances by wool type, and price changes in BW216 were as below. The next British Wool sale is in two weeks' time on 28th April.

Wool type	Weight sold (Tonnes)	Clearance	Price change
Fine	155	100%	Hoggs 1 – 1.5% Dearer, Hoggs 2 – 4% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 1.5% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 2% Dearer, Lt. Grey – 2.5% Cheaper
Medium	181	100%	Hoggs 2 – 3% Dearer, Ewes 1 – 1% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 1% Dearer, Discoloured – 1.5% Dearer, Lt Grey – Buyers' favour
Romney	68	100%	Hoggs 1 – Sellers' favour, Ewes 1 – Fully firm, Ewes 2 – Buyers' favour
Mule	233	100%	Hoggs 1 – Firm, Ewes 1 – 1% Dearer, Ewes 2 – 2% Dearer, Soft Cotts – Sellers' favour, Cotts – Firm to 1.5% dearer
Lustre	9	83%	N/A
Cheviot	66	100%	Hoggs 2 – Fully 1% Dearer, Ewes 1 – Firm, Ewes 2 – Firm
Cheviot Cross	0	N/A	N/A
Hill	2	100%	Medium – Buyers' favour
Blackface	72	100%	No. 1 – Fully firm, Cotts – 2% Cheaper
Welsh Mountain	73	100%	No. 1 – Up to 5% Dearer, No. 2 – 3.5% Dearer, Coloured Kempy – Sellers' favour
Swaledale	16	100%	No. 1 – 2% Cheaper
Lamb	5	100%	N/A
Fault, Oddments, Organic, Organic	155	100%	Oddments – Fully firm to 2.5% dearer

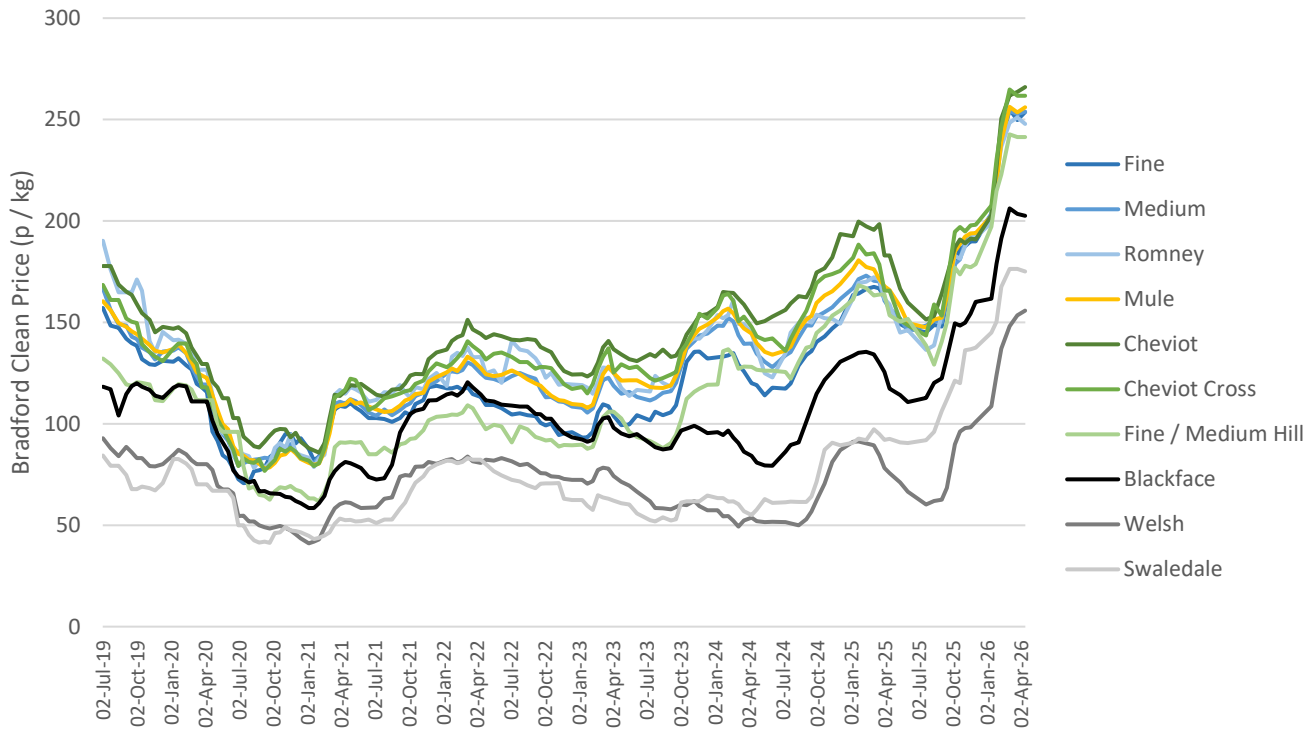


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PRICE MOVEMENTS FOR KEY WOOL TYPES: JULY 2019 TO DATE



PRICE INDEX HISTORY: JULY 2015 TO DATE

