



British Wool – Sale Report

BW218 – 28th April 2026



KEY METRICS

Index:	2.424	Total weight offered:	1,143 tonnes
Average clean price:	£2.483 per kg	Total weight sold:	1,126 tonnes
Average greasy price:	£1.632 per kg	Clearance:	98.6%

SALE REPORT

Prices in the British Wool sale on 28th April were generally firm sale on sale with a virtually full clearance. Bidding was slightly hesitant for the first few lots but became more confident as it became clear that prices were holding steady with the previous sale. It should be noted that a significant number of the lots in the offer were below the usual size and that the offer included several once per year speciality types.

The British Wool index was down 0.6% sale on sale at 2.424 in BW218 with the market further consolidating. Most core types traded within 1% of the previous sale. The average greasy sale price of £1.632 per kg was 3% lower than in BW217 but this was largely driven by the mix of wools in the offer. BW218 included a number of organic certified lots which once again attracted a significant premium over the equivalent non-organic grades.

British Wool has 2.4 million kg of the 2025 clip left to sell and only has two sales scheduled through May and June. Assuming that demand holds steady there will be very little supply to carry over into the first sale of the 2026 season in late July.

The volumes sold, clearances by wool type, and price changes in BW218 were as below. The next British Wool sale is in three weeks' time on 19th May.

Wool type	Weight sold (Tonnes)	Clearance	Price change
Fine	158	100%	Hoggs 1 – Fully firm, Hoggs 3% Cheaper, Ewes 1 – Firm, Ewes 2 – Firm, Lt. Grey – Buyers' favour
Medium	187	98%	Hoggs 1 – Buyers' favour, Hoggs 2 – 3% Cheaper, Ewes 1 – Seller's favour, Ewes 2 – Firm, Discoloured – 2.5% Cheaper, Lt Grey – Firm
Romney	53	100%	Hoggs 1 – Buyers' favour, Ewes 1 – 1% Dearer, Ewes 2 – Seller's favour
Mule	206	99%	Hoggs 1 – 1.5% Dearer, Hoggs 2 – Buyers' favour, Ewes 1 – Fully firm, Ewes 2 – Seller's favour, Soft Cotts – Firm, Cotts – Firm, Lt. Grey – Firm
Lustre	20	84%	Firm
Cheviot	47	100%	Hoggs 1 – Up to 1% dearer, Hoggs 2 – 1% Dearer, Ewes 1 – Up to 1% dearer, Ewes 2 – 1% Dearer
Cheviot Cross	32	100%	N/A
Hill	34	100%	N/A
Blackface	68	95%	No. 1 – 1% Dearer, Cotts – Fully firm
Welsh Mountain	47	94%	No. 1 – Buyer's favour, No. 2 – Firm, Coloured Kempy – 4% Dearer
Swaledale	17	100%	No. 1 – Firm
Lamb	22	100%	Firm
Fault, Oddments, Organic, Organic	231	100%	Oddments – Fully to 2% dearer

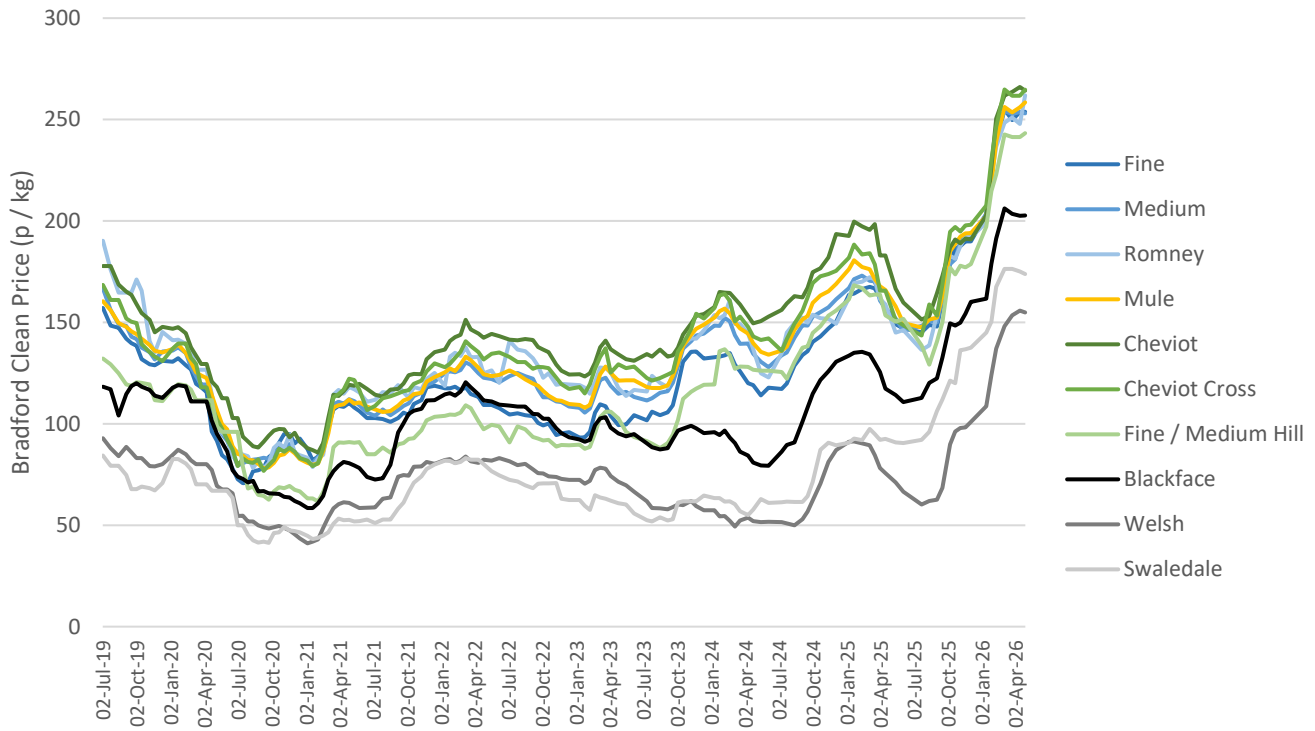


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PRICE MOVEMENTS FOR KEY WOOL TYPES: JULY 2019 TO DATE



PRICE INDEX HISTORY: JULY 2015 TO DATE

