

York Sale Report 2026

There was a strong demand for females at the York Sale held on 3 October. 22 Ewes of various ages and qualities were forward and all sold at an average of 69gns with the best ones in excess of 80gns to a top of 160gns.

Gimmer Shearings were in similar demand. The 43 forward all sold at an average of 115gns with a quarter of them in excess of 130gns, some very much so. Katy Tunstall's Reserve Breed Champion sold for 240gns and the demand continued right to the end, with the last three sheep, all from Sam Alston, selling for 160gns, 300gns and 290gns.

The 12 Ewe Lambs forward all sold at an average of 110gns with Larry Cowper's 1st prize winner making 270gns.

There was much less demand for rams with only the very best selling for serious prices. All 4 mature rams sold, but the average of 206gns was boosted by the Breed Champion, a 5 year old from Larry Cowper, changing hands for 540gns.

Strong bidding for the first Shearling Ram into the ring, from Chas and Kath Heeley, saw him knocked down for 560gns. Thereafter, many sold for only cull prices with just two (one of them post-sale) making respectable money, and 4 of the 19 forward not making their reserve. Two of the three Ram Lambs presented were sold at an average of 105gns.

