

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators April 2023 Snapshot (week 1-4)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	April 2022	April 2023	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	416.9	482.1	+15.6%
Average Cow Price	324.9	365.3	+12.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	427.2	492.9	+15.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	406.6	467.2	+14.9%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	442.5	497.5	+12.4%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	29,651	28,290	-4.6%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	8,347	7,934	-4.9%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	346.2	339.6	-1.9%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	307.3	300.3	-2.3%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,172	1,489	+27.0%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	385	170	-55.8%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	453,392	443,003	-2.3%
Beef Sired	414,328	410,420	-0.9%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	39,064	32,583	-16.6%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	61,914	55,914	-9.7%
Beef Sired	50,978	46,830	-8.1%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	3,774	2,839	-24.8%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)			
	83.7	88.1	+5.3%
* Aged between 12-30 mths (Beef + Dairy Male Only)			
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI prime cattle price** was up 65.2p/kg to 482.1p/kg in April 2023. This was a 15.6 per cent increase from April 2022.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 40.4p/kg in April this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 65.7p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 60.6p/kg in ROI and 55p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



NI prime cattle throughput declined by 1,361 head in April 2023 with 28,290 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput also decreased by 413 head, from April 2022 levels. Meanwhile, average carcase weights declined by 1.9 per cent for prime cattle to 339.6kg, and cow carcasses were back 2.3 per cent to 300.3kg on average.



Imports for direct slaughter were up almost 27 per cent in April 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 170 head in April 2023, back more than half from April 2022.



Number of beef sired cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in April 2023 was back approximately one per cent from April 2022 to total 410,420 head. Dairy male cattle numbers declined by a significant 16.6 per cent to total 32,583 head.



Calf registrations in April 2023 were back 9.7 per cent when compared to same period in 2022. Beef sired calf registrations were back 8.1 per cent from April 2022 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back almost a quarter or by 935 head.

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