

## Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators May 2023 Snapshot (week 5-9)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	May 2022	May 2023	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	427.3	482.7	+13.0%
Average Cow Price	340.7	368.8	+8.2%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	437.8	493.9	+12.8%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	440.2	458.3	+4.1%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	445.3	499.3	+12.1%
<b>NI Throughput</b>			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	38,124	35,949	-5.7%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	10,066	9,573	-4.9%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	343.5	339.7	-1.1%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	305.5	304.1	-0.5%
<b>Trade (Head)</b>			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,523	2,544	+67.0%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	878	120	-86.3%
<b>Availability (Head)</b>			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	463,285	458,154	-1.1%
Beef Sired	426,620	426,882	+0.1%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	36,665	31,272	-14.7%
<b>Calf Births Registrations (Head)</b>			
Calf Births	61,974	56,379	-9.0%
Beef Sired	58,562	53,798	-8.1%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	3,412	2,581	-24.4%
<b>Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)</b>	85.0	87.0	+2.4%
* Aged between 12-30 mths (Beef + Dairy Male Only)			
<b>All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated</b>			

### Key trends



The average **NI prime cattle price** was up 55.4p/kg to 482.7p/kg in May 2023. This was a 13 per cent increase from May 2022.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 28.1p/kg in May this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 56.1p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 18.1p/kg in ROI and 54p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



**NI prime cattle throughput** decreased by 2,175 head in May 2023 with 35,949 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput also declined by 493 head, back 4.9 per cent from May 2022. Average carcase weights were back by 3.8kg for prime cattle and were back 1.4kg for cows.



**Imports for direct slaughter** were up by 67 per cent in May 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 120 head in May 2023, back by 758 head from May 2022.



**Number of beef sired cattle** on the ground aged 12-30 months in May 2023 was up 0.1 per cent from May 2022 to total 426,882 head. Dairy male cattle numbers declined almost 15 per cent to total 31,272 head.



**Calf registrations** in May 2023 were back 5,595 head when compared to same period in 2022. Beef sired calf registrations declined by 8.1 per cent from May 2022 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back almost a quarter or by 831 head.

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