

## Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators July 2023 Snapshot (week 14-17)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	July 2022	July 2023	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	430.4	457.1	+6.2%
Average Cow Price	353.2	334.4	-5.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	441.3	470.5	+6.6%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	419.4	419.6	+0.0%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	446.9	475.9	+6.5%
<b>NI Throughput</b>			
Total Clean Slaughtering (Head)	23,481	23,962	+2.0%
Total Cow Slaughtering (Head)	8,285	8,274	-0.1%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	341.8	336.7	-1.5%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	308.8	305.9	-0.9%
<b>Trade (Head)</b>			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,729	1,761	+1.9%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	199	154	-22.6%
<b>Availability (Head)</b>			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	471,239	465,175	-1.3%
Beef Sired	437,102	436,337	-0.2%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	34,137	28,838	-15.5%
<b>Calf Births Registrations (Head)</b>			
Calf Births	32,329	35,073	+8.5%
Beef Sired	29,997	34,369	+14.6%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	2,332	704	-69.8%
<b>Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)</b>	85.0	85.9	+1.0%
* 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 26.7p/kg to 457.1p/kg in July 2023. This was a 6.2 per cent increase from July 2022.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 18.8p/kg in July this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 29.2p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 0.2p/kg in ROI and 29p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



**NI prime cattle throughput** increased by 481 head in July 2023 with 23,962 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput decreased by a marginal 11 head or 0.1 per cent from July 2022. Average carcase weights were back by 1.5 per cent for prime cattle and were back 0.9 per cent for cows.



**Imports for direct slaughter** were up 1.9 per cent in July 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 154 head in July 2023, back 45 head from July 2022.



**Number of beef sired cattle** on the ground aged 12-30 months in July 2023 was back 1.3 per cent from July 2022 to total 465,175 head. Dairy male cattle numbers declined by 5,299 head or by 15.5 per cent.



**Calf registrations** in July 2023 were up 2,744 head or 8.5 per cent when compared to the same period in 2022. Beef sired calf registrations increased by 14.6 per cent from July 2022 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back almost 70 per cent or by 1,628 head.

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