

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators November 2023 Snapshot (week 31-35)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	November 2022	November 2023	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	427.4	452.3	+5.8%
Average Cow Price	305.1	270.0	-11.5%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	439.5	464.2	+5.6%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	402.0	409.8	+1.9%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	451.8	489.5	+8.4%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	40,441	33,723	-16.6%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	15,137	12,668	-16.3%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	341.2	341.4	+0.0%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	296.3	286.1	-3.5%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	2,817	1,825	-35.2%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	277	117	-57.8%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	418,248	Data not currently available	
Beef Sired	384,608		
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	33,640		
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	28,273	27,374	-3.2%
Beef Sired	23,966	23,557	-1.7%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	4,307	3,817	-11.4%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	86.9	87.0	+0.2%
* 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 almost 24.9p/kg to 452.3p/kg in November 2023. This was a 5.8 per cent increase from November 2022.



The average **NI cow price** declined by 35.1p/kg in November this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 24.7p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 7.8p/kg in ROI and 37.7p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



NI prime cattle throughput declined by 6,718 head in November 2023 with 33,723 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput declined by 2,469 head, back 16.3 per cent from November 2022. Average carcase weights were back marginally for prime cattle and by 10.2kg for cows.



Imports for direct slaughter declined in November 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Meanwhile, exports for direct slaughter totalled 117 head during November 2023, back 160 head from November 2022.

Cattle on the Ground data not currently available



Calf registrations during November 2023 were back 899 head or 3.2 per cent when compared to the same period in 2022. Beef sired calf registrations declined by 1.7 per cent from November 2022 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 11.4 per cent or by 490 head.