

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators March 2022 Snapshot (week 48-52)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	March 2021	March 2022	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	369.7	405.6	+9.7%
Average Cow Price	259.2	302.3	+16.6%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	381.9	416.4	+9.0%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	329.3	394.2	+19.7%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	393.3	423.4	+7.7%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	31,640	37,559	+18.7%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	8,301	10,925	+31.6%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	345.1	346.8	+0.5%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	310.7	306.2	-1.4%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	2,129	1,615	-24.1%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	235	550	+134.0%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	462,529	424,936	-8.1%
Beef Sired	423,748	384,731	-9.2%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	38,781	40,205	+3.7%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	53,967	48,216	-10.7%
Beef Sired	39,073	35,531	-9.1%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	5,967	4,260	-28.6%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)			
	85.8	83.6	-2.6%

* Aged between 12-30 mths (Beef + Dairy Male Only)

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Key trends



The average **NI prime cattle price** was up 35.9p/kg to 405.6p/kg in March 2022. This was a 9.7 per cent increase from March 2021.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 43.1p/kg in March this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 34.5p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 64.9p/kg in ROI and just over 30p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



NI prime cattle throughput increased by 5,919 head in March 2022 with 37,559 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput also increased to 10,925 head, up 31.6 per cent from March 2021. Average carcase weights increased by 0.5 per cent for prime cattle and were back 1.4 per cent for cows.



Imports for direct slaughter were back almost a quarter in March 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 550 head in March 2022, up 315 head from March 2021.



Number of beef sired cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in March 2022 was back 9.2 per cent from March 2021 to total 384,731 head. Dairy male cattle numbers increased 3.7 per cent to total 40,205 head.



Calf registrations in March 2022 were back 5,751 head when compared to same period in 2021. Beef sired calf registrations decreased by 9.1 per cent from March 2021 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 28.6 per cent or 1,707 head.

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