

## Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators October 2022 Snapshot (week 27-30)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	October 2021	October 2022	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	391.6	425.7	+8.7%
Average Cow Price	277.9	325.1	+17.0%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	401.2	436.2	+8.7%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	354.5	401.1	+13.2%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	417.5	449.2	+7.6%
<b>NI Throughput</b>			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	30,249	32,582	+7.7%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	9,483	11,166	+17.7%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	352.0	345.4	-1.9%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	303.1	300.2	-0.9%
<b>Trade (Head)</b>			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,759	2,234	+27.0%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	427	270	-36.8%
<b>Availability (Head)</b>			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	447,676	438,646	-2.0%
Beef Sired	412,085	404,918	-1.7%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	35,591	33,728	-5.2%
<b>Calf Births Registrations (Head)</b>			
Calf Births	27,036	28,123	+4.0%
Beef Sired	21,575	23,245	+7.7%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	5,461	4,878	-10.7%
<b>Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)</b>	84.7	87.1	+2.8%

\* 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 34.1p/kg to 425.7p/kg in October 2022. This was an 8.7 per cent increase from October 2021.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 47.2p/kg in October this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 35p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 46.6p/kg in ROI and 31.7p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



**NI prime cattle throughput** increased by 2,333 head in October 2022 with 32,582 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput increased by 1,683 head, up 17.7 per cent from October 2021. Average carcase weights were back by 6.6kg for prime cattle and were back 2.9kg for cows.



**Imports for direct slaughter** were up 27 per cent in October 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 270 head in October 2022, back 157 head from October 2021.



**Number of beef sired cattle** on the ground aged 12-30 months in October 2022 was back 1.7 per cent from October 2021 to total 404,918 head. Dairy male cattle numbers decreased 5.2 per cent to total 33,728 head.



**Calf registrations** in October 2022 were up 1,087 head or 4 per cent when compared to the same period in 2021. Beef sired calf registrations increased by 7.7 per cent from October 2021 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 10.7 per cent or by 583 head.

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