

## Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators March 2023 Snapshot (week 48-52)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	March 2022	March 2023	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	405.6	472.5	+16.5%
Average Cow Price	302.3	358.9	+18.7%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	416.4	483.8	+16.2%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	394.2	466.0	+18.2%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	423.4	492.8	+16.4%
<b>NI Throughput</b>			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	37,559	34,761	-7.4%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	10,925	10,047	-8.0%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	346.8	340.4	-1.9%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	306.2	298.5	-2.5%
<b>Trade (Head)</b>			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,615	1,509	-6.6%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	549	282	-48.6%
<b>Availability (Head)</b>			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	424,936	412,789	-2.9%
Beef Sired	384,731	379,316	-1.4%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	40,205	33,473	-16.7%
<b>Calf Births Registrations (Head)</b>			
Calf Births	48,216	51,713	+7.3%
Beef Sired	35,531	38,552	+8.5%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	4,260	3,970	-6.8%
<b>Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)</b>			
	83.6	88.2	+5.4%

\* 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 66.9p/kg to 472.5p/kg in March 2023. This was a 16.5 per cent increase from March 2022.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 56.6p/kg in March this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 67.4p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 71.8p/kg in ROI and 69.4 p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



**NI prime cattle throughput** declined by 2,798 head in March 2023 with 34,761 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput also decreased back 878 head from March 2022. Average carcase weights declined by 6kg for prime cattle and were back 8kg for cows.



**Imports for direct slaughter** were back 6.6 per cent in March 2023 compared to March 2022. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 282 head in March 2023, back 48.6 per cent head from March 2022.



**Number of beef sired cattle** on the ground aged 12-30 months in March 2023 was back 1.4 per cent from March 2022 to total 379,316 head. Dairy male cattle numbers were back 16.7 per cent to total 33,473 head.



**Calf registrations** in March 2023 were up 3,497 head when compared to same period in 2022. Beef sired calf registrations increased by 8.5 per cent from March 2022 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 6.8 per cent or by 290 head.