

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 23/10/23	Next Week 30/10/23
Prime		
U-3	440 - 450p	No quotes available, see note below.
R-3	434 - 444p	
O+3	428 - 438p	
P+3	376 - 382p	
Cows		
O+3	304 - 336p	

Cow quotes vary depending on weight and grade.

Pricing policies vary from plant to plant. Producers are advised to check pricing policies before presenting cattle for slaughter.

Statutory veterinary and meat inspection services within NI slaughter sites are expected to be affected by the planned civil service strikes next week, Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November. At the point of publishing NI meat processors will not be slaughtering livestock, and therefore no base quotes are available for early next week. If you had planned to slaughter please keep in touch with your processor(s). Live animal imports/exports for direct slaughter will also be impacted. LMC will strive to keep stakeholders updated on this situation. Daily updates will be available on the LMC Market Update web page and via the LMC answerphone.

FQAS MART SESSIONS NOVEMBER

LMC Farm Liaison Officer, Terry White, will be available at the livestock marts listed below during the month ahead to assist members or applicants with any queries.

Saintfield, Wednesday 1st November (Day)

Kilrea, Wednesday 8th November (Day)

Enniskillen, Thursday 9th November (Day)

Call Terry on the farm quality helpline on 028 9263 3024.

FINAL FREE AMR TRAINING EVENT

Training in the responsible use of antimicrobials is a requirement of NI Beef & Lamb Farm Quality Assurance certification. Members are required to present their training certificate at their farm quality assurance inspection.

LMC encourage those beef and lamb producers who are not already certified to avail of the final free training events on Monday 30th October at 7.30pm in the Seagoe Hotel in Portadown or an online webinar on Tuesday 31st October at 7.30pm. Booking for this event is required and more information can be found at this link: cafre.ac.uk

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 21/10/23	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	217.0	235.0	246.4	262.3
P2	234.5	269.5	281.2	302.5
P3	279.7	288.8	305.8	310.2
O3	314.1	307.6	332.9	331.4
O4	-	292.0	322.0	336.0
R3	-	-	355.0	348.8

Deadweight Cattle Trade

Base quotes from the major NI processing plants ended this week ranging from 440-450p/kg for in spec U-3 grade prime cattle. Quotes for O+3 grading cows this week ranged from 304-336p/kg across the plants.

Strong levels of cattle passed through the NI plants last week as processors implement production plans to account for a missed or reduced throughput next week. Last week prime cattle throughput totalled 7,729 head. This was an increase of 386 head from the 7,343 head processed during the previous week, while cow throughput in NI last week also increased from the previous week to total 2,824 head.

Last week direct slaughter imports from ROI totalled 438 prime cattle, an increase of 200 head from the week prior. A further 177 cows were imported, a similar level to the previous week. Exports from NI to ROI consisted of 33 cows and one heifer, with no cattle moved between NI and GB for direct slaughter last week.

The deadweight trade for cattle in NI softened overall last week, while by category steers remained relatively steady. The average steer price remained steady on the previous week at 454.8p/kg while the R3 steer price was up by 0.2p/kg to 465.5p/kg. Meanwhile the average heifer price was back 1.9p/kg to 454.2p/kg with the R3 heifer price back 1.8p/kg to 464.3p/kg. Moreover, last week the trade for young bulls was back 4.1p/kg on average to 437.1p/kg. The cow trade in NI continued to record declines last week with the average cow price falling 14p/kg to 289.7p/kg while the average O3 and P3 cow price reported a decline of 8.1p/kg and 11.8p/kg to 331p/kg and 308.3p/kg respectively.

In ROI last week the trade for prime cattle improved however, the trade for cows continues to come under pressure across both ROI and GB.

LAST WEEK'S DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (UK / ROI)

W/E 21/10/23		Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB	
		Steers	U3	467.1	410.1	503.0	494.0	489.7	495.6
	R3	465.5	400.5	501.3	489.9	482.9	486.8	489.1	
	R4	464.3	399.1	499.8	494.3	478.9	487.2	494.2	
	O3	454.0	383.9	483.9	475.1	466.4	466.3	470.9	
	AVG	454.8	-	497.5	483.8	473.0	474.0	481.9	
	Heifers	U3	467.9	415.5	503.2	495.2	494.6	494.2	496.6
	R3	464.3	405.3	496.6	488.3	485.3	485.1	487.4	
	R4	461.1	404.9	497.6	491.4	482.5	487.1	491.9	
	O3	453.1	396.6	481.3	468.8	458.7	463.1	464.0	
	AVG	454.2	-	495.2	479.6	469.1	466.6	477.4	
	Young Bulls	U3	455.9	401.3	490.8	468.1	481.9	497.8	481.5
	R3	451.3	393.3	485.5	475.2	476.6	456.8	477.4	
	O3	436.0	378.9	455.4	452.6	445.5	441.1	448.9	
	AVG	437.1	-	473.5	463.7	461.1	432.8	462.5	
	Prime Cattle Price Reported	5,901	-	6,000	6,994	7,884	5,142	26,020	
	Cows	O3	331.0	331.3	362.7	342.7	338.1	338.9	342.2
		O4	335.6	331.9	369.4	345.5	333.1	340.6	342.7
		P2	287.9	287.6	315.9	308.1	296.8	308.6	303.9
		P3	308.3	314.0	342.6	317.5	310.3	320.0	316.4
		AVG	289.7	-	354.8	320.4	300.5	300.3	310.7

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=86.86p Stg
(ii) Shading indicates a lower price than the previous week.
(iii) AVG is the average of all grades in the category, not just those listed

Please note the reported cattle prices listed above include premiums. LMC continues work to resolve the NIFAIS related issues affecting collation of some market information outputs including the non-premium cattle pricing reported on a weekly basis within the LMC Bulletin.

LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

LATEST LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES NI

W/E 21/10/23	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
Finished Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers	267	307	282	210	266	230
Friesians	200	216	208	184	200	190
Heifers	265	299	278	210	264	230
Beef Cows	204	236	217	155	203	178
Dairy Cows	136	179	145	60	135	85
Store Cattle (p/kg)						
Bullocks up to 400kg	280	348	300	200	279	240
Bullocks 400kg - 500kg	250	314	280	200	249	225
Bullocks over 500kg	235	300	265	170	234	200
Heifers up to 450kg	235	294	255	200	234	210
Heifers over 450kg	230	294	250	180	229	205

LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 21/10/23		Lambs			
To: 26/10/23		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	1037	498	556	-
	Swatragh	1270	452	498	-
Monday	Kilrea	1200	477	506	-
	Markethill	1330	460	500	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	980	477	525	-
	Rathfriland	1253	460	532	480
Wednesday	Ballymena	2661	465	514	478
	Arroy	441	465	505	-

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP

NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 23/10/23	Next Week 30/10/23
R3 Lambs up to 21kg	515 - 525p	No quotes available.

REPORTED SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 07/10/23	W/E 14/10/23	W/E 21/10/23
NI L/W Lambs	471.2	475.4	482.9
NI D/W Lambs	518.3	518.6	513.3
GB D/W Lambs	549.6	556.7	570.5
ROI D/W	534.4	532.5	541.1

Deadweight Sheep Trade

Base quotes from the NI processing plants for R3 grade lambs strengthened as the week progressed and ended this week in the region of 525p/kg up to 21kg. Lamb throughout locally remained strong last week totalling 11,116 head while the average carcass weight increased to 21.4kg, up 0.2kg from the previous week. Lamb exports to ROI last week for direct slaughter were back by 1,381 head from the previous week to total 5,548 head. Meanwhile, last week in NI marts a strong demand from both local and southern buyers saw an average liveweight price of 482.9p/kg paid, up 7.5p/kg from the previous week. The average deadweight lamb price in NI was back by 5.3p/kg to 513.3p/kg last week. In ROI last week an average deadweight lamb price of 541.1p/kg was recorded up 8.6p/kg from the previous week.

Liveweight Sheep Trade

Larger numbers of lambs passed through the NI marts last week with an improved trade also reported. Levels of cull ewes passing through the marts have declined with the trade remaining relatively steady. Last week top reported prices for fat ewes ranged from £123 - £220.