

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators September 2023 Snapshot (week 23-26)

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	September 2022	September 2023	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	488.4	518.6	+6.2%
Average Liveweight Price NI	450.3	476.5	+5.8%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	524.6	550.5	+4.9%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	537.0	531.4	-1.0%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughtering (Head)	41,533	44,918	+8.2%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughtering (Head)	2,801	2,681	-4.3%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	21.2	21.0	-0.9%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	25.6	25.1	-2.3%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	34,015	27,245	-19.9%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	87.5	87.4	-0.1%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight hogget/lamb price** during September 2023 was up 30.2p/kg from the same price in September 2022. This is an increase of £6.34 on the value of 21kg lamb carcase.



The average **GB deadweight hogget/lamb price** increased by 25.9p/kg or 4.9 per cent from September 2022.



The average **ROI deadweight hogget/lamb price** was back by the equivalent of 5.6p/kg or by one per cent when compared to the same price in September last year.



Hogget/Lamb throughput totalled 44,918 head during September 2023, an increase of 8.2 per cent when compared to the same period last year. Average carcase weight for hoggets/lambs declined 0.2kg.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter declined by 6,670 head or 20 per cent when compared to September 2022.