

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators October 2023 Snapshot (week 27-30)

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	October 2022	October 2023	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	498.9	517.6	+3.8%
Average Liveweight Price NI	460.0	475.8	+3.4%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	522.4	562.5	+7.7%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	532.7	538.4	+1.1%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughterings (Head)	42,905	45,028	+4.9%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughterings (Head)	3,173	2,333	-26.5%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	21.4	21.3	-0.1%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	25.3	24.9	-1.7%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	32,410	32,366	-0.1%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	87.1	86.8	-0.3%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



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



The average **GB deadweight hogget/lamb price** was up 40.1p/kg or 7.7 per cent from October 2022.



The average **ROI deadweight hogget/lamb price** was up by the equivalent of 5.7p/kg when compared to the same price in October last year.



Hogget/Lamb throughput totalled 45,028 head during October 2023, an increase of 2,123 head or 4.9 per cent when compared to the same period last year. Average carcase weight for hoggets/lambs declined 0.1kg.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter remained at similar levels to October 2022, totalling 32,366 head.