

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators November 2023 Snapshot (week 31-35)

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	November 2022	November 2023	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	515.3	531.0	+3.1%
Average Liveweight Price NI	474.9	475.5	+0.1%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	541.0	582.9	+7.7%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	548.8	555.3	+1.2%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughtering (Head)	51,181	43,167	-15.7%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughtering (Head)	3,026	2,677	-11.5%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	21.9	21.8	-0.6%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	25.0	25.6	+2.4%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	39,241	43,542	+11.0%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	86.9	87.0	0.2%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight hogget/lamb** price during November 2023 saw an increase of 15.7p/kg from the same price in November 2022, an increase equivalent to of £3.45 on the value of a 22kg lamb carcase.



The average **GB deadweight hogget/lamb price** was up 41.9p/kg or 7.7 per cent from November 2022.



The average **ROI deadweight hogget/lamb price** was 555.3p/kg an increase the equivalent of 6.5p/kg when compared to the same price in November last year.



Hogget/Lamb throughput totalled 43,167 head during November 2023, a decline of 8,014 head or 15.7 per cent when compared to the same period last year.* Average carcase weight for hoggets/lambs marginally declined 0.1kg to 21.8kg.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter increased by 4,301 head or 11 per cent when compared to November 2022.

*Veterinary division civil service strikes affected NI slaughter plants throughput during Week 31, 2023.