

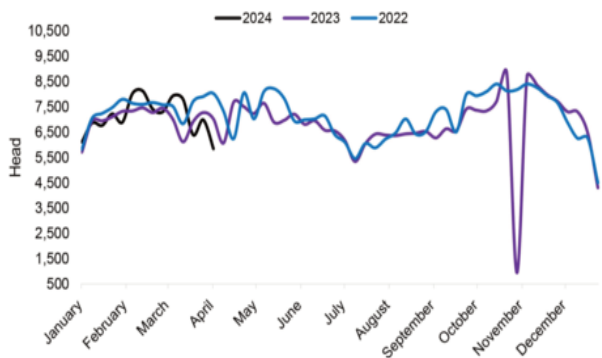
## DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

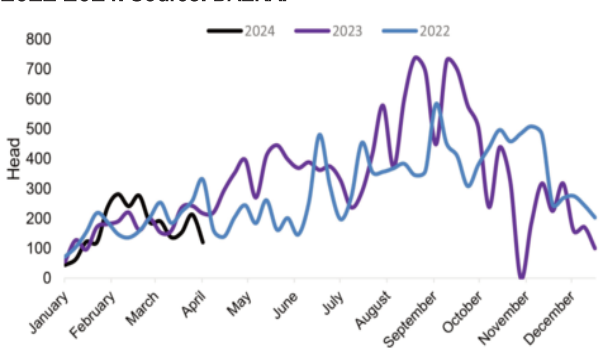
(P/KG DW)	This Week 08/04/24	Next Week 15/04/24
<b>Prime</b>		
U-3	454 - 464p	458 - 466p
R-3	448 - 458p	452 - 460p
O+3	442 - 452p	446 - 454p
P+3	386 - 396p	390 - 398p
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	325 - 340p	325 - 340p

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.

### Prime Cattle Throughput in NI to date 2022-2024. Source: DAERA.



### Prime Cattle Imports from ROI for Direct Slaughter to date 2022-2024. Source: DAERA.



### REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 06/04/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	482.1	485.1	479.6
R3	476.1	478.1	464.5
O+3	469.0	470.6	461.4

\*Prices exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic cattle

### REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 06/04/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	219.4	237.8	254.1	271.0
P2	246.5	266.1	286.9	311.7
P3	280.4	286.8	300.1	317.6
O3	-	325.0	325.6	332.3
O4	-	-	340.8	339.4
R3	-	-	-	358.7

### Deadweight Cattle Trade

Last week in NI, 5,843 head of prime cattle and 1,573 cows were slaughtered in local plants, a decline of 1,143 prime cattle and 508 cows from the week previous. Imports of prime cattle for direct slaughter continued to decline last week with 120 head imported from ROI, a decrease of 93 head from the week previous. Prime cattle imports from ROI last week were 45 per cent behind levels imported during the same week last year. Imports of cows from ROI also continue at lower levels with 86 head imported last week, 18 per cent behind the same week last year.

The deadweight cattle trade strengthened across NI for the most part with average steers and young bulls up 2.5p/kg to 472.7p/kg and 2p/kg to 455.8p/kg respectively. Heifers were back 0.2p/kg on average last week to 472.3p/kg. The cow trade in NI weakened across all grades last week bringing the average cow price back 5.3p/kg to 297.1p/kg.

In ROI the deadweight cattle trade continued to strengthen in both euro and sterling terms with the average price paid for R3 steers and heifers increasing by 1.9p/kg and 1.5p/kg to 448.9p/kg and 453.2p/kg respectively. O3 grading cows were back 1.1p/kg to 363.2p/kg, however remained 31.5p/kg ahead of the O3 cow price in NI last week.

In GB the prime cattle trade continued to decline across all grades last week with average steers, heifers and young bulls back 1.7p/kg, 0.7p/kg and 1.5p/kg respectively. Meanwhile the cow trade continues to strengthen with the average deadweight cow price up 2.3p/kg to 355p/kg, 57.9p/kg ahead of the O3 cow price in NI.

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

W/E 06/04/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	483.4	456.3	491.9	500.4	498.7	497.4
	R3	480.3	448.9	493.4	500.0	494.3	495.3
	R4	479.4	452.2	493.7	498.0	493.4	494.8
	O3	471.3	440.5	477.0	478.4	482.2	479.7
	AVG	472.7	-	489.7	491.2	486.9	488.2
Heifers	U3	484.6	465.1	501.8	501.3	506.7	503.3
	R3	479.5	453.2	493.6	496.0	494.9	494.0
	R4	478.0	456.3	494.0	496.7	492.8	492.0
	AVG	472.3	-	491.1	486.5	485.7	485.6
Young Bulls	U3	471.4	446.3	474.7	484.8	494.5	486.5
	R3	460.8	437.2	479.2	476.8	484.0	481.3
	AVG	455.8	-	465.8	469.4	468.9	468.0
Prime Cattle Price Reported	5,052	-	5,373	6,202	7,259	4,778	23,612
Cows	O3	331.7	363.2	380.9	381.6	382.6	377.7
	O4	339.5	363.1	381.9	386.2	384.3	379.8
	P2	291.0	329.1	335.8	337.9	337.9	333.7
	P3	313.2	348.5	358.3	354.5	360.4	358.4
AVG	297.1	-	374.3	362.5	352.2	343.6	355.0

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=85.7p 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

## LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### LATEST LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES NI

W/E 06/04/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
<b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers	265	297	280	220	264	240
Friesians	224	230	227	201	220	210
Heifers	265	306	280	215	264	240
Beef Cows	220	290	244	150	219	185
Dairy Cows	144	165	152	68	143	105
<b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers up to 400kg						
Steers 400kg - 500kg						
Steers over 500kg	No Sale - Easter break					
Heifers up to 450kg						
Heifers over 450kg						
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>						
Continental Bulls	400	515	435	300	395	350
Continental Heifers	375	515	420	250	370	310
Friesian Bulls	135	235	160	40	130	80
Holstein Bulls	80	160	115	4	75	40

## DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 08/04/24	Next Week 15/04/24
R3 Hoggets up to 22kg	700p	700p
R3 Hoggets up to 22.5kg	700 - 710p	700 - 710p

### REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 23/03/24	W/E 30/03/24	W/E 06/04/24
D/W R3 Hoggets	726.7	723.1	725.5
D/W Hoggets	727.2	719.7	728.1
L/W Hoggets	619.4	619.5	632.8
D/W R3 Spring Lambs	834.7	808.3	804.1
D/W Spring Lambs	807.5	797.5	796.5
L/W Spring Lambs	746.1	787.8	765.3

### REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)

GB D/W Hoggets	838.8	816.3	829.5
ROI D/W Hoggets	722.8	738.1	744.5

### Deadweight Sheep Trade

Last week, 5,998 hoggets were slaughtered in local plants, a decline of 1,212 head from the week prior and back 33 per cent from the same week last year. Meanwhile, exports of hoggets to ROI for direct slaughter last week totalled 6,360 head. The deadweight trade for spring lambs reported a softening last week back 1p/kg on average to 796.5p/kg. The average R3 spring lamb price was back 4.2p/kg to 804.1p/kg. The hogget trade reported an increase of 8.4p/kg to 728.1p/kg on average while the average R3 deadweight hogget price in NI was up 2.4p/kg to 725.5p/kg last week. Across the water, in GB, deadweight hoggets were up 13.2p/kg on average and in ROI an increase the equivalent of 6.4p/kg was reported last week.

### Liveweight Sheep Trade

The liveweight hogget trade in NI strengthened last week up 13.3p/kg to an average price of 632.8p/kg, meanwhile the live trade for spring lambs was back 22.5p/kg to 765.3p/kg on average. Spring lamb numbers passing through NI marts increased last week while selling at a similar trade to the previous week. 131 lambs in Ballymena sold from 730-841p/kg (avg 775p/kg) and on Tuesday in Rathfriland, 59 lambs sold from 700-758p/kg (avg 749p/kg). The ewe trade in NI remains strong with a top price of £246 reported in Kilrea on Monday.

## LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 06/04/24	To: 11/04/24	Hoggets			Spring Lambs				
		No	From	To	Avg	No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	262	623	761	-	14	667	772	-
	Swatragh	600	652	760	-	-	-	-	-
Monday	Kilrea	750	660	767	-	-	-	-	-
	Markethill	750	610	680	-	55	700	773	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	410	620	727	-	-	-	-	-
	Rathfriland	504	653	714	654	59	700	758	749
Wednes- day	Ballymena	852	620	730	670	131	730	841	775
	Enniskillen	432	650	706	-	25	700	786	-
	Armyoy	206	660	716	-	-	-	-	-