

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 13/05/24	Next Week 20/05/24
Prime		
U-3	460 - 468p	460 - 468p
R-3	454 - 462p	454 - 462p
O+3	448 - 456p	448 - 456p
P+3	392 - 400p	392 - 400p
Cows		
O+3	330 - 340p	330 - 356p

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.

REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 11/05/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	486.6	489.6	479.1
R3	480.4	482.5	472.3
O+3	473.1	472.4	459.1

*Prices exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic cattle

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 11/05/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	232.8	249.4	266.4	282.3
P2	253.7	276.6	301.8	321.2
P3	265.1	300.9	320.6	329.6
O3	291.6	317.3	340.3	345.6
O4	0.0	262.9	338.0	347.1
R3	0.0	0.0	0.0	366.3

Deadweight Cattle Trade

Base quotes in from NI plants this week for in spec U-3 grading prime cattle remained steady at 460-468p/kg. Producers should use these quotes as a starting point for negotiation with higher prices available, particularly for cattle that meet current market specifications. Meanwhile, the cow trade increased mid-week with quotes of 330-356p/kg offered for good quality O+3 grading cows.

Prime cattle slaughterings in local plants last week totalled 6,654 head, back 1,278 head from the week previous, while the local cow kill remained steady with a total of 1,898 processed last week. Cattle imports for direct slaughter from ROI reported an increase in numbers last week with a total of 325 prime cattle and 150 cows imported. Meanwhile, five prime cattle and 14 cows were exported to ROI for direct slaughter.

Prime cattle trade continued to strengthen in NI last week with average prices paid for steers, heifers and young bulls up 1.3p/kg, 0.3p/kg and 4p/kg respectively. However, cow trade on the other hand reported declines across all grades last week, bringing the average price paid for cows back 4.8p/kg to 307.8p/kg. Cattle trade in ROI strengthened in sterling terms last week with R3 grading steers, heifers and young bulls up 1.7p/kg, 2.4p/kg and 1.4p/kg respectively, as well as O3 grading cows up 0.7p/kg. Prime cattle trade came under some pressure in GB, meanwhile cow trade strengthened across the regions, with GB reporting an increase of 3.4p/kg on average for O3 grading cows.

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

W/E 11/05/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	487.9	457.9	498.3	501.5	494.7	497.6
	R3	484.7	451.1	494.1	490.8	493.8	489.0
	R4	483.9	452.5	497.5	496.3	493.9	490.4
	O3	474.7	442.4	481.9	481.9	479.3	472.5
AVG	476.5	-	493.5	489.1	485.2	480.3	487.2
Heifers	U3	487.9	464.0	501.6	502.6	500.9	500.2
	R3	484.6	454.6	495.2	492.0	492.6	488.2
	R4	482.6	455.4	495.3	499.5	492.0	489.4
	O3	472.6	445.4	472.3	479.4	470.8	471.1
AVG	477.1	-	491.7	488.2	477.7	477.9	483.4
Young Bulls	U3	475.9	453.0	484.5	490.7	492.8	493.2
	R3	469.1	439.2	482.2	482.0	480.8	484.8
	O3	460.1	423.1	451.9	459.2	453.3	405.0
	AVG	460.2	-	478.9	474.8	471.2	484.3
Prime Cattle Price Reported	5,595	-	5,557	5,922	7,463	4,805	23,747
Cows	O3	344.4	367.1	390.4	388.0	391.8	386.8
	O4	345.7	367.1	396.0	393.1	391.7	382.0
	P2	307.0	331.1	350.5	347.1	344.2	344.6
	P3	326.6	352.3	369.4	366.4	364.0	362.4
AVG	307.8	-	385.0	370.5	356.6	350.6	361.5

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=85.92p 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

FQAS MART CLINICS MAY 2024

LMC Farm Liaison Officer, Terry White, runs Farm Quality Assurance Scheme (FQAS) advice sessions at a range of Livestock Marts across Northern Ireland. Terry is present to assist members of FQAS with non-conformances, general scheme queries and any issues prior to or following an inspection.



Any farmers who wish to join the scheme can also do so through their local FQAS mart clinic. Terry will be available at the livestock marts listed in the table below.

For further information call (028) 9263 3024.

Mart	Date
Kilrea	Wednesday 22nd May
Enniskillen	Thursday 23rd May
Saintfield	Wednesday 29th May

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 13/05/24	Next Week 20/05/24
R3 Hoggets (22 & 22.5kg)	730p	700 - 730p
R3 Lambs (up to 21kg)	780p	800 - 810p

REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 27/04/24	W/E 04/05/24	W/E 11/05/24
D/W R3 Hoggets	812.1	775.8	745.1
D/W Hoggets	812.3	779.4	747.0
L/W Hoggets	677.6	640.6	619.3
D/W R3 Spring Lambs	857.3	819.8	796.6
D/W Spring Lambs	844.6	815.4	791.3
L/W Spring Lambs	790.1	740.6	754.5

REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)

GB D/W Hoggets	849.6	824.9	822.9
GB D/W Lambs	-	915.1	908.6
ROI D/W	810.6	785.1	777.7

Sheep Trade

Deadweight sheep trade softened further with another week of low levels of NI sheep exports to ROI for direct slaughter however, there were 575 hoggets/lambs transported to GB for direct slaughter last week. Deadweight R3 grade hoggets were back 30.7p/kg to 745.1p/kg and R3 grade spring lambs were also back 23.2p/kg to 796.6p/kg. A decline in sheep trade was also evident in GB last week with lambs paying 6.5p/kg less than the week previous and in ROI, deadweight sheep trade reported a decline of 7.4p/kg to an average paid price of 777.7p/kg.

Last week, the liveweight hogget trade decreased by 21.3p/kg to an average paid price of 619.3p/kg, meanwhile liveweight spring lamb trade recovered by 13.9p/kg to an average paid price of 754.5p/kg. Increased numbers of spring lambs passed through the sale rings with a stronger trade reported last week. In Ballymena, 1,140 spring lambs sold at a price range of 760-907p/kg (avg 810p/kg) compared to 600 spring lambs sold at a price range of 750-886p/kg (avg 780p/kg) the week previous. In Armoy last week, 212 spring lambs sold from 840-878p/kg compared to 75 spring lambs at a price range of 750-830p/kg the week previous. The ewe trade continues at strong levels across NI marts with a top price of £280 reported for a fat ewe.

LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

LATEST LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES NI

W/E 11/05/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
Finished Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers	280	313	289	230	279	255
Friesians	219	223	221	210	215	212
Heifers	280	309	294	225	279	250
Beef Cows	236	302	253	160	235	195
Dairy Cows	150	180	161	60	149	105
Store Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers up to 400kg	340	400	360	250	339	275
Steers 400kg - 500kg	310	371	335	210	309	255
Steers over 500kg	275	309	290	230	274	250
Heifers up to 450kg	300	383	340	210	299	255
Heifers over 450kg	240	315	265	200	239	215
Dropped Calves (£/head)						
Continental Bulls	400	650	440	300	395	340
Continental Heifers	340	490	390	200	335	260
Friesian Bulls	170	280	215	80	165	115
Holstein Bulls	100	220	125	2	95	50

LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 11/05/24	To: 16/05/24	Hoggets			Spring Lambs				
		No	From	To	Avg	No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	87	678	742	-	44	716	797	-
	Swatragh	130	600	698	-	150	750	882	-
Monday	Kilrea	-	-	-	-	500	755	841	-
	Markethill	190	680	730	-	350	740	826	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	175	620	700	-	380	715	810	-
	Rathfriland	140	630	690	679	336	756	829	792
Wednesday	Ballymena	303	600	717	634	1,140	760	907	810
	Enniskillen	100	621	702	-	200	630	726	-
	Armoy	-	-	-	-	212	840	878	-