

## DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 03/06/24	Next Week 10/06/24
<b>Prime</b>		
U-3	456 - 464p	454 - 464p
R-3	450 - 458p	448 - 458p
O+3	444 - 452p	442 - 452p
P+3	388 - 396p	386 - 396p
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	337 - 356p	337 - 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 01/06/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	485.0	486.8	469.6
R3	478.5	481.8	467.3
O+3	473.2	474.1	455.3

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

### REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 01/06/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	235.9	250.6	269.0	284.8
P2	253.7	279.5	307.5	324.8
P3	302.3	307.2	333.0	333.0
O3	0.0	334.6	343.4	346.8
O4	0.0	0.0	330.0	352.0
R3	0.0	0.0	0.0	368.4

### Deadweight Cattle Trade

Base quotes from NI plants for next week are expected to soften for prime and remain steady for cows with quotes ranging from 454-464p/kg for in spec U-3 prime cattle and 337-356p/kg for O+3 cows. Prime cattle presented for slaughter in NI plants last week totalled 7,053 head, back 718 head from the week previous. Meanwhile, the number of cows processed in local plants totalled 1,707 head, steady from the week previous. Imports of prime cattle from ROI for direct slaughter in NI totalled 282 head with 115 cows imported last week. Meanwhile, only seven cows were exported from NI to ROI for direct slaughter last week.

Deadweight cattle trade reported declines across the board last week with almost all cattle category averages back across NI, GB and ROI. Last week in NI, prices paid for average steers and young bulls were back 1.7p/kg meanwhile, the price paid for an average heifer declined 2.4p/kg. The average price paid for a cow in NI was back 1.9p/kg to 309.3p/kg, meanwhile O3 grading cows were back only 0.9p/kg to an average paid price of 345.9p/kg. Last week, ROI reported declines in both sterling and euro terms across the deadweight cattle trade. The average price paid in ROI for an O3 grade cow declined at the same rate as NI last week however, ROI remains 16.5p/kg ahead of NI. In GB, the deadweight cattle trade reported declines across nearly all grades with average prices paid for steers, heifers and young bulls back 1.9p/kg, 1.1p/kg and 0.1p/kg respectively. The average cow trade reported the largest decline of 3p/kg last week in GB.

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

W/E 01/06/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	485.3	448.5	484.7	494.5	488.1	492.1
	R3	482.1	439.3	484.5	493.5	486.3	483.1
	R4	480.9	444.2	486.3	494.6	484.4	485.5
	O3	475.3	434.1	468.1	474.2	471.8	473.5
AVG	474.3	-	482.9	485.1	477.4	477.5	480.8
Heifers	U3	486.7	456.3	491.9	495.6	496.2	491.3
	R3	482.7	444.2	488.3	487.7	487.1	483.2
	R4	480.8	446.6	488.8	487.8	484.6	483.1
	O3	472.3	436.4	460.5	473.8	469.6	466.5
AVG	474.1	-	486.3	481.5	477.6	471.2	479.4
Young Bulls	U3	474.1	442.2	474.6	483.0	482.0	488.8
	R3	467.2	430.8	473.7	475.0	474.4	478.8
	O3	454.2	414.3	453.0	452.1	456.2	453.1
	AVG	459.9	-	470.5	470.8	466.7	474.8
Prime Cattle Price Reported	6,108	-	5,976	6,368	7,580	4,877	24,801
Cows	O3	345.9	362.4	384.6	389.6	391.7	385.3
	O4	351.7	363.3	384.8	394.4	392.4	380.1
	P2	310.0	327.6	347.8	353.0	342.8	343.4
	P3	331.3	349.9	360.0	359.5	366.5	361.4
AVG	309.3	-	380.4	371.5	358.1	346.0	

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=85.15p 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 JUNE 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
Markethill	Tuesday 11th June
Omagh	Monday 17th June
Ballymena	Friday 21st June

## DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 03/06/24	Next Week 10/06/24
R3 Lambs up to 21kg	770p	750p

### REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 18/05/24	W/E 25/05/24	W/E 01/06/24
D/W R3 Lambs	806.6	825.8	795.4
D/W Lambs	801.7	812.4	787.9
L/W Lambs	797.7	785.5	738.2

### REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)

GB D/W Lambs	927.0	893.0	849.7
ROI D/W Lambs	786.9	787.6	766.8

### Deadweight Sheep Trade

Base quotes for R3 lambs were back last week with quotes expected to be in the region of 750p/kg early next week. Lamb throughput in NI plants last week totalled 6,031 head, bringing the total lamb kill for the month of May to 27,937 head, a decline of 26.8 per cent (10,228 head less) from the same month last year. Exports of lambs to ROI for direct slaughter last week totalled 3,641 head, an increase of 553 head from the week prior. The deadweight sheep trade in NI softened by 24.5p/kg on average last week, with average price paid for R3 lambs back 30.4p/kg to a paid price of 795.4p/kg. Across the water in GB, sheep trade also reported declines with average lambs back 43.3p/kg. A similar softening of trade was reported in ROI with lambs back 20.8p/kg on average last week, to a paid price of 766.8p/kg.

### Liveweight Sheep Trade

Lambs presented for sale last week were being met with weaker prices as the NI average liveweight lamb prices plummeted 47.3p/kg last week. In Markethill, lambs sold from 680-759p/kg compared to 760-818p/kg the week previous. However, average prices paid for lambs in Rathfriland and Ballymena marts held firm last week. As for cull ewes, the top reported prices ranged from £147-£250 across the marts last week.

## LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### LATEST LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES NI

W/E 01/06/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
<b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers	288	323	297	240	287	263
Friesians	211	241	226	207	210	208
Heifers	268	292	280	215	267	241
Beef Cows	236	274	256	145	235	190
Dairy Cows	138	177	156	94	137	115
<b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers up to 400kg	340	395	365	230	339	280
Steers 400kg - 500kg	300	368	330	200	299	250
Steers over 500kg	268	306	278	210	267	238
Heifers up to 450kg	280	353	320	200	279	235
Heifers over 450kg	250	304	275	212	249	230
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>						
Continental Bulls	420	660	480	300	415	365
Continental Heifers	375	650	440	250	370	310
Friesian Bulls	150	300	185	55	145	115
Holstein Bulls	140	270	170	-	-	-

## LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

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

From: 01/06/24		Lambs			
To: 06/06/24		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	55	746	801	-
	Swatragh	350	643	692	-
Monday	Kilrea	800	715	775	-
	Markethill	500	680	759	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	480	710	802	-
	Rathfriland	415	731	780	750
Wednesday	Ballymena	1,372	700	845	740
	Enniskillen	305	684	782	-
	Armooy	314	710	762	-