

## DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 15/01/24	Next Week 22/01/24
<b>Prime</b>		
U-3	452 - 458p	452 - 462p
R-3	446 - 452p	446 - 456p
O+3	440 - 446p	440 - 450p
P+3	384 - 390p	384 - 394p
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	314 - 320p	318 - 325p

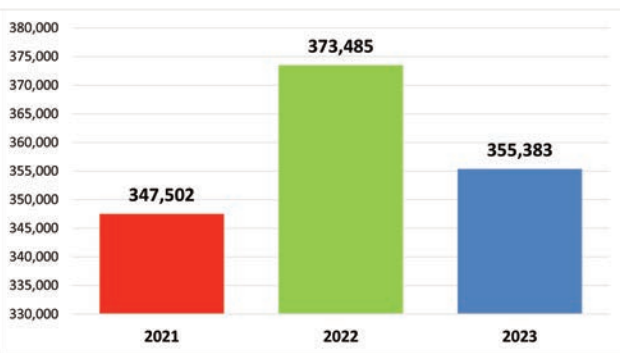
Cow quotes vary depending on weight and grade.  
Pricing policies vary from plant to plant. Producers are advised to check pricing policies before presenting cattle for slaughter.

### CHANGE OF DATE FQAS MART CLINIC JANUARY 2024

Due to poor weather conditions this week, Terry has rescheduled his FQAS mart clinic in Enniskillen for Thursday the 25th January. For further information call (028) 9263 3024.

Mart	Date
Enniskillen	Thursday 25th January

Annual Prime Cattle Throughput 2021-2023  
Source: DAERA.



### REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 13/01/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	479.1	480.8	466.1
R3	473.1	474.0	463.3
O+3	466.4	463.4	454.9

\*Prices exclude AA, HER and Organic cattle

### REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 13/01/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	211.6	229.3	241.3	250.3
P2	242.7	270.0	281.5	301.2
P3	236.9	280.0	296.9	308.0
O3	274.5	299.2	320.4	327.3
O4	240.0	315.0	319.4	331.3
R3	0.0	0.0	0.0	342.6

### Deadweight Cattle Trade

Base quotes for U-3 prime cattle ended the week at 452-458p/kg, while base quotes for O+3 cows increased mid-week to 320-324p/kg, with only one plant quoting less than 320p/kg. Cattle trade is expected to strengthen with improved base quotes of 452-462p/kg for U-3 prime cattle and 318-325p/kg for O+3 cows anticipated early next week. Cattle throughput in NI last week totalled 6,858 prime cattle and 2,543 cows.

A softer trade was reported for some grades of deadweight cattle in NI last week as the average price paid for steers was back 0.8p/kg to 467.5p/kg, the average price paid for heifers was down 1.9p/kg to 467.8p/kg and the average price paid for cows declined 1.4p/kg to 289.6p/kg. However, the average price paid for young bulls strengthened by 8.2p/kg to 454.9p/kg, the only cattle category to escape any price declines in NI last week.

GB deadweight cattle trade strengthened across all cattle categories last week, R3 steers were up 2.8p/kg, R3 heifers increased by 2.3p/kg, R3 young bulls reported a 5.7p/kg increase and O3 cows reported an increase of 9p/kg respectively. However, Scotland reported the most declines in deadweight cattle trade across GB last week.

Deadweight cattle trade in ROI strengthened in both sterling and euro terms last week. Steady increases were reported across all categories of cattle. Prime cattle prices increased by 2.8p/kg for R3 steers, 2.3p/kg for R3 heifers and 3.4p/kg for R3 young bulls. O3 cow price also strengthened by 2.8p/kg in ROI to a paid price of 353.5p/kg.

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

W/E 13/01/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	480.0	448.2	501.5	504.0	504.1	503.2
	R3	477.6	440.8	501.0	499.9	496.6	498.3
	R4	478.8	444.1	502.5	503.2	495.9	501.3
	O3	466.6	434.0	488.0	481.6	479.0	480.8
AVG	467.5	-	499.2	493.6	487.4	487.0	491.8
Heifers	U3	481.8	455.2	507.0	505.3	507.8	506.9
	R3	478.4	445.5	502.0	496.8	495.9	496.0
	R4	476.4	448.1	501.8	502.2	496.5	499.9
	O3	464.2	440.5	482.6	483.4	469.7	476.3
AVG	467.8	-	499.4	491.4	484.4	479.6	488.6
Young Bulls	U3	466.8	438.3	486.6	484.3	495.2	489.9
	R3	460.9	430.0	484.1	483.5	487.2	485.2
	O3	449.3	418.1	463.2	455.9	451.4	455.9
	AVG	454.9	-	476.9	470.9	471.6	472.1
Prime Cattle Price Reported	5,925	-	5,899	6,740	7,719	5,163	25,521
Cows	O3	325.5	353.5	359.7	353.0	357.2	355.7
	O4	330.1	354.6	362.7	354.4	358.1	350.9
	P2	286.9	322.6	306.9	313.1	306.9	312.6
	P3	303.8	337.6	311.9	332.2	331.4	335.4
AVG	289.6	-	348.7	334.9	327.6	319.0	330.2

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=86.04p 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 13/01/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
<b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers	260	302	280	210	259	230
Friesians	217	236	225	184	215	195
Heifers	250	302	270	210	249	230
Beef Cows	220	267	240	160	219	190
Dairy Cows	120	169	145	65	119	92
<b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Bullocks up to 400kg	310	390	330	230	309	265
Bullocks 400kg - 500kg	280	355	300	210	279	240
Bullocks over 500kg	250	322	275	190	249	220
Heifers up to 450kg	300	428	330	225	299	260
Heifers over 450kg	240	296	260	190	239	210
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>						
Continental Bulls	365	480	415	260	360	300
Continental Heifers	350	470	390	200	345	265
Friesian Bulls	145	235	170	80	140	105
Holstein Bulls	120	220	140	2	115	60

## DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 15/01/24	Next Week 22/01/24
R3 Hoggets up to 22kg	530 - 540p	540 - 550p

### REPORTED SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 30/12/23	W/E 06/01/24	W/E 13/01/24
NI L/W Hoggets	-	487.9	497.3
NI D/W Hoggets	534.7	536.4	525.4
GB D/W Hoggets	598.4	615.6	605.5
ROI D/W	566.0	568.8	570.1

### Deadweight Sheep Trade

Base quotes received from the major NI processors for R3 grading hoggets increased this week with quotes ranging from 530-540p/kg with the plants paying up to 22kg. Preliminary base quotes received indicate a stronger sheep trade for early next week with quotes expected to range from 540-550p/kg. Hogget throughput increased by 1,933 from the previous week to a total of 10,251 head slaughtered w/e 13/01/24 across NI plants. Exports of hoggets to ROI for direct slaughter last week totalled 9,040 head, up 1,662 from the previous week. Deadweight sheep trade softened across the board last week as NI deadweight hogget prices came back 11p/kg to 525.4p/kg and GB prices were back 10.1p/kg to a paid price of 605.5p/kg. In contrast to a strengthening sheep trade reported in ROI last week as sheep prices increased 1.3p/kg to 570.1p/kg.

### Liveweight Sheep Trade

This week the marts across NI have reported a slightly stronger trade with smaller numbers of hoggets passing through the sale rings due to the poor weather conditions. This week in Ballymena, 1,010 hoggets sold at 490-543p/kg (average price of 512p/kg) compared to less numbers of 2,364 hoggets sold at a softer trade 480-537p/kg (average price of 504p/kg) the previous week. Top reported prices for culled ewes remained firm this week ranging from £158-268 across the marts.

## LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

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

From: 13/01/24		Lambs			
To: 18/01/24		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	1,044	498	560	-
	Swatragh	700	480	523	-
Monday	Kilrea	850	498	550	-
	Markethill	850	480	502	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	570	490	545	-
	Rathfriland	400	480	517	496
Wednesday	Ballymena	1,010	490	543	512
	Enniskillen	622	465	526	-