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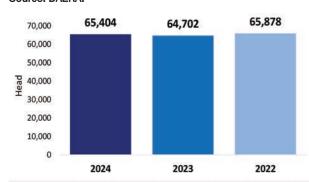
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# **DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE**

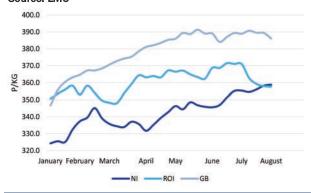
| NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE |                       |                       |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| (P/KG DW)                         | This Week<br>05/08/24 | Next Week<br>12/08/24 |  |  |  |
| Prime                             |                       |                       |  |  |  |
| U-3                               | 458 - 468p            | 460 - 470p            |  |  |  |
| R-3                               | 452 - 462p            | 454 - 464p            |  |  |  |
| 0+3                               | 446 - 456p            | 448 - 458p            |  |  |  |
| P+3                               | 390 - 400p            | 392 - 402p            |  |  |  |
|                                   |                       |                       |  |  |  |
| Cows                              |                       |                       |  |  |  |
| 0+3                               | 346 - 370p            | 346 - 370p            |  |  |  |

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.

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



#### O3 Cow Prices (p/kg) in NI, ROI & GB to date 2024 Source: LMC



## REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

| W/E<br>03/08/24 | Steers | Heifers | Young<br>Bulls |
|-----------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| U3              | 487.2  | 486.1   | 480.4          |
| R3              | 479.8  | 480.3   | 472.8          |
| 0+3             | 470.9  | 472.0   | 456.0          |

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

#### REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG Weight Bands 03/08/24 <220kg 220-250kg 250-280kg >280kg Р1 242.1 261.6 279.9 296.0 P2 272.4 291.0 315.1 334.1 180.0 328.7 P3 315.1 346.0 03 336.0 331.6 348.3 360.9 04 0.0 340.4 355.0 361.4

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#### **Deadweight Cattle Trade**

R3

A total of 6,463 prime cattle and 1,994 cows were processed in local plants last week. There were 269 prime animals and 121 cows imported from ROI for direct slaughter meanwhile, three steers and 14 cows were exported to ROI for direct slaughter last

The deadweight cattle trade in NI strengthened for the most part with an average increase of 2.8p/kg reported for steers, 3.4p/kg reported for average heifers and 1.5p/kg increase reported for average young bulls. On the other hand, cows were back 2.6p/kg on average from the week previous however, O3 cows reported an increase of just over half a penny last week. NI remain ahead of ROI for prices paid for O3 cows, with an average price paid of 358.8p/kg compared to 357.6p/kg paid on average in ROI last week, extending the lead to 1.2p/kg over ROI 03 cow prices.

The deadweight cattle trade provided a mixed report in ROI last week, the average prices paid for R3 steers and heifers reported declines of 0.6p/kg and 0.3p/kg respectively. The average price paid for R3 young bulls increased by 3.9p/kg on average last week. Meanwhile, O3 cows were back 0.3p/kg on average.

In GB last week, steers were up 0.9p/kg on average, heifers were back half a penny on average and young bulls reported a decline of 0.9p/kg last week. Cow trade in GB continues to decline with average cows back 3.5p/kg last week.

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

|         | V/E<br>08/24         | Northern<br>Ireland | Rep of<br>Ireland | Scotland | Northern<br>England | Midlands<br>& Wales | Southern<br>England | GB     |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
|         | U3                   | 487.5               | 433.6             | 494.2    | 495.5               | 491.8               | 496.3               | 494.3  |
|         | R3                   | 483.1               | 424.9             | 493.2    | 494.8               | 486.9               | 489.9               | 490.6  |
| Steers  | R4                   | 481.9               | 427.0             | 494.5    | 496.6               | 487.5               | 493.9               | 493.8  |
|         | 03                   | 478.3               | 415.1             | 479.8    | 482.0               | 472.4               | 476.9               | 477.3  |
|         | AVG                  | 474.4               | -                 | 489.8    | 490.0               | 478.5               | 481.0               | 484.8  |
|         | U3                   | 485.8               | 440.7             | 499.3    | 497.4               | 497.3               | 497.7               | 497.8  |
|         | R3                   | 481.1               | 428.6             | 492.7    | 493.5               | 489.0               | 487.8               | 490.1  |
| Heifers | R4                   | 482.8               | 431.2             | 494.7    | 496.6               | 488.4               | 489.1               | 493.2  |
|         | 03                   | 472.7               | 419.8             | 474.2    | 479.8               | 469.5               | 472.4               | 473.1  |
|         | AVG                  | 475.7               | -                 | 490.5    | 485.8               | 475.5               | 473.7               | 481.0  |
|         | U3                   | 480.0               | 430.0             | 487.5    | 486.4               | 488.5               | 494.8               | 488.2  |
| Young   | R3                   | 470.7               | 421.5             | 482.9    | 482.2               | 478.7               | 483.0               | 481.2  |
| Bulls   | 03                   | 456.9               | 405.7             | 464.2    | 447.4               | 454.5               | 455.4               | 455.8  |
|         | AVG                  | 463.9               | -                 | 480.2    | 475.3               | 470.7               | 477.2               | 474.8  |
|         | e Cattle<br>Reported | 5,393               | -                 | 5,309    | 6,714               | 8,035               | 4,463               | 24,521 |
|         | 03                   | 358.8               | 357.6             | 387.4    | 386.9               | 385.7               | 384.2               | 386.1  |
|         | 04                   | 360.9               | 358.8             | 392.7    | 387.9               | 384.1               | 388.4               | 386.7  |
| Cows    | P2                   | 320.3               | 334.4             | 341.2    | 346.4               | 342.6               | 342.3               | 343.2  |
|         | Р3                   | 342.5               | 348.4             | 366.4    | 362.0               | 362.7               | 360.6               | 362.0  |
|         | AVG                  | 321.7               | -                 | 379.2    | 364.3               | 352.9               | 346.0               | 356.8  |

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=84.46p 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

| LATEST LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES NI |             |             |     |      |             |     |  |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----|------|-------------|-----|--|
| W/E                                     | <b>1</b> st | 1st QUALITY |     |      | 2nd QUALITY |     |  |
| 03/08/24                                | From        | То          | Avg | From | То          | Avg |  |
| Finished Cattle (p/kg)                  |             |             |     |      |             |     |  |
| Steers                                  | 275         | 307         | 285 | 225  | 274         | 245 |  |
| Friesians                               | 210         | 221         | 215 | 180  | 200         | 190 |  |
| Heifers                                 | 260         | 290         | 273 | 200  | 259         | 230 |  |
| Beef Cows                               | 220         | 296         | 253 | 125  | 219         | 170 |  |
| Dairy Cows                              | 147         | 208         | 163 | 80   | 146         | 110 |  |
| Store Cattle (p/kg)                     |             |             |     |      |             |     |  |
| Steers up to 400kg                      | 320         | 392         | 345 | 230  | 319         | 265 |  |
| Steers 400kg - 500kg                    | 265         | 327         | 295 | 210  | 264         | 235 |  |
| Steers over 500kg                       | 265         | 300         | 276 | 200  | 264         | 220 |  |
| Heifers up to 450kg                     | 270         | 323         | 300 | 200  | 269         | 230 |  |
| Heifers over 450kg                      | 251         | 292         | 265 | 217  | 250         | 230 |  |
| Dropped Calves (£/head)                 |             |             |     |      |             |     |  |
| Continental Bulls                       | 400         | 740         | 470 | 300  | 395         | 335 |  |
| Continental Heifers                     | 350         | 580         | 420 | 225  | 345         | 285 |  |
| Friesian Bulls                          | 100         | 160         | 130 | 40   | 95          | 60  |  |
| Holstein Bulls                          | 90          | 145         | 115 | 6    | 85          | 40  |  |

## DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

| NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES   |                       |                       |  |  |  |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| (P/Kg DW)              | This Week<br>05/08/24 | Next Week<br>12/08/24 |  |  |  |
| R3 Lambs<br>up to 22kg | 600 - 610p            | 620 - 625p            |  |  |  |

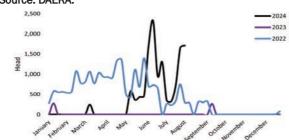
## REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES

| (P/KG)                           | W/E<br>20/07/24 | W/E<br>27/07/24 | W/E<br>03/08/24 |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| D/W R3 Lambs                     | 558.4           | 588.5           | 606.1           |  |  |
| D/W Lambs                        | 559.3           | 586.9           | 605.2           |  |  |
| L/W Lambs                        | 527.9           | 533.4           | 556.5           |  |  |
| REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI) |                 |                 |                 |  |  |

| GB D/W Lambs  | 647.2 | 649.0 | 655.3 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| ROI D/W Lambs | 562.9 | 592.6 | 599.9 |

Base quotes for R3 grade lambs continue to rise with base quotes of 620 - 625p/kg expected early next week when all major plants will be paying up to 22kg. A total of 10,124 head of lambs were processed in NI plants, up 663 head from the week previous and the highest throughput of lambs reported since January this year. There were 2,757 lambs exported to ROI and 1.708 lambs exported to GB for direct slaughter last week. The deadweight lamb trade strengthened a further 18.3p/kg in NI last week, meanwhile the liveweight lamb trade surged a further 23.1p/kg from the week previous. As a result of the flourishing liveweight lamb trade, a greater supply of lambs were presented in the sale rings last week.

#### Sheep Exports to GB for Direct Slaughter To Date 2022-2024 Source: DAERA.



# LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

## LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

| From: 03/08/24 |             | Lambs |      |     |     |  |
|----------------|-------------|-------|------|-----|-----|--|
| To: 08/08/24   |             | No    | From | То  | Avg |  |
| Saturday       | Omagh       | 535   | 553  | 621 | -   |  |
|                | Swatragh    | 1050  | 585  | 630 | -   |  |
| Monday         | Kilrea      | 1100  | 560  | 640 | -   |  |
|                | Markethill  | 1120  | 560  | 622 | -   |  |
| Tuesday        | Saintfield  | 850   | 555  | 640 | -   |  |
|                | Rathfriland | 862   | 558  | 600 | 578 |  |
| Wednesday      | Ballymena   | 2286  | 550  | 627 | 580 |  |
|                | Enniskillen | 1002  | 550  | 646 | -   |  |
|                | Armoy       | 604   | 530  | 615 | -   |  |

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