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DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE						
(P/KG DW)	This Week 12/08/24	Next Week 19/08/24				
Prime						
U-3	460 - 470p	464 - 474p				
R-3	454 - 464p	458 - 468p				
0+3	448 - 458p	452 - 462p				
P+3	392 - 402p	396 - 406p				
Cows						
0+3	346 - 370p	350 - 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.

Soil Nutrient Health Scheme Deadline for Applications 31st August

Applications to the Soil Nutrient Health Scheme from farms in North Tyrone & Derry/Londonderry (zone 3) close on August 31st, 2024. There is also opportunity for Zone 1 and 2 farm businesses not yet registered to join the scheme before the August 31st deadline.

Participation in the SNHS will be a requirement to receive payments under future farm support schemes. This conditionality requires participation in the SNHS and completion of the CAFRE SNHS training when it is offered to farmers.

For a step-by-step guide on how to register visit https://bit.ly/SNHS_Registration_step_by_step

For more information visit: https://www.daerani.gov.uk/articles/Zone-3-of-Soil-Nutrient-Health-Scheme-nowopen-for-registrations



DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES							
(P/Kg DW)	This W 12/08			lext Week L9/08/24			
R3 Lambs up to 22kg	620 - 6	620 - 625p		20 - 625p			
REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES							
(P/KG)	W/E 27/07/24			W/E 10/08/24			
D/W R3 Lambs	588.5	606.1		625.0			
D/W Lambs	586.9	605.2		625.7			
L/W Lambs	533.4	533.4 556.		566.0			
REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)							
GB D/W Lambs	649.0	655.3		667.3			
ROI D/W Lambs	592.6	592.6 599.9		616.7			

REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG						
W/E 10/08/24	Steers	Young Bulls				
U3	484.6	487.6	482.0			
R3	480.0	480.6	473.9			
0+3	466.0	470.2	448.9			

*Prices exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic cattle

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG							
W/E	v/E Weight Bands						
10/08/24	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg			
P1	241.4	265.2	278.0	292.2			
P2	265.4	290.8	316.4	337.3			
P3	265.3	320.4	335.4	345.2			
03	306.0	324.7	347.0	360.2			
04	-	360.0	362.0	365.0			
R3	-	-	-	378.5			

Deadweight Cattle Trade

Supplies of prime cattle for slaughter in NI remain tight in comparison to previous years with 6,663 prime cattle killed locally last week. Cow throughput last week remained at similar levels to recent weeks with 2,300 cows slaughtered. Increased levels of cattle were imported from ROI for direct slaughter locally last week, comprising 270 steers, 63 heifers, and 202 cows.

The deadweight trade for prime cattle in NI has increased in recent weeks. Last week the average NI steer price increased 2.4p/kg to 476.8p/kg while the R3 steer price increased 0.4p/kg to 483.5p/kg. The heifer trade strengthened across the grades with the average heifer price up 0.8p/kg to 476.5p/kg and the R3 heifer price up 4.7p/kg to 485.8p/kg. The cow trade also strengthened 1.8p/kg from the previous week with a mixed trade reported across the category. The O3 cow price was back 0.9p/kg to 357.9p/kg while the 04 cow price strengthened 4p/kg to 364.9p/kg.

Last week the deadweight trade for prime cattle in GB also stabilised from the previous week. In GB the average R3 steer price increased just shy of 5p/kg to 495.5p/kg last week with the average R3 heifer price up 3.2p/kg to 493.3p/kg. In ROI the deadweight trade for cattle was back in euro terms however in sterling terms recorded increases ranging from 4.7 - 11p/kg across the grades. Last week the average R3 steer in ROI was the equivalent of 432.6p/kg, 50.9p/kg behind the same price in NI.

Base quotes from local plants for R3 grading lambs ended this week ranging from 620-625p/kg with all major processing plants paying to 22kg. Lamb slaughterings in local plants totalled 9,891 head last week, back 233 head from the previous week, and steady on levels processed during the corresponding week of 2023. Direct slaughter lamb exports to ROI increased last week to total 3,225 head, meanwhile during the same week last year 4,599 lambs were exported to ROI for direct slaughter.

Last week the average price paid for liveweight lambs in NI strengthened 9.5p/kg to 566p/kg. Consequently, the deadweight lamb price in NI last week was up 20.5p/kg from the previous week to 625.7p/kg. In GB last week the average deadweight lamb price reported a 12p/kg increase from the previous week to 667.3p/kg, with the reported average lamb price in ROI the equivalent of 616.7p/kg, a weekly increase of 16.8p/kg.

Increased levels of sheep passed through local marts this week, with a slightly softer trade reported, with fewer buyers present for the export market. In Rathfriland a sale of 1,100 lambs sold to a top price per kilo of 642p/kg and an average of 560p/kg while in Ballymena a sale of almost 3,000 lambs sold to a top price per kilo of 613p/kg and an average of 545p/kg.

LAST WEEK'S DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (UK / ROI)								
	V/E 08/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
	U3	485.4	440.4	497.4	498.8	495.1	499.4	497.5
	R3	483.5	432.6	498.3	499.5	491.9	494.7	495.5
Steers	R4	483.1	433.5	497.2	498.6	491.6	495.8	496.4
	03	477.1	421.9	488.1	485.9	479.6	479.7	481.9
	AVG	476.8	-	494.6	493.2	483.2	485.6	489.0
	U3	488.9	447.5	504.5	503.8	501.1	500.8	502.6
	R3	485.8	435.8	496.6	495.1	491.2	492.9	493.3
Heifers	R4	483.8	437.3	498.6	497.4	492.3	493.3	496.4
	03	473.9	428.3	482.3	487.2	472.7	478.7	478.4
	AVG	476.5	-	496.2	492.1	479.9	481.8	487.1
	U3	479.7	435.5	488.8	487.8	493.9	493.4	490.8
Young	R3	471.0	427.8	485.6	483.7	483.6	490.3	484.9
Bulls	03	455.0	412.3	460.2	440.6	453.8	463.0	453.7
	AVG	465.6	-	481.9	478.5	479.0	477.5	479.6
	e Cattle Reported	5,407	-	5,265	6,406	7,838	4,342	23,851
	03	357.9	368.6	384.6	385.8	383.6	385.1	384.7
Cows	04	364.9	368.9	396.1	386.6	384.2	384.1	386.9
	P2	323.4	339.1	325.3	346.3	343.6	342.7	343.2
	P3	341.9	355.8	345.0	362.7	358.3	365.4	360.7
	AVG	323.5	-	384.5	362.3	349.3	342.5	354.4

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=85.90p 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	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY				
10/08/24	From	То	Avg	From	То	Avg		
Finished Cattle (p/kg)								
Steers	268	290	279	220	267	240		
Friesians	219	244	225	175	216	200		
Heifers	260	284	268	200	259	225		
Beef Cows	238	314	257	135	237	185		
Dairy Cows	143	170	152	70	142	105		
Store Cattle (p/kg)								
Steers up to 400kg	315	384	340	225	314	260		
Steers 400kg - 500kg	275	343	300	220	274	240		
Steers over 500kg	275	318	287	210	274	230		
Heifers up to 450kg	280	338	305	210	279	235		
Heifers over 450kg	270	370	285	212	269	230		
Dropped Calves (£/head)								
Continental Bulls	400	680	470	300	395	335		
Continental Heifers	330	530	400	200	325	265		
Friesian Bulls	125	195	150	60	120	85		
Holstein Bulls	100	150	120	1	95	50		

LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 1	Lambs				
To: 15/08/24		No	From	То	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	665	564	606	-
	Swatragh	1330	574	636	-
Monday	Kilrea	1150	562	609	-
	Markethill	1520	550	611	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	780	560	625	-
	Rathfriland	1100	542	642	560
Wednesday	Ballymena	2963	515	613	545
	Enniskillen	1140	560	595	-
	Armoy	629	520	630	-

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