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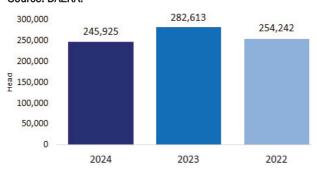
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DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE					
(P/KG DW)	This Week 19/08/24	Next Week 26/08/24			
Prime					
U-3	464 - 474p	466 - 474p			
R-3	458 - 468p	460 - 468p			
0+3	452 - 462p	454 - 462p			
P+3	396 - 406p	398 - 406p			
Cows					
0+3	350 - 370p	355 - 375p			

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.

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



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

REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG						
W/E 17/08/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls			
U3	487.5	492.1	478.2			
R3	483.5	484.9	472.4			
0+3	476.3	476.5	460.8			

*Prices exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic cattle

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG						
W/E	Weight Bands					
17/08/24	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg		
P1	241.6	262.2	279.3	301.6		
P2	260.4	294.7	312.2	334.7		
Р3	310.0	325.1	341.2	344.2		
03	366.9	345.1	363.5	360.5		
04	-	320.0	377.8	363.2		
R3	-	-	-	375.9		

Deadweight Cattle Trade

Base quotes for in-spec U-3 steers and heifers remained steady this week at a range of 464 - 474p/kg, meanwhile quotes for 0+3 cows increased mid-week to a range of 350 - 375p/kg. Stronger quotes have been received for all types of cattle early next week.

Cattle throughput in local plants last week totalled 6,665 prime animals and 2,415 cows. Levels of prime cattle imported from ROI for direct slaughter last week remained steady on the previous week, comprising 269 steers and 65 heifers. Direct slaughter ROI cow imports were back 23 head on the week before to total 179 head. Meanwhile, exports to ROI plants totalled three steers and eight cows last week.

Last week the deadweight prime cattle trade strengthened in NI with R3 steers, heifers and young bulls reporting increases of 3.9p/kg, 1.6p/kg and 1.9p/kg respectively. The average price paid for an 03 cow last week increased 2.6p/kg to 360.5p/kg.

In ROI, the deadweight cattle trade reported increases across the majority of grades in euro terms, however in sterling terms R3 grade steers and young bulls were back 0.5p/kg and 1.1p/kg respectively. The price paid for O3 cows in ROI strengthened last week by the equivalent of 1.5p/kg to 370.1p/kg, tracking 9.6p/kg ahead of the same price in NI.

The deadweight trade for all types of cattle strengthened in GB last week with R3 steers, heifers and young bulls increasing 4p/kg, 5.4p/kg and 3.2p/kg respectively. The O3 cow price increased 0.7p/kg last week to an average of 385.4p/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	488.5	439.2	502.8	504.9	500.9	505.3	503.3
	R3	487.4	432.1	503.2	503.6	495.0	499.1	499.5
Steers	R4	486.3	433.2	502.2	505.4	494.0	498.5	501.4
	03	479.5	422.3	493.2	487.5	480.0	490.1	486.1
	AVG	477.9	-	499.7	496.4	486.6	490.7	493.1
	U3	492.7	445.5	506.3	505.7	507.2	505.7	506.4
	R3	487.4	436.2	500.8	504.1	495.8	496.6	498.7
Heifers	R4	485.2	437.9	502.2	503.5	494.1	498.9	500.4
	03	475.9	428.7	480.3	485.8	473.7	477.3	478.3
	AVG	478.3	-	499.1	494.6	479.8	484.6	488.9
	U3	480.9	435.9	494.4	498.2	492.7	499.8	495.0
Young	R3	472.9	426.7	488.4	490.8	485.6	495.9	488.1
Bulls	03	459.5	413.6	471.7	470.9	460.7	475.8	466.0
	AVG	466.1	-	484.6	488.0	482.3	486.2	484.4
	e Cattle Reported	5,517	-	5,655	6,302	7,699	4,356	24,012
	03	360.5	370.1	385.6	384.2	385.4	387.1	385.4
	04	363.4	372.2	395.8	385.4	384.8	390.8	387.2
Cows	P2	322.3	340.1	338.4	349.3	342.0	349.1	345.8
	Р3	342.6	357.7	360.0	358.8	358.1	370.8	362.5
	AVG	321.1	-	385.4	360.4	349.0	348.7	354.8

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=85.5p 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			
17/08/24	From	То	Avg	From	То	Avg	
Finished Cattle (p/kg)							
Steers	280	317	288	230	279	250	
Friesians	222	249	232	179	203	192	
Heifers	252	290	267	200	251	225	
Beef Cows	220	273	245	125	219	170	
Dairy Cows	130	199	160	52	128	100	
Store Cattle (p/kg)							
Steers up to 400kg	300	426	340	215	299	255	
Steers 400kg - 500kg	290	378	320	225	289	250	
Steers over 500kg	271	307	284	200	270	225	
Heifers up to 450kg	300	403	325	220	299	245	
Heifers over 450kg	250	419	285	200	249	225	
Dropped Calves (£/head)							
Continental Bulls	400	800	480	300	395	340	
Continental Heifers	350	720	450	220	350	280	
Friesian Bulls	100	180	140	16	95	55	
Holstein Bulls	50	165	115	5	34	10	

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

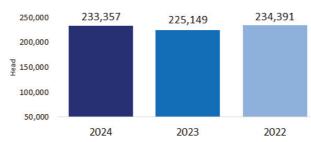
NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES (P/Kg DW) This Week 19/08/24 R3 Lambs up to 22kg 600 - 620p 600 - 610p

REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES W/E W/E W/E (P/KG) 10/08/24 17/08/24 03/08/24 621.7 D/W R3 Lambs 606.1 625.0 605.2 622.0 D/W Lambs 625.7 L/W Lambs 556.5 566.0 548.5

REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)						
GB D/W Lambs	655.3	667.3	664.8			
ROI D/W Lambs	599.9	616.7	615.5			

Base quotes for R3 lambs started this week at a range of 600-620p/kg, with quotes softening 10p/kg mid-week. Quotes in the region of 600 - 610p/kg are expected early next week. Lamb slaughterings in NI last week remained steady on the week prior with 9,907 head processed. Meanwhile last week, lamb exports to ROI plants totalled 5,066 head, up 1,841 head from the week previous, while exports to GB plants declined 863 head week on week to total 441 head. The deadweight lamb price in NI remains strong at an average of 622p/kg last week. In GB the average lamb price was back 2.5p/kg to 664.8p/kg. In ROI, a marginal decline of 1.2p/kg was reported to the equivalent of 615.5p/kg.

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



LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 17/08/24		Lambs					
To: 22/08/24		No	From	То	Avg		
Saturday	Omagh	1015	544	588	-		
	Swatragh	1250	570	601	-		
Monday	Kilrea	1300	562	608	-		
	Markethill	1480	540	587	-		
Tuesday	Saintfield	740	555	610	-		
	Rathfriland	1188	546	580	550		
Wednesday	Ballymena	2210	540	635	562		
	Enniskillen	220	536	630	-		
	Armoy	632	540	620	-		

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