

## DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

| (P/KG DW)    | This Week<br>23/09/24 | Next Week<br>30/09/24 |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Prime</b> |                       |                       |
| U-3          | 470 - 476p            | 472 - 478p            |
| R-3          | 464 - 470p            | 466 - 472p            |
| O+3          | 458 - 464p            | 460 - 466p            |
| P+3          | 402 - 408p            | 404 - 410p            |
| <b>Cows</b>  |                       |                       |
| O+3          | 355 - 375p            | 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.

## NEW WEEKLY LMC TEXT MESSAGE LAUNCHED: PRICES PAID & BASE QUOTES

Today, 27th September 2024 will see the roll out of a new weekly text message format by LMC to over 9,000 stakeholders mobile phones. Following consultation with stakeholders LMC successfully undertook a trial period whereby the latest available prices for deadweight cattle and sheep were issued alongside base quotes (as per the preview below). Industry responded very positively to the new text message format and a full roll out will now take place.

**Reported NI Average Deadweight Cattle Prices Exc Premiums (p/kg) for week ending 21/09/24:**  
**U3 Steer; 495.3p/kg, U3 Heifer; 497.3p/kg, U3 Young Bull; 489.1p/kg**  
**O+3 Cow: 375.8p**  
**R3 Lamb: 581.9p/kg**

**Base quotes (p/kg) for week commencing 30/09/24;**  
**U-3 steers & heifers: 472 - 478p**  
**O+3 cows: 355 - 375p**  
**R3 Lambs (22kg): 580 - 585p**

A link to the latest LMC bulletin publication will also be included. Feedback on this update to the weekly LMC text communication is welcomed and can be forwarded to [bulletin@lmcni.com](mailto:bulletin@lmcni.com) or by contacting the LMC Market Info team on 028 9263 3000.

### REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

| W/E<br>21/09/24 | Steers | Heifers | Young<br>Bulls |
|-----------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| U3              | 495.3  | 497.3   | 489.1          |
| R3              | 489.1  | 491.1   | 480.0          |
| O+3             | 480.8  | 480.3   | 461.3          |

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

### REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

| W/E<br>21/09/24 | Weight Bands |           |           |        |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                 | <220kg       | 220-250kg | 250-280kg | >280kg |
| P1              | 244.2        | 263.5     | 280.5     | 291.3  |
| P2              | 278.4        | 294.7     | 316.5     | 338.5  |
| P3              | 295.0        | 328.0     | 337.8     | 349.2  |
| O3              | 306.2        | 319.9     | 361.3     | 363.5  |
| O4              | 306.2        | -         | 347.0     | 365.5  |
| R3              | -            | -         | -         | 383.2  |

### Deadweight Cattle Trade

The deadweight cattle trade in NI strengthened this week with the reduced availability of quality finished cattle coming forward from local farms acting as a key driver of the trade. Last week saw 705 prime cattle imported from ROI with 384 cows and one calf imported to local plants. This consignment, totalling 1,090 head was the highest weekly level imported from ROI since 2013. Last week, the local prime cattle kill was the highest recorded during the year to date with 8,340 head processed. This was also well ahead of the corresponding week of 2023 when 6,551 head were slaughtered locally. In contrast, the local cow kill last week was behind year earlier levels and declined from the previous week to total 2,192 head.

NI producers are encouraged to price around the plants when selling cattle and are reminded base quotes continue to track behind prices paid. Last week, base quotes remained steady on the previous week however, the deadweight price report revealed the trade strengthened for all types of steers and heifers. Last week, a U3 steer was paid 495.1p/kg on average and a U3 heifer at 497.9p/kg. Last week, the average price paid for an R4 heifer was at a record level in NI at 499.2p/kg. Across the grades, steers were up 1.5p/kg for U3 types and increased 3.9p/kg for O3 steers. The average price paid for steers was up 1.3p/kg from the previous week. Meanwhile, the price paid for U3 heifers reported a 4p/kg increase with O3 heifers up 2.8p/kg. R4 heifers reported the greatest increase within the category, up 6.7p/kg, with the category average strengthening 2.5p/kg to 486.7p/kg.

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

| W/E<br>21/09/24                | Northern<br>Ireland | Rep of<br>Ireland | Scotland | Northern<br>England | Midlands<br>& Wales | Southern<br>England | GB     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Steers                         | U3                  | 495.1             | 435.6    | 522.5               | 511.9               | 510.2               | 517.9  |
|                                | R3                  | 493.9             | 426.6    | 521.8               | 511.5               | 509.1               | 514.0  |
|                                | R4                  | 495.4             | 426.9    | 522.9               | 514.3               | 508.1               | 515.3  |
|                                | O3                  | 487.3             | 413.7    | 508.6               | 499.3               | 495.7               | 497.3  |
| AVG                            | 485.1               | -                 | 519.0    | 506.3               | 499.2               | 503.7               | 506.4  |
| Heifers                        | U3                  | 497.9             | 440.2    | 525.5               | 515.8               | 520.6               | 520.5  |
|                                | R3                  | 492.1             | 430.3    | 520.3               | 510.2               | 509.3               | 512.7  |
|                                | R4                  | 499.2             | 431.4    | 520.9               | 511.2               | 508.5               | 514.3  |
|                                | O3                  | 484.2             | 421.5    | 501.6               | 497.1               | 486.4               | 494.0  |
| AVG                            | 486.7               | -                 | 517.8    | 503.5               | 496.9               | 496.3               | 503.0  |
| Young<br>Bulls                 | U3                  | 488.0             | 429.1    | 508.4               | 503.1               | 510.8               | 518.1  |
|                                | R3                  | 478.0             | 423.3    | 507.2               | 493.9               | 500.5               | 512.1  |
|                                | O3                  | 465.5             | 407.6    | 471.0               | 466.5               | 475.8               | 485.3  |
|                                | AVG                 | 468.9             | -        | 502.0               | 488.0               | 494.0               | 481.6  |
| Prime Cattle<br>Price Reported | 6,435               | -                 | 5,388    | 6,589               | 8,339               | 4,780               | 25,096 |
| Cows                           | O3                  | 362.1             | 370.2    | 394.5               | 389.6               | 388.8               | 389.4  |
|                                | O4                  | 363.9             | 370.9    | 399.2               | 390.6               | 388.2               | 392.9  |
|                                | P2                  | 325.4             | 336.2    | 349.5               | 348.1               | 347.5               | 356.9  |
|                                | P3                  | 346.9             | 356.2    | 382.8               | 361.3               | 367.1               | 370.0  |
| AVG                            | 319.3               | -                 | 393.0    | 364.8               | 353.8               | 348.4               |        |

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=84.13p 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<br>21/09/24                | 1st QUALITY |     |     | 2nd QUALITY |     |     |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|
|                                | From        | To  | Avg | From        | To  | Avg |
| <b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>  |             |     |     |             |     |     |
| Steers                         | 260         | 300 | 280 | 210         | 259 | 235 |
| Friesians                      | 222         | 246 | 229 | 199         | 220 | 213 |
| Heifers                        | 270         | 321 | 284 | 215         | 269 | 235 |
| Beef Cows                      | 237         | 278 | 255 | 140         | 236 | 180 |
| Dairy Cows                     | 140         | 173 | 152 | 85          | 139 | 110 |
| <b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>     |             |     |     |             |     |     |
| Steers up to 400kg             | 300         | 358 | 325 | 200         | 299 | 250 |
| Steers 400kg - 500kg           | 280         | 343 | 305 | 200         | 279 | 240 |
| Steers over 500kg              | 275         | 311 | 290 | 190         | 274 | 225 |
| Heifers up to 450kg            | 295         | 360 | 325 | 200         | 294 | 240 |
| Heifers over 450kg             | 250         | 294 | 270 | 200         | 249 | 220 |
| <b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b> |             |     |     |             |     |     |
| Continental Bulls              | 380         | 580 | 450 | 250         | 375 | 315 |
| Continental Heifers            | 330         | 550 | 405 | 200         | 325 | 250 |
| Friesian Bulls                 | 75          | 130 | 102 | 42          | 52  | 48  |
| Holstein Bulls                 | 74          | 125 | 100 | 30          | 50  | 40  |

## DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

| (P/Kg DW)              | This Week<br>23/09/24 | Next Week<br>30/09/24 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| R3 Lambs<br>up to 22kg | 580 - 590p            | 580 - 585p            |

### REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES

| (P/KG)       | W/E<br>07/09/24 | W/E<br>14/09/24 | W/E<br>21/09/24 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| D/W R3 Lambs | 593.3           | 586.9           | 581.9           |
| D/W Lambs    | 593.9           | 590.1           | 582.6           |
| L/W Lambs    | 521.6           | 529.2           | 530.3           |

### REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)

|               |       |       |       |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| GB D/W Lambs  | 654.5 | 642.9 | 641.1 |
| ROI D/W Lambs | 602.4 | 601.4 | 599.8 |

### Sheep Trade

Strong levels of lambs continue to come forward for slaughter locally with 11,333 head processed in local plants. Last week, the quality of lambs improved with an average carcass weight of 22.2kg reported, the highest weekly average carcass weight recorded for lambs during the year to date.

Last week, the deadweight lamb trade in NI softened 7.5p/kg from the previous week to 582.6p/kg, with reports of slow sales putting pressure on the trade. The liveweight trade reported a slight improvement in local marts at 530.3p/kg. Demand from the export market improved last week with 5,315 lambs exported to ROI plants for slaughter. Exports to ROI plants during the year to date have totalled 191,756 head, on par with the corresponding period of 2023, when 191,908 head were exported. Hogget exports during the earlier months of 2024 however, have represented the majority of these exports with lamb exports during 2024 tracking behind 2023 levels.

In ROI last week the deadweight trade for lambs improved slightly in euro terms however softened in sterling terms by the equivalent of 1.6p/kg to 599.8p/kg. In GB last week the average price reported for lambs declined by 1.8p/kg to 641.1p/kg.

## LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

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

| From: 21/09/24 |             | Lambs |      |     |     |
|----------------|-------------|-------|------|-----|-----|
| To: 26/09/24   |             | No    | From | To  | Avg |
| Saturday       | Omagh       | 636   | 532  | 644 | -   |
|                | Swatragh    | 1300  | 533  | 566 | -   |
| Monday         | Kilrea      | 1300  | 544  | 585 | -   |
|                | Markethill  | 1510  | 540  | 600 | -   |
| Tuesday        | Saintfield  | 690   | 530  | 620 | -   |
|                | Rathfriland | 900   | 540  | 600 | -   |
| Wednesday      | Ballymena   | 2465  | 510  | 578 | 532 |
|                | Enniskillen | 862   | 520  | 589 | -   |
|                | Armoyle     | 480   | 510  | 575 | -   |