

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 14/10/24	Next Week 21/10/24
Prime		
U-3	476 - 482p	480 - 482p
R-3	470 - 476p	474 - 476p
O+3	464 - 470p	468 - 470p
P+3	408 - 414p	412 - 414p
Cows		
O+3	360 - 375p	365 - 380p

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.

EU and UK R3 Heifer prices w/e 08 September 2024 compared to w/e 06 October 2024 (c/kg). Source: LMC, AHDB & EU Commission.

Position last Month	Position this Month	Country	Price last Month (w/e 08.09.24)	Price this Month (w/e 06.10.24)	Change on Month (cents)
1	1	Great Britain	600.1	614.0	+13.8
2	2	Italy	597.0	609.1	+12.1
3	3	N. Ireland	578.9	588.5	+9.6
5	4	Spain	540.7	567.9	+27.2
7	5	Netherlands	515.0	560.0	+45.0
4	6	France	562.0	557.0	-5.0
6	7	Sweden	527.9	531.6	+3.6
8	8	Portugal	512.3	517.9	+5.6
12	9	Poland	486.1	509.2	+23.0
9	10	Ireland	508.5	508.3	-0.2
10	11	Slovenia	498.9	507.2	+8.3
11	12	Germany	493.2	505.6	+12.4
13	13	Austria	486.0	492.7	+6.6
14	14	Belgium	478.9	485.0	+6.1
15	15	Denmark	448.5	455.5	+7.0
16	16	Romania	441.6	444.4	+2.7
17	17	Lithuania	422.8	417.1	-5.7
18	18	Czech Republic	420.5	409.8	-10.6
EU Average			527.6	534.6	+7.0
Euro (€1=)			84.2	83.6	-0.6

The deadweight trade for R3 heifers in GB and Northern Ireland continues to place highly on the EU league table. GB remained in first for the sixth consecutive week during w/e 06 October 2024 while NI placed third at the equivalent of 588.5c/kg.

REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 12/10/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	499.2	499.2	486.2
R3	493.2	493.8	484.5
O+3	484.2	485.0	474.1

*Prices exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic cattle

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 12/10/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	248.1	264.3	278.7	298.3
P2	262.5	299.8	322.0	335.9
P3	290.5	341.0	342.1	347.0
O3	224.0	338.3	352.2	364.9
O4	-	342.0	358.8	368.9
R3	-	-	390.0	393.7

Deadweight Cattle Trade

A record trade was reported for prime cattle in NI plants last week, surpassing the previous peak in the local deadweight prime cattle trade reported during 2023. The average price paid for R3 steers peaked at 496.4p/kg with R4 steers paid 498.5p/kg on average. The average price paid for O3 steers and heifers in NI also reached a new high last week reported at 490.7p/kg and 486.7p/kg respectively. The average price paid for steers overall was up 2.3p/kg on the previous week with increases across the category ranging from 1.4 - 7.9p/kg. The trade for heifers in NI last week strengthened 1.2p/kg to 489.8p/kg while the R3 heifer price reported a marginal decline (-0.1p/kg) to 494.8p/kg. The cow trade in NI last week reported a strengthening of 2.2p/kg to an average of 322.2p/kg despite the O3 cow price reporting a 3p/kg decline to 363.4p/kg.

Imports of ROI cattle for direct slaughter locally continue at high levels. Last week prime cattle imports totalled 608 head, with 346 cows also imported. Slaughtering in local plants last week comprised of 8,613 prime cattle, and 2,658 cows. Base quotes received from six of the seven major NI plants indicate a similar trade early next week. Industry continues to report strong supplies of cattle coming forward for slaughter in line with normal seasonal trends. However, the level of finish continues to be reported as a challenge when sourcing cattle. This creates opportunity for those producers selling in-spec cattle to price around the plants and maximise returns.

Last week in GB the R3 steer price was 520p/kg and the equivalent of 425.8p/kg in ROI.

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

W/E 12/10/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3 499.4	433.4	531.4	517.7	514.3	524.8	523.3
	R3 496.4	425.8	529.8	521.1	514.4	517.9	520.0
	R4 498.5	426.3	528.4	524.1	512.5	521.3	523.6
	O3 490.7	413.8	510.7	506.3	496.4	503.4	502.6
	AVG 488.6	-	525.1	514.8	503.1	507.8	512.4
Heifers	U3 499.3	438.8	536.6	521.1	524.1	526.6	525.7
	R3 494.8	430.0	529.2	515.7	513.7	517.4	517.1
	R4 495.0	430.7	529.5	519.8	513.0	519.8	522.7
	O3 486.7	422.6	507.5	500.1	493.8	501.6	498.5
	AVG 489.8	-	525.5	509.6	498.2	501.0	508.4
Young Bulls	U3 488.1	429.4	520.0	507.8	516.9	516.5	515.4
	R3 482.5	423.5	515.8	503.8	505.8	512.4	507.8
	O3 467.8	409.2	492.5	474.8	481.8	497.3	485.6
	AVG 474.1	-	507.2	499.3	493.1	499.1	497.5
Prime Cattle Price Reported	6,952	-	6,297	7,239	8,354	4,874	26,764
Cows	O3 363.4	370.7	395.6	389.2	386.5	390.2	389.4
	O4 368.2	370.0	401.0	392.1	385.7	388.9	390.0
	P2 326.8	333.6	360.0	347.6	345.4	351.3	348.4
	P3 344.7	355.7	370.4	370.4	360.3	370.0	365.1
	AVG 322.2	-	395.4	363.7	347.9	344.4	355.6

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=83.77p 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 12/10/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
Finished Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers	276	317	290	225	275	245
Friesians	221	248	231	187	219	204
Heifers	264	309	280	205	263	225
Beef Cows	240	292	260	155	239	185
Dairy Cows	140	189	157	65	139	110
Store Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers up to 400kg	300	374	330	210	298	250
Steers 400kg - 500kg	275	343	306	175	274	225
Steers over 500kg	290	346	303	210	289	240
Heifers up to 450kg	260	352	300	200	259	225
Heifers over 450kg	260	334	280	205	259	230
Dropped Calves (£/head)						
Continental Bulls	400	690	460	270	395	320
Continental Heifers	325	630	410	220	320	260
Friesian Bulls	120	205	155	70	75	72
Holstein Bulls	-	-	-	45	85	72

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 14/10/24	Next Week 21/10/24
R3 Lambs up to 22kg	585 - 595p	600 - 610p

REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 28/09/24	W/E 05/10/24	W/E 12/10/24
D/W R3 Lambs	582.7	583.7	586.3
D/W Lambs	583.9	585.0	587.0
L/W Lambs	542.9	547.8	557.8

REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)

GB D/W Lambs	640.0	624.0	617.5
ROI D/W Lambs	595.4	600.8	605.9

Sheep Trade

Early next week, the local deadweight trade for lambs is expected to strengthen with base quotes of 600 - 610p/kg received from the major plants. Throughput in local plants remains strong with 10,872 lambs slaughtered last week. Meanwhile, an additional 4,706 lambs were exported to ROI last week for direct slaughter.

In local marts this week a strong demand from the export market drove a firm trade, while store lambs were also met with a brisk trade in marts across the country.

DAERA reported a differential of 29.2p/kg between the live and deadweight sheep trade in NI last week versus a difference of 41p/kg a fortnight prior. The average liveweight lamb price in NI last week was up 10p/kg on the previous week to 557.8p/kg, with the average deadweight price up 2p/kg from the previous week to 587p/kg.

In ROI last week the deadweight trade for lambs reported an increase the equivalent of 5.1p/kg to 605.9p/kg. Next week the deadweight trade for lambs in ROI is expected to strengthen further.

LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 12/10/24		Lambs			
To: 17/10/24		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	1226	585	650	-
	Swatragh	1340	570	616	-
Monday	Kilrea	1250	559	566	-
	Markethill	1280	540	583	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	840	550	630	-
	Rathfriland	600	560	670	-
Wednesday	Ballymena	2325	530	610	563
	Enniskillen	713	508	598	-
	Armoy	644	535	610	-