

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators March 2022 Snapshot (week 48-52)

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	March 2021	March 2022	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	612.7	550.0	-10.2%
Average Liveweight Price NI	555.4	515.9	-7.1%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	626.8	569.7	-9.1%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	608.9	583.9	-4.1%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughtering (Head)	35,880	34,657	-3.4%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughtering (Head)	3,032	2,046	-32.5%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	22.5	23.5	+4.8%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	27.5	27.7	+0.4%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	22,879	38,929	+70.2%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	85.8	83.6	-2.6%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight hogget price** during March 2022 was back just under 63p/kg from the same price in March 2021. This is a decrease of £13.79 in the value of 22kg hogget carcase.



The average **GB deadweight hogget price** decreased by 57.1p/kg from March 2021.



The average **ROI deadweight hogget price** was back by the equivalent of 11.6p/kg when compared to the same price in March 2021.



Hogget throughput has decreased by 3.4 per cent from the same period last year. Average carcase weight for hoggets reported an increase of 4.8 per cent to 23.5kg.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter were up almost two-fold, seeing a 70.2 per cent increase when compared to March 2021.