Livestock & Meat Commission Saturday 08 February 2025

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

	AV	ERAGE D	EADWE	IGHT CA	TTLE PR	CES (P/k	(G)	
Week 01/0		Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
	U3	557.9	515.3	625.4	612.6	616.5	617.4	619.8
	R3	557.3	509.9	620.1	615.8	608.6	608.7	612.9
Steers	R4	558.7	512.5	621.2	619.0	605.9	609.8	617.
	O3	546.1	504.9	604.2	595.4	588.5	589.0	591.8
	AVG	549.9	-	619.5	608.6	598.3	596.6	606.0
	U3	560.7	519.8	631.1	616.4	622.1	618.7	623.8
	R3	555.1	512.1	620.7	610.6	608.3	610.8	611.2
	R4	555.4	517.5	622.6	614.6	607.1	609.8	615.
	O3	545.4	508.8	598.2	588.4	586.2	588.0	588.
	AVG	548.7	-	620.2	605.5	596.6	594.6	604.
	U3	548.7	514.0	616.2	590.6	590.9	588.4	601.
Young	R3	537.2	505.0	605.5	589.1	593.2	587.1	593.
Bulls	O3	529.0	492.9	595.3	555.5	572.3	591.4	571.
	AVG	530.1	-	601.7	569.9	577.5	581.3	579.
Prime Price Re		6,483	-	6,224	7,327	7,349	5,068	25,96
	O3	439.1	440.9	479.2	464.5	467.1	465.5	467.
	04	437.5	441.6	481.6	462.7	462.4	468.6	465.2
Cows	P2	399.8	420.4	441.0	424.8	415.8	419.3	419.0
	P3	417.7	428.9	453.3	440.8	436.1	446.5	441.2
	AVG	404.1	-	479.0	444.5	431.3	431.8	439.4

NI AVERAGE NON-PREMIUM CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)									
Week Ending 01/02/25	Steers	Change	Heifers	Change	Young Bulls	Change	5		
U-3	557.6	10.8	559.1	🕈 + 11.6	546.9	+12.4			
R-3	553.5	🕈 +14.2	551.7	+ 10.4	534.2	+3.7			
O+3	546.4	🕈 +13.0	546.8	🕈 + 10.9	534.1	+12.5			
P+3	507.4	+8.2	496.8	🕈 +6.9	472.0	+14.0	ŀ		

Prices exclude animals paid at a premium p/kg as notified by price reporting plants. Blank cells indicate no animals within the grade reported during the period or no price comparison can be made with the previous period.

NI DEADWEIGHT CATTLE BASE QUOTES								
(P/KG)	03/02/25	10/02/25						
Steers & Heifers								
U-3	540 - 550	550 - 560						
R-3	534 - 544	544 - 554						
O+3	528 - 538	538 - 548						
P+3	472 - 482	482 - 492						
Cows								
O+3	424 - 434	440 - 450						

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Base guotes for in-spec U-3 steers and heifers, and O+3 covs were received from 5 of the 7 major NI beef slaughter plants. Base quotes vary depending on age, weight and grade. Pricing policies vary from plant to plant. Producers are advised to check pricing policies before presenting cattle for slaughter.

NI REPORTED AVERAGE COW PRICES (P/KG)								
Week Ending 01/02/25	<220kg	Change	220-250kg	Change	250-280kg	Change	>280kg	Change
P1	321.6	+19.8	334.0	🛉 +14.3	352.7	+ 17.6	373.1	+11.2
P2	351.7	+17.1	374.4	+ 19.7	389.2	+7.5	412.0	+ 12.1
P3	367.0	+95.7	404.0	+32.5	411.4	+7.4	419.0	+ 10.0
O3	322.0	🖖 -56.5	415.7	🕈 +19.4	451.6	+29.7	439.0	+ 12.5
O4					444.4	+26.5	437.2	🛉 +11.7
R3							468.2	+ 17.3

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Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only. Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 euro = 83.80p Stg. AVG is the average price of all grades in the category (not just those listed).

LMC Text Message

LMC is currently trialling a change to

its text message service. During a sixmonth trial period, the Friday afternoon text message update will

include the latest NI deadweight prices

received on a Monday will be issued by text that day. These will continue to be

updated as usual on a Wednesday and

Changes to the text service will be kept

Friday and are available in the LMC

bulletin and on the Market Update

page of our website. https://www.lmcni.com/market-

feedback.

(P/KG)

R3 Hoggets

up to 23kg

Quotes from the 3 major NI sheep plants

information/market-update

under review and we welcome

for cattle and sheep. Base quotes

Cattle Trade

Last week across NI, GB and ROI the deadweight cattle trade strengthened across all reported grades and categories. Strong beef sales and less availability of slaughter fit cattle across the regions continues to drive a record trade.

Last week in NI the deadweight trade for all types of cattle strengthened from the previous week. The average R3 steer and heifer price increased by 10.9p/kg and 8.8p/kg to 557.3p/kg and 555.1p/kg respectively. The average price paid for steer and heifers overall increased to 549.9p/kg and 548.7p/kg, while the average price paid for young bulls was 530.1p/kg. The cow trade in NI also strengthened last week, up 15.6p/kg on average to 404.1p/kg.

Cattle imports from ROI for direct slaughter totalled 235 prime cattle and 166 cows. With the increasing differential between NI and GB deadweight cattle prices, 35 prime cattle and five cows were exported to GB plants for slaughter last week. Meanwhile, four cows travelled from NI to ROI for direct slaughter.

Week Ending	1st	QUALIT	QUALITY					
01/02/25	FROM	ТО	AVG	FROM	ТО	AVG		
Finished Cattle								
Steers	320	376	340	260	319	290		
Friesians	263	292	276	224	254	242		
Heifers	310	366	328	250	309	268		
Beef Cows	264	320	279	160	263	200		
Dairy Cows	160	230	180	110	159	125		
Store Cattle								
Steers up to 400kg	380	460	405	280	379	315		
Steers 400kg - 500kg	365	452	395	275	364	320		
Steers over 500kg	320	436	345	250	319	285		
Heifers up to 450kg	350	454	400	260	349	300		
Heifers over 450kg	300	388	335	220	299	260		
Dropped Calves (£/head)								
Continental Bulls	450	710	500	370	445	395		
Continental Heifers	400	850	440	250	395	320		
Friesian Bulls	185	355	215	80	180	115		
Holstein Bulls	150	300	175	45	145	80		

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

690 - 700

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOT

	Sheep Trade
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deadweight hogget trade reported a decline in NI last week with 682.5p/kg paid on average. Fewer 03/02/2025 10/02/2025 hoggets on offer in local marts last week resulted in the average liveweight trade increasing 4.7p/kg 700 - 705 despite the ROI deadweight hogget price reporting a decline the equivalent of 29.8p/kg. Meanwhile, this week the trade strengthened across local plants and marts with a stronger trade expected early next week.

NI REPORTED AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES									
(P/KG)	18/01/2025	Change	25/01/2025	Change	01/02/2025	Change			
D/W R3 Hoggets	713.5	🛉 +29.4	691.0	🤚 -22.5	678.4	-12.6			
D/W Hoggets	712.1	+26.5	691.7	-20.4	682.5	-9.2			
L/W Hoggets	688.8	+22.3	652.0	-36.8	656.7	+4.7			
GB/ROI REPORTED AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES									
GB D/W Hoggets	736.0	🛉 +12.4	731.2	4.8 -	710.0	🖕 -21.2			
ROI D/W Hoggets	762.7	+32.7	754.1	-8.6	724.3	-29.8			
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the previous period.

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01/02/202	5 -06/02/25	No	From	То	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	578	656	765	-
	Swatragh	700	650	711	-
Monday	Kilrea	900	660	707	-
	Markethill	800	650	702	-
	Rathfriland	425	625	714	655
Wednesday	Ballymena	1769	650	709	660
	Enniskillen	512	620	717	-
	Armoy	285	625	695	-

HOGGET OUTPUT NI SHEEP SECTOR (HEAD)									
YTD W/E 25/01/25	2025	2024	2023	2022					
ROI DS Exports	19,846	29,080	21,361	19,377					
NI Slaughterings	25,679	34,877	33,659	28,642					

Exports to approved ROI meat plants. Source: DAERA

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