

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

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Week Ending 22/02/25		Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
	U3	610.8	544.2	653.0	649.0	645.4	645.9	649.4
	R3	607.7	540.8	653.6	645.2	639.5	641.1	643.7
Steers	R4	606.7	545.9	652.0	648.8	638.3	642.4	647.6
	О3	596.1	536.3	638.8	630.3	618.3	621.4	624.7
	AVG	599.7	-	649.3	640.3	629.0	629.6	636.9
	U3	609.8	547.6	660.1	652.7	652.4	648.6	653.6
	R3	606.0	540.4	650.0	643.2	639.3	639.7	641.5
Heifers	R4	605.7	545.2	651.1	646.1	638.3	640.6	645.5
	О3	596.0	539.5	631.7	619.7	609.9	617.7	616.1
	AVG	598.1	-	648.6	637.2	626.5	624.3	633.6
	U3	593.8	538.4	647.7	609.7	629.4	647.5	630.4
Young	R3	587.4	533.2	629.4	624.1	630.5	627.7	628.3
Bulls	О3	578.4	517.5	602.3	591.0	610.9	613.3	605.2
	AVG	574.8	-	620.1	611.4	616.4	608.9	615.3
Prime Price R	Cattle eported	6,351	-	6,072	7,109	8,170	5,664	27,01
	О3	484.2	472.3	508.3	501.8	505.2	497.9	503.3
	04	487.2	472.0	514.9	503.4	503.2	504.2	505.0
Cows	P2	445.2	450.6	480.5	461.8	459.6	461.1	461.4
	P3	461.7	459.8	487.5	477.0	476.4	473.9	475.8
	AVG	448.7	-	514.5	482.1	472.5	465.3	479.1

NI AVERAGE NON-PREMIUM CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)						
Week Ending 22/02/25	Steers	Change	Heifers	Change	Young Bulls	Change
U-3	609.7	+14.4	608.2	+ +12.4	580.4	+ 1.6
R-3	603.8	+14.1	602.7	+14.4	589.4	+16.1
O+3	598.0	+13.5	596.5	+14.0	581.6	+13.5
P+3	556.9	+15.1	546.3	+4.7	530.0	

		p/kg as notified by price
reporting plants. Blank	cells indicate no ani	mals within the grade were
reported during the per previous period.	riod or no price comp	arison can be made with the

NI DEADWEIGHT CATTLE BASE QUOTES					
(P/KG)	26/02/25	03/03/25			
Steers & Heifers					
U-3	570 - 598	580 - 598			
R-3	564 - 592	574 - 592			
O+3	558 - 586	568 - 586			
P+3	502 - 530	512 - 530			
Cows					
O+3	470 - 480	470 - 480			

Base quotes for in-spec U-3 steers and heifers, and O+3 cows base quotes for in-Spec U-3 steers and neiters, and U+3 cows received from 3 major NI plants. Base quotes vary depending on age, weight and grade. Base quotes for the coming week are preliminary and subject to change. Producers are advised to check pricing policies before presenting animals for slaughter.

		NI A	VERAGE C	OW PRIC	CES (P/KG)		
Week Ending 22/02/25	<220kg	Change	220-250kg	Change	250-280kg	Change	>280kg	Change
P1	356.2	+10.3	375.1	+8.2	393.1	+9.1	415.7	+8.1
P2	385.8	⊎ -10.3	421.8	+19.6	433.3	+1.8	456.9	+12.6
P3	411.6	+25.7	438.6	+5.4	456.4	+16.4	464.1	↑ +11.1
O3	436.0	⊎ -14.0	526.7	+91.7	484.0	+18.9	484.0	+5.8
04					519.1	+46.4	486.4	+9.2
R3					490.0		524.7	+14.0

Blank cells indicate no animals within grade were reported during the period or no price comparison can be made with previous period.

Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only. Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 euro = 82.92p Stg. AVG is the average price of all grades in the category (not just those listed).

CATTLE EXPORTS FOR DIRECT SLAUGHTER					
	2024	2025 (15/02/25)			
Exports to ROI Prime	158	11			
Exports to ROI Cows	713	180			
Exports to GB Prime	39	377			
Exports to GB Cows	0	58			

CATTLE IMPORT	S FOR DIRECT	SLAUGHTER
	2024	2025 (15/02/25)
Imports from ROI Prime	17,033	1,708
Imports from ROI Cows	9,082	1,298

FQAS Mart Dates - March 2025

Saintfield, Wednesday 05 March; Enniskillen, Thursday 06 March, Kilrea; Wednesday 12 March. LMC Farm Liaison Officer Terry White will be present at the locations outlined to assist FOAS members scheme queries and offer advice. FQAS Helpline: 028 9263 3024.

Sustainable Agriculture Programme

Presentations on the new farm support programme commence at 11:00am, 2:00pm and 7:30pm at the following venues: Tuesday 04 March, Mourne Country hotel, Newry & Thursday 06 March, Bushtown Hotel, Coleraine,

Sustainable Agriculture Programme Awareness Events - CAFRE

The deadweight cattle trade continues to surpass historical records in NI for all types of cattle. Last week the overall trade for steers and heifers strengthened by 13.8p/kg to 599.7p/kg and 598.1p/kg respectively. The average price paid for U3 steers was 610.8p/kg with 607.7p/kg paid for R3 steers. Respective increases of 13.6p/kg and 15.8p/kg from the previous week. U3 heifers were paid 609.8p/kg on average last week, up by 12.5p/kg. The trade for R3 heifers strengthened 15p/kg to 606p/kg with O3 heifers reporting a 15.7p/kg increase week on week to 596p/kg.

Local marts continue to report a brisk trade for cattle, with over 400p/kg widely available for quality stock. In Ballymena last week first quality finished steers sold to an average of 345p/kg, up 70p/kg when compared to the 275p/kg paid during the corresponding week of 2024. Year on year the differential in first and second quality animals has narrowed as a result of tighter supplies. Last week the average price paid for first quality steers was 26p/kg ahead of second quality, versus a 50p/kg difference during the same week of 2024.

Producers are reminded base quotes should be used as a starting point for negotiation and are encouraged to price around for the best deal when selling stock.

NI CATTLE Week Ending		t QUALIT			(P/KG) d QUALIT	
22/02/25	FROM	то	AVG	FROM	то	AVG
Finished Cattle						
Steers	320	370	345	260	319	290
Friesians	256	298	272	248	250	249
Heifers	330	382	355	270	329	290
Beef Cows	300	348	319	180	299	225
Dairy Cows	200	265	220	82	199	160
Store Cattle						
Steers up to 400kg	425	538	445	340	424	370
Steers 400kg - 500kg	340	429	375	250	339	290
Steers over 500kg	325	404	350	250	324	285
Heifers up to 450kg	370	471	415	280	369	320
Heifers over 450kg	290	383	325	210	289	240
Dropped Calves (£/he	ead)					
Continental Bulls	475	750	525	375	470	420
Continental Heifers	425	760	475	300	420	350
Friesian Bulls	200	300	250	100	195	150
Holstein Bulls	150	230	175	70	145	115

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOTES					
(P/KG)	26/02/2025	03/03/2025			
R3 Hoggets (to 23kg)	695 - 705	690 - 705			

Quotes from 2 major NI sheep plants

N	I AVERAGE	SHEEP I	PRICES		
(P/KG)	15/02/2025	Change	22/02/2025	Change	
D/W R3 Hoggets	693.2	↑ +7.1	695.8	+2.6	
D/W Hoggets	695.6	+7.8	696.7	↑ +1.1	
L/W Hoggets	669.9	+15.5	640.9	⊎ -29.0	
GB/	ROI AVER	AGE SHEE	P PRICES		
GB D/W Hoggets	736.9	+7.5	729.5	⊎ -7.4	
ROI D/W Hoggets	734.3	+14.2	735.3	+1.0	

Blank cells indicate no animals within the grade were reported during the period or no price comparison can be made with the previous period.

Hogget slaughterings in local plants totalled 7,016 head last week, an increase of 760 head from the previous week, and 1,048 head less than levels processed during the corresponding week of 2024. Direct slaughter hogget exports to ROI increased last week to total xx head, while during the same week last year 6,272 hoggets were exported to ROI for direct slaughter. The average deadweight hogget price in NI last week remained relatively steady at 696.7p/kg with the average R3 hogget price increasing 2.6p/kg to 695.8p/kg.

The trade in local marts for finished hoggets was back almost 30p/kg on the previous week with an average price of 640.9p/kg reported by DAERA. In ROI the deadweight hogget trade strengthened by the equivalent of one penny to 735.3p/kg.

Mid week base quotes received from one local plant softened 10p/kg. Early next week a softer trade is expected for hoggets. Base quotes should be used as a starting point for negotiation and with a range across the plants producers are encouraged to price around.

NI SHEEP MART LIVEWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG) HOGGETS							
22/02/2025	-26/02/25	No	From	То			
Saturday	Omagh	580	621	687			
	Swatragh	600	670	724			
Monday	Kilrea	1200	661	705			
	Markethill	850	630	667			
Tuesday	Saintfield	690	645	705			
	Rathfriland	366	600	717			
Wednesday	Ballymena	1500	620	700 (AVE 646)			
	Enniskillen	782	600	691			
	Armov	412	610	700			

Average prices, where shown, are supplied by individual marts

HOGGET OUTPUT NI SHEEP SECTOR (HEAD)						
	2022	2023	2024	2025 (22/02/25)		
ROI DS Exports	287,303	290,688	256,612	41,292		
NI Slaughterings	448,166	476,091	431,461	50,887		

Exports to approved ROI meat plants. Source: DAERA.

Information supplied by LMC / DAERA/ AHDB/ DAFM

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