

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

AVERAGE DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)							
Week Ending 22/02/25	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	610.8	544.2	653.0	649.0	645.4	649.4
	R3	607.7	540.8	653.6	645.2	639.5	643.7
	R4	606.7	545.9	652.0	648.8	638.3	642.4
	O3	596.1	536.3	638.8	630.3	618.3	624.7
	AVG	599.7	-	649.3	640.3	629.0	636.9
Heifers	U3	609.8	547.6	660.1	652.7	652.4	653.6
	R3	606.0	540.4	650.0	643.2	639.3	641.5
	R4	605.7	545.2	651.1	646.1	638.3	640.6
	O3	596.0	539.5	631.7	619.7	609.9	617.7
	AVG	598.1	-	648.6	637.2	626.5	633.6
Young Bulls	U3	593.8	538.4	647.7	609.7	629.4	630.4
	R3	587.4	533.2	629.4	624.1	630.5	627.7
	O3	578.4	517.5	602.3	591.0	610.9	613.3
	AVG	574.8	-	620.1	611.4	616.4	615.3
	Prime Cattle Price Reported	6,351	-	6,072	7,109	8,170	27,015
Cows	O3	484.2	472.3	508.3	501.8	505.2	497.9
	O4	487.2	472.0	514.9	503.4	503.2	504.2
	P2	445.2	450.6	480.5	461.8	459.6	461.4
	P3	461.7	459.8	487.5	477.0	476.4	473.9
	AVG	448.7	-	514.5	482.1	472.5	479.1

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 IMPORTS 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, Killea; Wednesday 12 March. LMC Farm Liaison Officer Terry White will be present at the locations outlined to assist FQAS members with 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, Bushstown Hotel, Coleraine.
[Sustainable Agriculture Programme Awareness Events - CAFRE](#)

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.

NI AVERAGE SHEEP 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 AVERAGE SHEEP 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.

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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	

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

NI AVERAGE COW PRICES (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
O4	.		.		519.1	⬆️ +46.4	486.4	⬆️ +9.2
R3	.		.		490.0		524.7	⬆️ +14.0

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NI CATTLE MART LIVELWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG)					
Week Ending 22/02/25	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY	
	FROM	TO	AVG	FROM	AVG
Finished Cattle					
Steers	320	370	345	260	319
Friesians	256	298	272	248	250
Heifers	330	382	355	270	329
Beef Cows	300	348	319	180	299
Dairy Cows	200	265	220	82	199
Store Cattle					
Steers up to 400kg	425	538	445	340	424
Steers 400kg - 500kg	340	429	375	250	339
Steers over 500kg	325	404	350	250	324
Heifers up to 450kg	370	471	415	280	369
Heifers over 450kg	290	383	325	210	289
Dropped Calves (£/head)					
Continental Bulls	475	750	525	375	470
Continental Heifers	425	760	475	300	420
Friesian Bulls	200	300	250	100	195
Holstein Bulls	150	230	175	70	145

Hogget slaughtering 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 LIVELWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG) HOGGETS			
22/02/2025 -26/02/25	No	From	To
Saturday	Omagh	580	621
	Swatragh	600	670
Monday	Killea	1200	661
	Markethill	850	630
Tuesday	Saintfield	690	645
	Rathfriland	366	600
Wednesday	Ballymena	1500	620
	Enniskillen	782	600
	Armoyle	412	610

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 Slaughtering	448,166	476,091	431,461	50,887

Exports to approved ROI meat plants. Source: DAERA.