DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

AVERAGE DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)								
Week E 01/0		Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England		Southern England	GB
	U3	617.5	555.8	658.5	654.3	650.9	654.4	655.1
	R3	614.1	550.5	660.0	648.8	643.3	646.6	648.5
Steers	R4	613.1	556.8	659.4	650.1	642.1	646.2	652.5
	О3	604.2	546.8	643.3	631.2	621.6	629.5	628.6
	AVG	607.2	-	656.1	642.6	633.5	637.4	642.2
	U3	618.2	560.1	664.1	658.2	656.3	654.2	658.4
	R3	612.4	551.9	657.9	647.5	644.3	644.3	646.5
Heifers	R4	611.6	556.8	659.1	649.5	640.7	645.5	650.9
	О3	603.3	550.6	626.9	623.9	615.7	622.3	620.5
	AVG	605.8	-	656.0	640.1	629.6	628.1	637.9
	U3	604.2	553.0	652.1	632.7	643.4	601.7	643.8
Young	R3	598.6	543.1	646.0	630.6	631.5	642.3	634.8
Bulls	О3	583.1	530.2	607.4	603.8	606.0	625.9	610.3
	AVG	586.3	-	637.3	623.0	618.4	622.9	623.1
Prime Price R	Cattle eported	6,684	-	6,088	7,472	8,002	5,564	27,126
	О3	493.3	480.0	515.5	509.0	508.3	506.7	508.9
	04	492.5	479.0	520.8	509.4	508.4	504.2	509.4
Cows	P2	449.7	459.0	474.8	471.8	462.9	467.1	466.5
	Р3	469.1	470.2	494.8	487.5	481.8	487.5	485.1
	AVG	453.3	-	516.0	490.8	475.6	474.3	484.1

Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only. Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 euro = 82.78p Stg. AVG is the average price of all grades in the category (not just those listed).

NI AVERAGE NON-PREMIUM CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)							
Week Ending 01/03/25	Steers	Change	Heifers	Change	Young Bulls	Change	
U-3	616.3	+6.7	617.0	+8.8	596.1	+15.7	
R-3	612.1	+8.3	611.3	+8.6	597.5	+8.1	
O+3	609.7	+11.6	608.4	+11.9	586.1	+4.5	
P+3	563.1	+6.1	559.7	+13.4	559.9	+29.9	

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 DEADWEIGHT CATTLE BASE QUOTES							
(P/KG)	05/03/25	07/03/25					
Steers & Heifers							
U-3	570 - 604	590 - 604					
R-3	564 - 598	584 - 598					
O+3	558 - 592	578 - 592					
P+3	502 - 586	522 - 536					
Cows							
O+3	480 - 500	480 - 500					

Base quotes for in-spec U-3 steers and heifers, and O+3 cows received from 5 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

NI AVERAGE COW PRICES (P/KG)								
Week Ending 01/03/25	<220kg	Change	220-250kg	Change	250-280kg	Change	>280kg	Change
P1	366.2	+10.0	389.0	+13.9	399.8	+6.7	424.7	+9.0
P2	403.3	+17.5	427.8	+5.9	443.8	+10.5	460.5	+3.5
Р3	406.8	4.8	430.9	⊎ -7.7	461.5	+5.1	471.0	+6.9
O3			470.0	- 56.7	498.3	+14.3	493.9	+9.9
04					464.0	⊎ -55.1	492.8	+6.5
R3					534.0	+44.0	520.7	⊎ -4.1

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CATTLE EXPORTS FOR DIRECT SLAUGHTER

Exports to ROI Prime	158	13
Exports to ROI Cows	713	254
Exports to GB Prime	39	448
Exports to GB Cows	0	66

CATTLE IMPORTS FOR DIRECT SLAUGHTER

	2024	2025 (01/03/25)
Imports from ROI Prime	17,033	1,967
Imports from ROI Cows	9,081	1,477

CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS

	2024	2025 (01/03/25)
Prime Cattle	385,013	64,834
Cows	118,734	21,080
Total Cattle	516,542	87,851

FQAS MART DATES

Kilrea - Wednesday 12 March

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The latest weekly deadweight price report saw local trade continue to progress with the overall trade for steers and heifers strengthening 7.5p/kg and 7.7p/kg respectively. An R3 steer was paid 614.1p/kg on average last week with 612.4p/kg paid on average for an R3 heifer.

The trade for young bulls and cows also increased by 11.5p/kg and 4.6p/kg on average, with U3 and R3 young bulls seeing the greatest price increases week on week of 10.4p/kg and 11.3p/kg respectively.

In GB the trade continued to strengthen across all regions with the R3 steer price reaching 648.5p/kg. ROI reported the greatest increase by region last week with increases across all reported prime cattle base grades in sterling terms exceeding 9.6p/kg. The differential between NI and ROI narrowed last week to 63.6p/kg with the GB - NI differential also narrowing to 34.4p/kg.

Mid week one local processor indicated a softening in trade is expected providing base quotes 4p/kg behind Monday. The leading base quote received for early next week is steady at 604p/kg.

NI CATTLE MART LIVEWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG)							
Week Ending 1st QUALITY			Υ	2n	d QUALIT	Υ	
01/03/25	FROM	TO	AVG	FROM	TO	AVG	
Finished Cattle							
Steers	325	369	350	250	324	295	
Friesians	264	312	287	218	248	230	
Heifers	340	388	360	280	339	295	
Beef Cows	298	360	328	200	297	235	
Dairy Cows	200	256	220	100	199	165	
Store Cattle							
Steers up to 400kg	425	506	450	340	424	375	
Steers 400kg - 500kg	345	432	380	260	344	295	
Steers over 500kg	350	464	380	275	349	300	
Heifers up to 450kg	350	435	400	260	349	310	
Heifers over 450kg	320	428	350	225	319	255	
Dropped Calves (£/he	ad)						
Continental Bulls	500	840	550	400	495	445	
Continental Heifers	445	780	495	325	440	375	
Friesian Bulls	200	265	235	100	195	150	
Holstein Bulls	175	260	200	40	170	100	

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOTES						
(P/KG)	05/03/2025	07/03/2025				
R3 Hoggets (to 23kg)	695 - 705	695 - 705				

Ouotes from 3 major NI sheep plants

NI AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES							
(P/KG)	22/02/2025	Change	01/03/2025	Change			
D/W R3 Hoggets	695.8	+2.6	686.6	⊎ -9.1			
D/W Hoggets	696.7	+1.1	690.9	⊎ -5.8			
L/W Hoggets	640.9	-29.0	633.9	⊸ -7.0			

GB/ROI AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES

GB D/W Hoggets	729.5	•	-7.4	738.0	•	+8.5
ROI D/W Hoggets	735.3	P	+1.0	729.6	•	-5.7

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The trade for hoggets reported a decline in NI last week across live and deadweight centres. The average deadweight hogget price declined 5.8p/kg to 690.9p/kg. The liveweight trade softened 7p/kg to 633.9p/kg on average.

In ROI the deadweight hogget price reported a decline the equivalent of 5.7p/kg. Fewer hoggets on offer across local marts this week were met with a softer trade. In Ballymena on Wednesday 1,409 head sold to an average of 630p/kg compared to similar numbers the week prior selling to 646p/kg on average.

Direct slaughter exports to ROI plants last week totalled 6,231 head, an increase of 241 head week on week. In local plants hogget throughput totalled 6,587 head a decline of 429 head from the week prior.

Base quotes from local plants ended this week ranging from 695-705p/kg up to 23kg. Early next week a similar trade is expected.

NI SHEEP MART LIVEWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG) HOGGETS

01/03/20	25 -05/03/25	No	From	То
Saturday	Omagh	533	618	686
	Swatragh	900	630	672
Monday	Kilrea	1050	643	687
	Markethill	850	600	629
Tuesday	Rathfriland	400	616	672 (AVE 645)
Wednesday	Ballymena	1409	600	697 (AVE 630)
	Enniskillen	609	595	690
	Armoy	355	615	680

Average prices, where shown, are supplied by individual marts

448,166

HOGGET OUTPUT NI SHEEP SECTOR (HEAD) 2025 2022 2023 2024 (01/03/25) ROI DS Exports 287,303 290,688 256,612 47,523 476,091

431,461

Exports to approved ROI meat plants. Source: DAERA

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