

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

AVERAGE DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)								
Week Ending 01/03/25	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB	
Steers	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
	R4	613.1	556.8	659.4	650.1	642.1	646.2	652.5
	O3	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
Heifers	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
	R4	611.6	556.8	659.1	649.5	640.7	645.5	650.9
	O3	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
Young Bulls	U3	604.2	553.0	652.1	632.7	643.4	601.7	643.8
	R3	598.6	543.1	646.0	630.6	631.5	642.3	634.8
	O3	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
Cows	Prime Cattle Price Reported	6,684	-	6,088	7,472	8,002	5,564	27,126
	O3	493.3	480.0	515.5	509.0	508.3	506.7	508.9
	O4	492.5	479.0	520.8	509.4	508.4	504.2	509.4
	P2	449.7	459.0	474.8	471.8	462.9	467.1	466.5
	P3	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).

CATTLE EXPORTS FOR DIRECT SLAUGHTER			
	2024	2025 (01/03/25)	
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

LMC Farm Liaison Officer Terry White will assist FQAS members with scheme queries and offer advice.

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DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

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

Quotes 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	⬆️ +1.0	729.6	⬇️ -5.7

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 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 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
P3	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
O4	.		.		464.0	⬇️ -55.1	492.8	⬆️ +6.5
R3	.		.		534.0	⬆️ +44.0	520.7	⬇️ -4.1

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NI CATTLE MART LIVELWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG)						
Week Ending 01/03/25	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	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 (£/head)						
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

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 5,587 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 LIVELWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG) HOGGETS			
01/03/2025 -05/03/25	No	From	To
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

HOGGET OUTPUT NI SHEEP SECTOR (HEAD)				
	2022	2023	2024	2025 (01/03/25)
ROI DS Exports	287,303	290,688	256,612	47,523
NI Slaughterings	448,166	476,091	431,461	57,474

Exports to approved ROI meat plants. Source: DAERA.

