

CATTLE TRADE

AVERAGE DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)								
Week Ending 12/04/25	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB	
Steers	U3	686.1	673.2	719.3	706.7	704.8	710.9	
	R3	681.2	669.3	721.4	703.5	700.4	704.6	
	R4	680.6	673.3	717.6	703.7	696.8	707.0	
	O3	669.7	665.2	706.2	685.7	679.8	682.4	
	AVG	673.8	-	715.4	696.8	689.3	689.2	
Heifers	U3	686.1	681.0	728.7	710.8	711.1	713.1	
	R3	680.6	671.2	717.7	702.5	698.6	703.0	
	R4	681.1	675.4	716.5	706.4	697.9	700.8	
	O3	669.4	665.4	690.5	679.3	675.1	677.0	
	AVG	672.9	-	712.9	694.7	687.6	685.5	
Young Bulls	U3	681.4	668.0	713.5	687.8	708.2	716.4	
	R3	667.5	663.3	709.3	683.7	691.7	694.0	
	O3	655.6	647.0	685.8	659.4	677.1	682.3	
	AVG	659.5	-	700.2	674.0	684.3	688.9	
Prime Cattle Price Reported		6,528	-	5,711	6,961	8,175	5,714	
Cows	O3	556.2	595.2	555.3	546.6	545.2	546.9	
	O4	559.4	596.0	560.8	550.2	543.8	548.1	
	P2	521.6	563.9	527.0	500.3	499.4	503.2	
	P3	540.8	581.2	530.8	527.6	517.6	528.2	
	AVG	519.9	-	557.6	525.7	512.3	508.2	

Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only.
Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 euro = 86.02p Stg.
AVG is the average price of all grades in the category (not just those listed).

CATTLE EXPORTS FOR DIRECT SLAUGHTER			
	2024	YTD 13/04/24	YTD 12/04/25
Exports to ROI Prime	158	43	47
Exports to ROI Cows	713	167	398
Exports to GB Prime	39	0	673
Exports to GB Cows	1	0	82

CATTLE IMPORTS FOR DIRECT SLAUGHTER			
	2024	YTD 13/04/24	YTD 12/04/25
Imports from ROI Prime	17,033	2,719	0
Imports from ROI Cows	9,082	1,913	0

CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS			
	2024	YTD 13/04/24	YTD 12/04/25
Prime Cattle	385,013	108,014	110,159
Cows	118,734	33,115	34,206

CATTLE AVERAGE CARCASE WEIGHTS (KG)			
	2024	YTD 13/04/24	YTD 12/04/25
Prime Cattle	339.5	338.8	337.7
Cows	299.1	289.4	299.1

2024 and 2025 year to date figures are based on the same number of weeks in each year.
Source: DAERA.

SHEEP TRADE

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOTES (P/KG)		
	16/04/2025	18/04/2025
R3 Hoggets (to 23kg)	680 - 710	680 - 700

Quotes from 3 major NI sheep plants.

LAMB/HOGGET OUTPUT NI SHEEP SECTOR (HEAD)			
	2022	2023	2024
ROI DS Exports	287,303	290,688	252,130
NI Slaughtering	448,166	476,091	425,783

Exports to approved ROI meat plants. Source: DAERA.

GB/ROI AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES (P/KG)				
	05/04/2025	Change	12/04/2025	Change
GB D/W Hoggets	724.3	↓ -3.4	710.4	↓ -13.9
ROI D/W Hoggets	752.4	↑ +21.6	773.8	↑ +21.4

Source: AHDB & DAFM.

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NI AVERAGE NON-PREMIUM CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)						
Week Ending 12/04/25	Steers	Change	Heifers	Change	Young Bulls	Change
U-3	685.0	↑ +13.0	685.3	↑ +14.7	677.8	↑ +22.7
R-3	675.3	↑ +12.7	675.6	↑ +13.2	668.5	↑ +18.1
O+3	669.0	↑ +13.5	670.8	↑ +16.3	660.9	↑ +18.3
P+3	625.4	↓ +0.0	623.4	↑ +12.3	636.0	↑ +22.2

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 12/04/25	<220kg	Change	220-250kg	Change	250-280kg	Change	>280kg	Change	
P1	425.6	↑ +2.6	448.2	↑ +7.2	462.8	↑ +5.9	488.5	↑ +1.2	
P2	454.6	↓ -9.2	492.7	↑ +8.1	514.5	↑ +3.2	533.4	↑ +12.9	
P3	494.3	↑ +6.9	515.0	↑ +7.4	532.5	↑ +2.2	543.8	↑ +14.9	
O3	509.6	-	519.3	↓ -12.9	552.8	↓ -12.6	557.5	↑ +2.3	
O4					536.1	↓ -7.9	560.1	↑ +8.2	
R3							580.6	↑ +4.0	

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

Last week prime cattle throughput in local plants totalled 7,943 head. This was the second largest weekly kill during the year to date and an increase of 807 head week on week, as plants prepared for two shorter working weeks. From ROI, 385 prime cattle were imported to local plants for direct slaughter, the largest weekly consignment of prime cattle from ROI during the year to date. These cattle represented five per cent of prime cattle throughput. Cow throughput also increased last week with 2,269 head slaughtered. Of the kill, 159 head or seven per cent were imported from ROI.

A strengthening deadweight trade in NI last week saw the differential with GB narrow for the third consecutive week. A strengthening ROI trade also narrowed the gap with NI for the seventh consecutive week. In NI the R3 steer and heifer price strengthened by 14.4p/kg to 681.2p/kg and 680.6p/kg respectively. An R3 young bull was paid 667.5p/kg on average, a 16.1p/kg increase and the cow trade also strengthened last week albeit at a lesser rate than recent weeks, up 5.8p/kg on average to 519.9p/kg. Base quotes for cattle did increase this week, however industry has reported the trade has steadied in GB and in some local plants.

The NI lamb/hogget throughput last week also increased by 1,084 head week on week to total 6,838 head. An additional 6,270 head were exported to ROI for direct slaughter. The second largest weekly export level during 2025, as plants undertake production ahead of Easter holiday closures.

In GB last week a large kill, estimated at 292,567 head, making it the largest weekly throughput since week ending 14 November 2020, saw the average price decline 13.9p/kg week on week to 710.4p/kg. In sterling terms, the ROI price increased 21.4p/kg to 773.8p/kg.

Local marts witnessed a weaker trade for sheep this week with steady numbers available as lambs made their way to the market in time for Easter. Sales held early in the week attracted large entries as producers planned ahead for Easter bank holiday closures. In local plants, two of the three major processors reduced hogget quotes by 5p/kg and 30p/kg respectively, while the other remained steady at 710p/kg. Quotes have not yet been received by LMC for spring lambs.

NI CATTLE MART LIVEWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG)						
Week Ending 12/04/25	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	FROM	TO	AVG	FROM	TO	AVG
Finished Cattle						
Steers	400	456	420	325	399	350
Friesians	270	342	306	-	-	-
Heifers	380	430	395	305	379	335
Beef Cows	352	392	370	250	351	300
Dairy Cows	242	302	260	100	241	160
Store Cattle						
Steers up to 400kg	470	578	495	370	469	400
Steers 400kg - 500kg	410	514	460	300	405	350
Steers over 500kg	375	451	400	280	374	320
Heifers up to 450kg	400	568	450	300	399	350
Heifers over 450kg	375	479	415	270	374	320
Dropped Calves (£/head)						
Continental Bulls	475	800	575	350	470	400
Continental Heifers	450	880	500	340	445	380
Friesian Bulls	230	300	270	130	225	160
Holstein Bulls	-	-	-	80	80	80

Prices supplied by Ballymena Mart.

May FQAS Mart Dates
Saintfield – 7 May
Enniskillen – 8 May
Kilrea – 21 May
LMC's Terry White will be on-site to assist with FQAS queries.
FQAS Helpline: 028 9263 3024

Please note: Quotes will not be issued on Monday 21st April, but will be sent on Wednesday 23rd April. See our website for market updates.

Happy Easter
from all at LMC



NI SHEEP MART LIVEWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG)						
12/04/2025 - 17/04/25	HOGGETS			LAMBS		
	No	From	To	No	From	To
Saturday	Omagh	251	545	695	20	659
	Swatragh	1000	650	744	-	-
Monday	Kilrea	750	668	709	350	720
	Markethill	800	620	651	210	650
Tuesday	Saintfield	520	310	720	-	-
Wednesday	Rathfriland	-	-	-	250	658
	Ballymena	834	600	709 (AVE 638)	187	650
	Enniskillen	420	600	702	85	650
	Armooy	180	600	709	-	-

Average prices, where shown, are supplied by individual marts.