

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI DEADWEIGHT CATTLE BASE QUOTES		
(P/KG DW)	Last Week 20/01/25	This Week (Monday) 27/01/25
<b>Steers &amp; Heifers</b>		
U-3	520 – 528p	520 – 540p
R-3	514 - 522p	514 – 534p
O+3	508 - 516p	508 – 528p
P+3	452 - 460p	452 – 472p
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	400 – 420p	405 – 424p

Base quotes for in-spec U-3 steers and heifers, and O+3 cows were received from 6 of the 7 major NI beef slaughter plants. Base quotes vary depending on age, weight and grade. Pricing policies vary from plant to plant. Producers are advised to check pricing policies before presenting cattle for slaughter.

FQAS MART DATES

FEBRUARY 2025

Omagh – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Markethill - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Ballymena – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

LMC Farm Liaison Officer Terry White will be present at the locations outlined to assist FQAS members with scheme queries and offer advice.

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NI AVERAGE NON-PREMIUM CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)						
Week Ending 18/01/25	Steers	Change	Heifers	Change	Young Bulls	Change
U3	538.3	⬆️ +6.0	540.4	⬆️ +6.0	529.0	⬆️ +8.4
R3	537.8	⬆️ +9.7	538.5	⬆️ +9.6	518.7	⬆️ +3.6
O+3	534.9	⬆️ +15.3	535.3	⬆️ +12.6	512.5	⬆️ +8.8

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.

Deadweight Cattle Trade

Throughput in local plants last week totalled 7,251 prime and 2,370 cows, up 616 prime animals and 80 cows from the previous week. Imports from ROI for direct slaughter last week totalled 246 prime animals and 159 cows. Meanwhile, exports to ROI for direct slaughter totalled one steer, one heifer and 42 cows and exports to GB totalled 22 steers, five heifers, 11 cows and two bulls.

The deadweight cattle trade continued its upward trajectory last week across NI, ROI and GB. In NI, the trade for R3 grade heifers and young bulls strengthened by 6.4p/kg to an average paid price of 538.5p/kg and 518.7p/kg respectively. Meanwhile, R3 grade steers reported an increase of 5.1p/kg to an average price of 537.8p/kg. The NI cow trade was up 10p/kg on average last week, with O3 grade cows reporting a week-on-week increase of 6.3p/kg to an average paid price of 407.9p/kg.

In ROI, R3 grade steers, heifers and young bulls were up 11.5p/kg, 11.3p/kg and 9.5p/kg respectively. The O3 cow trade improved by 9.6p/kg to an average paid price of 421.2p/kg, ROI were 13.3p/kg ahead of the O3 cow price paid in NI last week.

The deadweight cattle trade strengthened across all regions in GB last week, with R3 grade steers, heifers and young bulls up 13.9p/kg, 11.7p/kg and 15.3p/kg respectively, while the O3 cow trade in GB reported an increase of 11.9p/kg on average.

NI REPORTED AVERAGE COW PRICES (P/KG)								
Week Ending 18/01/25	<220kg	Change	220-250kg	Change	250-280kg	Change	>280kg	Change
P1	288.2	⬆️ +16.4	305.4	⬆️ +11.5	321.7	⬆️ +7.0	342.3	⬆️ +10.1
P2	321.8	⬆️ +18.9	346.3	⬆️ +16.0	369.2	⬆️ +14.7	380.8	⬆️ +8.5
P3	375.0	⬆️ +375.0	371.8	⬆️ +4.8	378.7	⬆️ +6.7	393.7	⬆️ +12.0
O3	-		410.5	⬇️ -25.2	394.9	⬇️ -10.8	408.6	⬆️ +7.9
O4	-		380.0	⬆️ +10.0	407.6	⬆️ +19.3	412.5	⬆️ +8.1
R3	-		-		-		436.0	⬆️ +4.2

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DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOTES		
(P/Kg)	Last Week 20/01/25	This Week (Monday) 27/01/25
R3 Hoggets up to 23kg	710 – 725p	685 - 690p

Sheep Trade

A total of 6,575 hoggets were processed in local plants last week, 981 head less than the previous week. The average deadweight R3 hogget price in NI increased by 29.4p/kg to an average paid price of 713.5p/kg last week. The liveweight trade also improved by 22.3p/kg to 688.8p/kg paid on average across NI marts last week.

NI REPORTED AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES						
(P/KG)	04/01/2025	Change	11/01/2025	Change	18/01/2025	Change
D/W R3 Hoggets	679.2	⬆️ +7.0	684.1	⬆️ +4.9	713.5	⬆️ +29.4
D/W Hoggets	675.9	⬆️ +1.4	685.6	⬆️ +9.7	712.1	⬆️ +26.5
L/W Hoggets	641.4		666.5	⬆️ +25.1	688.8	⬆️ +22.3
AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)						
GB D/W Hoggets	708.1	⬆️ +17.5	723.6	⬆️ +15.5	736.0	⬆️ +12.4
ROI D/W Hoggets	715.6	⬆️ +7.1	730.0	⬆️ +14.4	762.7	⬆️ +32.7

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LAST WEEK'S AVERAGE DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES								
W/E 18/01/25	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB	
Steers	U3	538.3	496.0	599.5	584.1	582.5	585.2	590.9
	R3	537.8	491.0	593.8	582.9	576.9	579.2	582.0
	R4	537.4	492.4	595.4	582.8	576.6	579.5	586.4
	O3	529.7	486.8	578.4	569.1	558.5	560.9	563.9
	AVG	529.8	-	592.7	576.8	566.9	567.7	575.8
Heifers	U3	540.4	500.9	603.5	586.6	586.4	588.4	591.3
	R3	538.5	492.7	593.6	579.9	574.4	577.9	578.5
	R4	538.7	496.9	594.5	581.4	574.1	580.8	584.1
	O3	529.8	490.0	562.2	560.2	551.0	560.4	557.0
	AVG	531.8	-	590.9	574.3	562.2	565.6	572.4
Young Bulls	U3	529.0	491.7	580.1	570.8	572.7	585.0	574.7
	R3	518.7	485.2	569.8	569.1	566.6	572.7	568.4
	O3	508.9	476.1	553.4	512.7	537.1	539.6	534.2
	AVG	510.7	-	566.3	551.6	549.1	542.2	551.7
Prime Cattle		6,089	-	5,632	7,103	7,856	5,019	25,610
	O3	407.9	421.2	438.4	427.8	432.9	433.4	431.9
	O4	411.9	424.3	441.5	434.6	430.6	438.6	435.2
	P2	371.4	397.9	396.5	382.0	382.4	399.0	388.1
	P3	392.2	409.4	407.9	402.9	397.9	414.6	404.5
Cows	AVG	371.0	-	432.0	408.8	400.7	404.0	407.2

Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only. Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 euro = 84.29p Stg. AVG is the average price of all grades in the category (not just those listed).

NI CATTLE MART LIVEWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG)						
Week Ending 18/01/25	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	FROM	TO	AVG	FROM	TO	AVG
<b>Finished Cattle</b>						
Steers	300	348	325	240	299	270
Friesians	242	263	250	216	238	226
Heifers	300	358	325	250	299	265
Beef Cows	270	346	290	170	269	210
Dairy Cows	165	235	188	100	164	130
<b>Store Cattle</b>						
Steers up to 400kg	375	503	400	275	374	310
Steers 400kg - 500kg	370	454	392	270	369	315
Steers over 500kg	315	350	332	240	314	275
Heifers up to 450kg	350	453	390	250	349	300
Heifers over 450kg	300	384	330	230	299	265
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>						
Continental Bulls	450	750	500	350	445	385
Continental Heifers	415	600	445	265	410	325
Friesian Bulls	150	230	200	55	135	98
Holstein Bulls	110	195	153	80	100	95

NI SHEEP MART LIVEWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG)					
From: 18/01/25		Hoggets			
To: 23/01/25		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	885	692	759	-
	Swatragh	1600	693	756	-
Monday	Kilrea	1450	655	685	-
	Markethill	1080	650	715	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	605	628	710	-
	Rathfriland	460	608	670	647
Wednesday	Ballymena	1782	610	692	645
	Enniskillen	580	600	676	-
	Armoy	345	615	676	-