

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

LAST WEEK'S DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (UK / ROI)								
W/E	25/01/25	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	548.5	511.9	608.1	601.8	600.2	600.2	604.0
	R3	546.4	503.4	608.7	599.2	591.1	593.7	592.2
	R4	547.0	504.8	607.2	605.6	586.9	592.2	602.0
	O3	537.8	496.3	593.9	580.5	572.0	577.6	578.0
AVG	539.0	-	604.9	593.3	580.3	582.6	590.4	
Heifers	U3	548.9	514.6	615.6	603.2	602.8	603.5	606.8
	R3	546.3	506.0	608.6	594.3	591.3	595.1	595.0
	R4	549.4	509.1	605.6	598.5	589.4	596.7	598.7
	O3	537.6	502.5	581.5	572.1	567.2	575.4	571.7
AVG	540.7	-	604.4	588.4	579.2	576.4	586.6	
Young Bulls	U3	532.9	511.1	603.9	593.1	589.8	610.0	595.9
	R3	531.4	499.7	581.3	583.9	577.5	586.6	580.9
	O3	517.5	486.8	574.6	551.2	555.1	585.9	561.3
	AVG	523.0	-	580.9	570.5	564.4	581.5	569.6
Prime Cattle Price Reported		5,474	-	5,873	7,165	7,768	5,165	25,971
Cows	O3	425.5	435.6	454.3	448.0	453.8	452.3	451.7
	O4	425.2	435.4	455.4	449.4	452.3	452.7	451.8
	P2	390.0	414.5	422.7	406.5	405.4	412.7	408.2
	P3	406.7	421.7	423.5	425.7	426.6	434.9	429.0
	AVG	388.5	-	454.2	423.5	421.2	420.5	424.8

Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only. Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 euro = 84.50p Stg. AVG is the average price of all grades in the category (not just those listed).

Cattle Trade

The deadweight cattle trade continues to strengthen across NI, GB and ROI with prime cattle prices increasing across all regions. Last week in NI the average R3 steer price strengthened 8.6p/kg to 546.4p/kg, while the O3 cow price increased 17.6p/kg to 425.5p/kg. Total cattle throughput in local plants declined by 640 head last week to 9,185 head.

PRIME CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS BY REGION (HEAD)

YTD 25/01/25	2025	2024	Difference
NI	26,903	26,957	↓ -54
ROI	102,796	100,648	↑ 2,148
GB	124,384	124,548	↓ -164

COW SLAUGHTERINGS BY REGION

YTD 25/01/25	2025	2024	Difference
NI	8,708	9,086	↓ -378
ROI	28,787	34,465	↓ -5,678
GB	36,847	40,071	↓ -3,224

NI AVERAGE NON-PREMIUM CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)

W/E 25/01/25	Steers	Change	Heifers	Change	Young Bulls	Change
U3	548.5	↑ +10.2	548.9	↑ +8.4	532.9	↑ +3.8
R3	546.4	↑ +8.6	546.3	↑ +7.8	531.4	↑ +12.7
O+3	545.1	↑ +10.2	543.6	↑ +8.3	521.6	↑ +9.1

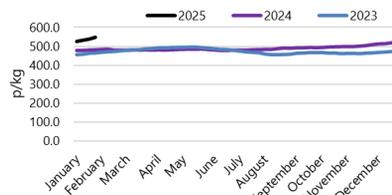
Prices exclude animals paid at a premium p/kg as notified by price reporting plants. Blank cells indicate no animals within the grade were reported during the period or no price comparison can be made with the previous period.

NI REPORTED AVERAGE COW PRICES (P/KG)

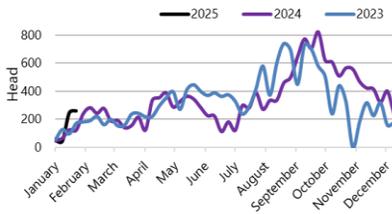
Week Ending 25/01/25	<220kg	Change	220-250kg	Change	250-280kg	Change	>280kg	Change
P1	301.9	↑ +13.7	319.7	↑ +14.3	335.1	↑ +13.4	361.9	↑ +19.6
P2	334.6	↑ +12.8	354.7	↑ +8.4	381.7	↑ +12.5	399.9	↑ +19.1
P3	271.3	↓ -103.7	371.5	↓ -0.2	404.0	↑ +25.3	408.9	↑ +15.2
O3	378.5	-	396.3	↓ -14.2	421.9	↑ +27.0	426.5	↑ +17.9
O4	-	-	-	-	417.8	↑ +10.3	425.5	↑ +13.1
R3	-	-	-	-	-	-	450.9	↑ +14.8

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Average R3 steer price NI 2023 – 2025 YTD. Source: LMC.



Prime Cattle Imports from ROI to NI for direct slaughter 2023 – 2025 YTD. Source: DAERA.



FQAS MART DATES

FEBRUARY 2025

Omagh – Monday 3rd February
Markethill – Tuesday 4th February
Ballymena – Friday 7th February

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.

NI DEADWEIGHT CATTLE BASE QUOTES (P/KG)

	27/01/25	03/02/25
Steers & Heifers		
U-3	520 - 528p	534 - 540p
R-3	514 - 522p	528 - 534p
O+3	508 - 516p	522 - 528p
P+3	452 - 460p	466 - 472p
Cows		
O+3	400 - 420p	420 - 434p

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

Average Prime Carcase Weight (KG)

YTD 25/01/25	2025	2024	Difference
Steers	355.9	362.2	↓ -6.3
Heifers	320.1	322.2	↓ -2.2
Young Bulls	340.5	348.3	↓ -7.7

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP QUOTES (P/KG)		
	27/01/25	03/02/25
R3 Hoggets (to 23kg)	685 – 690p	690 - 700p

Quotes from the 3 major NI sheep plants.

Sheep Trade

The deadweight sheep trade softened across NI, GB and ROI last week, with NI reporting a 20.4p/kg decline to 691.7p/kg. This week fewer hoggets passed through the local marts and plants, and a stronger trade is expected early next week. Producers are encouraged to use these quotes as a starting point for negotiation, and are reminded to present clean stock for slaughter.

LAMB/HOGGET SLAUGHTERINGS BY REGION

YTD 25/01/25	2025	2024	Difference
NI	25,679	34,877	↓ -9,198
ROI	136,158	182,595	↓ -46,437
GB	835,075	824,720	↑ 10,355

NI REPORTED AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES (P/KG)						
	11/01/2025	Change	18/01/2025	Change	25/01/2025	Change
D/W R3 Hoggets	684.1	↑ +4.9	713.5	↑ +29.4	691.0	↓ -22.5
D/W Hoggets	685.6	↑ +9.7	712.1	↑ +26.5	691.7	↓ -20.4
L/W Hoggets	666.5	↑ +25.1	688.8	↑ +22.3	652.0	↓ -36.8
AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)						
GB D/W Hoggets	723.6	↑ +15.5	736.0	↑ +12.4	731.2	↓ -4.8
ROI D/W Hoggets	730.0	↑ +14.4	762.7	↑ +32.7	754.1	↓ -8.6

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LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)					
25/01/25 - 30/01/25		Lambs			
		No	From	To	Avg
Monday	Kilrea	600	638	718	-
	Markethill	600	630	671	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	525	615	700	-
	Rathfriland	300	613	713	638
Wednesday	Ballymena	1140	635	702	650