

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators April 2022 Snapshot (week 1-4)

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	April 2021	April 2022	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	630.7	566.7	-10.1%
Average Liveweight Price NI	554.6	508.1	-8.4%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	661.0	598.0	-9.5%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	656.8	612.2	-6.8%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughtering (Head)	22,161	24,990	+12.8%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughtering (Head)	1,945	1,963	+0.9%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	22.0	23.3	+5.7%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	28.4	28.6	+0.6%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	17,498	25,907	+48.1%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	86.5	83.7	-3.3%
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Key trends

 The average **NI deadweight hogget/lamb** price during April 2022 was back 64p/kg from the same price in April 2021. This is a decrease of £14.08 in the value of 22kg hogget/lamb carcase.

 The average **GB deadweight hogget/lamb** price decreased by 63p/kg from April 2021.

 The average **ROI deadweight hogget/lamb** price was back by the equivalent of 44.6p/kg when compared to the same price in April 2021.

 **Hogget/lamb throughput** has increased by 12.8 per cent from the same period last year. Average carcase weight for hoggets/lambs reported an increase of 5.7 per cent to 5.7kg.

 **NI exports** of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter were up almost 50 per cent, seeing a 48.1 per cent increase when compared to April 2021.

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