

## Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators August 2023 Snapshot (week 18-22)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	August 2022	August 2023	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	423.5	444.9	+5.0%
Average Cow Price	337.0	299.0	-11.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	435.8	458.4	+5.2%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	408.6	401.2	-1.8%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	442.5	466.7	+5.5%
<b>NI Throughput</b>			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	32,667	32,168	-1.5%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	10,797	11,052	+2.4%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	341.2	334.1	-2.1%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	300.4	293.3	-2.4%
<b>Trade (Head)</b>			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	2,318	4,209	+81.6%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	226	110	-51.3%
<b>Availability (Head)</b>			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	461,224	458,713	-0.5%
Beef Sired	428,432	431,066	+0.6%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	32,792	27,647	-15.7%
<b>Calf Births Registrations (Head)</b>			
Calf Births	27,382	28,118	+2.7%
Beef Sired	24,880	27,248	+9.5%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	2,502	870	-65.2%
<b>Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)</b>			
	84.5	85.9	+1.7%

\* Aged between 12-30 mths (Beef + Dairy Male Only)

**All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated**

### Key trends



The average **NI prime cattle price** was up 21.4p/kg to 444.9p/kg in August 2023. This was a 5 per cent increase from August 2022.



The average **NI cow price** was back 38p/kg in August this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 22.5p/kg in NI, was back by the equivalent of 7.4p/kg in ROI and increased by 24.2p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



**NI prime cattle throughput** decreased by 499 head in August 2023 with 32,168 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput increased by 255 head, up 2.4 per cent from August 2022. Average carcase weights for prime cattle and cows were back 7.1kg on average year on year.



**Imports for direct slaughter** more than doubled, up 81.6 per cent in August 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 110 head in August 2023, less than half levels exported during August 2022.



**Number of beef sired cattle** on the ground aged 12-30 months in August 2023 was up 2,634 head from August 2022 to total 431,066 head. Dairy male cattle numbers decreased 15.7 per cent to total 27,647 head.



**Calf registrations** in August 2023 were up by 736 head or 2.7 per cent when compared to the same period in 2022. Beef sired calf registrations increased by 9.5 per cent from August 2022 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 65.2 per cent or by 1,632 head.

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