

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators September 2023 Snapshot (week 23-26)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	September 2022	September 2023	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	424.9	453.6	+6.8%
Average Cow Price	327.7	306.4	-6.5%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	435.1	466.4	+7.2%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	416.3	404.8	-2.8%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	445.6	486.0	+9.1%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	29,214	26,872	-8.0%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	9,315	8,935	-4.1%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	345.2	340.8	-1.3%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	298.2	290.4	-2.6%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	2,249	3,478	+54.6%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	264	25	-90.5%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	453,408	Data not currently available	
Beef Sired	420,053		
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	33,355		
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	26,567	23,004	-13.4%
Beef Sired	22,633	20,032	-11.5%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	3,934	2,972	-24.5%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	87.4	86.2	-1.4%
* Aged between 12-30 mths (Beef + Dairy Male Only)			
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Key trends



The average **NI prime cattle price** was up 28.7p/kg to 453.6p/kg in September 2023. This was a 6.8 per cent increase from September 2022.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 31.3p/kg in September this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 31.3p/kg in NI, 40.4p/kg in GB and declined by the equivalent of 11.5p/kg in ROI when compared to the same period last year.



NI prime cattle throughput declined by 2,342 head in September 2023 with 26872 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput decreased by 380 head, back 4.1 per cent from September 2022. Average carcase weights were back by 4.4kg for prime cattle and were back by 7.8kg for cows.



Imports for direct slaughter were up over 54 per cent in September 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 25 head in September 2023, back 239 head from September 2022.

Cattle on the Ground data not currently available



Calf registrations in September 2023 were back 3,563 head or 13.4 per cent when compared to the same period in 2022. Beef sired calf registrations increased by 11.5 per cent from September 2022 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 24.5 per cent or by 962 head.