

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators October 2023 Snapshot (week 27-30)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	October 2022	October 2023	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	425.7	453.3	+6.5%
Average Cow Price	325.1	295.0	-9.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	436.2	465.3	+6.7%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	401.1	400.7	-0.1%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	449.2	489.0	+8.9%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	32,582	31,273	-4.0%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	11,166	10,989	-1.6%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	345.4	344.1	-0.4%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	300.2	293.4	-2.3%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	2,234	2,292	+2.6%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	361	179	-50.4%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	438,646	Data not currently available	
Beef Sired	404,918		
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	33,728		
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	28,123	25,959	-7.7%
Beef Sired	23,245	22,128	-4.8%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	4,878	3,831	-21.5%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	87.1	86.8	-0.3%
* 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 27.5p/kg to 453.3p/kg in October 2023. This was a 6.5 per cent increase from October 2022.



The average **NI cow price** declined 30.1p/kg in October this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 29.2p/kg in NI, 39.8p/kg in GB and declined by the equivalent of 0.4p/kg in ROI when compared to the same period last year.



NI prime cattle throughput declined by 1,309 head in October 2023 with 31,273 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput decreased by 177 head, back 1.6 per cent from October 2022. Average carcase weights were back 1.4kg for prime cattle and were back almost 7kg for cows.



Imports for direct slaughter were up by 58 head in October 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 179 head in October 2023, back 182 head from October 2022.

Cattle on the Ground data not currently available



Calf registrations in October 2023 were back 2,164 head or 7.7 per cent when compared to the same period in 2022. Beef sired calf registrations declined by 4.8 per cent or 1,117 head from October 2022 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 21.5 per cent or by 1,047 head.