

## Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators January 2022 Snapshot (week 40-43)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	January 2021	January 2022	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	371.9	395.0	+6.2%
Average Cow Price	254.1	275.0	+8.2%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	381.2	405.0	+6.2%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	341.5	362.3	+6.1%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	380.2	415.1	+9.2%
<b>NI Throughput</b>			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	23,507	27,589	+17.4%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	7,124	8,686	+21.9%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	346.1	352.7	+1.9%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	316.1	306.3	-3.1%
<b>Trade (Head)</b>			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	650	803	+23.5%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	211	243	+15.2%
<b>Availability (Head)</b>			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	410,247	410,494	+0.1%
Beef Sired	371,925	372,145	+0.1%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	38,322	38,349	+0.1%
<b>Calf Births Registrations (Head)</b>			
Calf Births	29,815	30,320	+1.7%
Beef Sired	24,016	25,802	+7.4%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	5,799	4,518	-22.1%
<b>Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)</b>			
	89.3	83.5	-6.5%

\* 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 just over 23p/kg to 395p/kg in January 2022. This was a 6.2 per cent increase from January 2021.



The average **NI cow price** increased by almost 21p/kg in January this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 23.8p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 20.8p/kg in ROI and almost 35p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



**NI prime cattle throughput** increased by 4,082 head in January 2022 with 27,589 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput also increased to 8,686 head, up almost 22 per cent from January 2021. Average carcase weights increased by 6.6kg for prime cattle and back by almost 10kg for cows.



**Imports for direct slaughter** were up 153 head in January 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 243 head in January 2022, up 32 head from January 2021.



**Number of beef sired cattle** on the ground aged 12-30 months in January 2022 was marginally up from January 2021 to total 410,494 head. Beef sired cattle numbers increased by 0.1 per cent with dairy male cattle numbers also increasing by 0.1 per cent.



**Calf registrations** in January 2022 were up 505 head when compared to same period in 2021. Beef sired calf registrations increased by 7.4 per cent from January 2021 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back just over 22 per cent.

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