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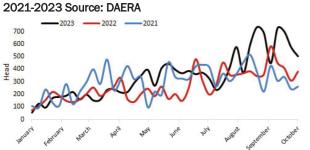
DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE						
(P/KG DW)	This Week 09/10/23	Next Week 16/10/23				
Prime						
U-3	446 - 456p	442 - 452p				
R-3	440 - 450p	436 - 446p				
0+3	434 - 444p	430 - 440p				
P+3	378 - 388p	374 - 384p				
	Including bonus where applicable					
Cows						
0+3	324 - 360p	314 - 350p				

Cow quotes vary depending on weight and grade.

Pricing policies vary from plant to plant. Producers are advised to check pricing policies before presenting cattle for slaughter.

Prime Cattle Imports from ROI for direct slaughter to date



FINAL DATES FOR FREE AMR TRAINING SESSIONS ENDS 31ST OCTOBER 2023

Date & Time	Location
Monday 16th October, 7:30pm	Online Webinar
Friday 20th October, 7:30pm	Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh
Monday 23rd October, 7:30pm	Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim
Tuesday 24th October, 7:30pm	Online Webinar
Wednesday 25th October, 7:30pm	Millbrook Lodge, Ballynahinch
Monday 30th October, 7:30pm	Seagoe Hotel, Portadown

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E	Weight Bands							
07/10/23	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg				
P1	233.2	249.1	263.1	276.0				
P2	263.2	283.4	301.7	319.5				
Р3	274.5	310.7	322.7	331.8				
03	287.1	334.0	339.4	345.9				
04	283.7	-	332.3	346.6				
R3	-	-	355.0	365.2				

Deadweight Cattle Trade

This week base quotes for in spec U-3 grade prime cattle ranged from 446-456p/kg with quotes for O+3 grading cows this week ranging from 324-360p/kg. Softer quotes are expected for all types of cattle early next week.

Last week deadweight cattle prices in NI came under some pressure with decreases reported across the majority of grades. Last week all grades of steers saw marginal price declines from the previous week back on average by 1.4p/kg to 457.8p/kg. Heifer prices remained relatively steady with the R3 heifer price steady from the previous week at 467.5p/kg, while the average heifer price increased by a marginal 0.2p/kg to 458.2p/kg. Young bulls saw the most signficant price declines last week with the average price paid back 5.3p/kg to 440p/kg. Meanwhile the average cow price in NI last week was back 3.1p/kg to 305p/kg.

In GB last week the majority of deadweight prime cattle prices strengthened from the previous week. The average steer price was up by 1.4p/kg to 481.4p/kg with the R3 steer price up just under a penny to 489.4p/kg. This puts the R3 steer price in GB at 21.4p/kg ahead of the same price in NI. Meanwhile, the average heifer price in GB last week was up by just less than a penny to 478.8p/kg while the R3 heifer price recorded a marginal 0.1p/kg increase to 487.2p/kg. This puts the GB R3 heifer price 19.7p/kg above the equivalent price in NI or an additional £63.04 on a 320kg carcase. Meanwhile last week in GB average cow prices declined across all base grades with a 3.9p/kg decline reported on average.

In ROI last week the trade reported declines from the previous week in both euro and sterling terms. The R3 steer price in ROI last week was the equivalent of 402.2p/kg, back by 4.4p/kg while the R3 heifer price declined by 4.3p/kg to the equivalent of 406.4p/kg. The trade for cows in ROI last week also reported declines however, the NI-ROI differential on an 03 cow remains unchanged from the previous week at the equivalent of 5.2p/kg.

LAST WEEK'S DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (UK / ROI)

	V/E 10/23	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
	U3	470.6	411.4	500.9	493.3	493.7	494.6	496.0
Steers	R3	468.0	402.2	499.3	489.4	484.5	486.2	489.4
	R4	466.0	400.8	498.9	490.7	479.3	488.6	492.9
	03	456.3	385.3	487.1	474.8	467.1	468.1	472.0
	AVG	457.8	-	495.8	482.4	473.0	474.2	481.4
	U3	471.4	415.8	504.3	493.8	496.5	496.9	497.8
	R3	467.5	406.4	497.0	487.6	483.8	485.7	487.2
Heifers	R4	465.3	407.1	497.9	489.2	483.2	485.0	491.3
	03	457.7	396.3	480.6	470.1	460.0	464.5	466.0
	AVG	458.2	-	495.2	480.4	469.6	469.2	478.8
	U3	458.3	406.0	487.7	482.7	495.1	484.6	487.7
Young	R3	452.4	395.0	478.9	470.8	480.0	475.8	476.8
Bulls	03	431.4	382.5	457.4	444.0	447.5	465.0	450.1
	AVG	440.0	-	475.7	466.3	465.1	420.9	462.9
	e Cattle Reported	5,901	-	5,880	6,810	6,884	5,151	24,725
	03	344.8	339.6	378.9	360.1	357.9	359.4	361.1
	04	345.3	340.7	383.3	361.6	355.7	355.5	361.4
Cows	P2	305.9	299.1	340.1	322.1	314.7	320.4	319.3
	P3	329.0	323.8	350.4	337.3	327.1	337.7	333.2
	AVG	305.0	-	372.7	336.5	320.3	315.7	328.7

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=86.62p Stg

- (ii) Shading indicates a lower price than the previous week.
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 (iii) AVG is the average of all grades in the category, not just those listed

LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

W/E 1st QUALITY 2nd QUALITY 07/10/23 From To Avg From To A

07/10/23	From	То	Avg	From	То	Avg
Finished Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers	260	297	282	200	259	230
Friesians	200	228	207	164	199	185
Heifers	252	294	269	200	251	222
Beef Cows	206	249	227	160	205	182
Dairy Cows	140	168	150	36	139	90
Store Cattle (p/kg)						
Bullocks up to 400kg	280	322	300	200	279	240
Bullocks 400kg - 500kg	250	327	285	200	249	230
Bullocks over 500kg	255	326	290	190	254	218
Heifers up to 450kg	255	324	275	205	254	220
Heifers over 450kg	225	285	255	170	224	200
Dropped Calves (£/head)						
Continental Bulls	350	475	410	225	345	290
Continental Heifers	300	420	360	150	295	220
Friesian Bulls	155	230	180	25	140	66
Holstein Bulls	65	175	95	16	55	30

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

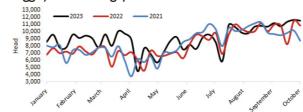
NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES (P/Kg DW) This Week 09/10/23 R3 Lambs up to 21kg 510 - 515p 515p

REPORTED SHEEP PRICES W/E W/E W/E (P/KG) 23/09/23 30/09/23 07/10/23 NI L/W Lambs 474.1 471.2 483.3 518.3 NI D/W Lambs 518.7 520.1 GB D/W Lambs 549.7 549.6 553.1 ROI D/W 532.0 534.6 534.4

Deadweight Sheep Trade

Base quotes for R3 grading lambs this week ranged from 510-515p/kg up to 21kg, with a base quote of 515p/kg expected from all plants early next week. The average deadweight lamb price in NI last week decreased by 1.8p/kg from the previous week to 518.3p/kg, with a slightly softer liveweight trade also reported across the marts this week. Last week 11,526 lambs were processed locally, bringing lamb throughput during the last six week period to 67,132 head, an increase of 4,504 head from the previous six week period. A further 6,767 lambs were exported to R0I for direct slaughter last week, back 693 head week on week, bringing the six week total to 36,807 head.

Hogget/Lamb Throughput to date 2021-2023 Source: DAERA



LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: C	07/10/23	Lambs				
To: 12/10/23		No	From	То	Avg	
Saturday	Omagh	1072	471	544	-	
	Swatragh	1200	445	500	-	
Monday	Markethill	1470	450	479	-	
Tuesday	Saintfield	780	458	505	-	
	Rathfriland	732	458	527	469	
Wednesday	Ballymena	2427	458	525	470	
	Enniskillen	1158	458	500	-	

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