

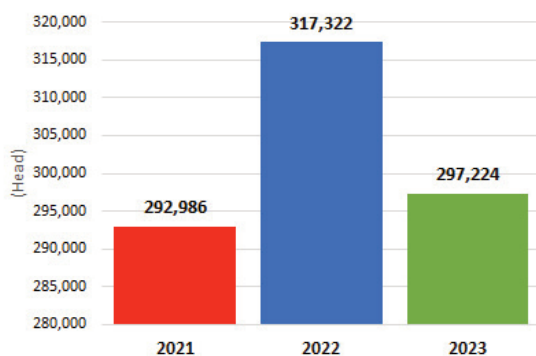
## DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

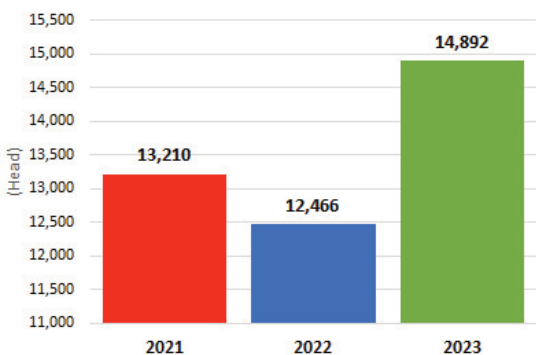
(P/KG DW)	This Week 06/11/23	Next Week 13/11/23
<b>Prime</b>		
U-3	438 - 446p	438 - 446p
R-3	432 - 440p	432 - 440p
O+3	426 - 434p	426 - 434p
P+3	370 - 378p	370 - 378p
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	298 - 320p	298 - 320p

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 Throughput to w/e 04 November 2021-2023. Source: DAERA.



### Prime Cattle Imports to w/e 04 November 2021-2023. Source: DAERA.



### REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 04/11/23	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	211.3	228.8	235.0	242.1
P2	224.7	233.0	260.0	287.6
P3	-	297.7	275.8	298.2
O3	-	-	291.2	323.0
O4	-	282.0	-	334.0
R3	-	-	-	345.6

### Deadweight Cattle Trade

Base quotes for in spec U-3 grade steers and heifers ended this week ranging from 438-446p/kg with base quotes for O+3 ranging from 298-320p/kg. Early next week similar quotes are expected for all types of cattle.

Last week in NI prime cattle slaughterings were limited due to industrial strike action affecting NI slaughter plants. The prime cattle kill totalled 943 head, with small levels of cows slaughtered in NI last week. The veterinary strikes last week also limited the trade of livestock to and from NI, and no cattle entered NI for direct slaughter last week.

Locally last week the trade for prime cattle reported increases across the majority of grades. R3 steers were up 1.3p/kg to 463.8p/kg, R3 heifers increased 1.5p/kg to 464.7p/kg and R3 young bulls were up 5.5p/kg to 453.1p/kg. The cow trade continued to decline across NI, as was the case across GB and ROI. The average price paid for an O3 cow last week was back 3.1p/kg to 317.7p/kg last week.

The deadweight trade for prime cattle reported a mixed picture across GB last week. Across the regions the steer and heifer trade was improved overall from the week previous. R3 steers were up 0.2p/kg to 488.6p/kg and R3 heifers increased 0.7p/kg to 486.8p/kg. The trade for young bulls did decline overall with R3 young bulls back 5.9p/kg to 473.2p/kg and the average young bull price back 3.8p/kg last week.

Last week ROI continued to report declines in the trade across all categories in euro terms, however in sterling terms prime cattle prices were up on the previous week. The average R3 steer increased 1.1p/kg to 402.2p/kg, R3 heifers were up 1.2p/kg to 407.3p/kg and R3 young bulls increased by the equivalent of half a penny to 396.8p/kg. The cow trade in ROI was also back last week, with an O3 cow back half a penny from the previous week to 328.5p/kg.

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

W/E 04/11/23		Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
		Steers	U3 465.5 R3 463.8 R4 457.0	412.1 402.2 401.5	503.8 500.2 499.4	496.0 488.4 491.5	491.1 483.7 481.3	493.2 486.0 489.0
	O3 455.5 AVG 458.2	386.7 -	487.0 496.8	476.8 483.8	462.2 469.2	465.1 471.4	468.9 479.7	
Heifers	U3 467.8 R3 464.7 R4 461.3	418.4 407.3 406.8	506.5 499.8 497.4	495.6 487.1 489.1	496.0 483.5 485.2	492.5 484.1 486.8	497.8 486.8 491.5	
	O3 456.5 AVG 459.6	400.7 -	481.9 495.0	460.2 478.0	457.4 463.1	459.9 465.4	460.4 474.6	
Young Bulls	U3 - R3 453.1 O3 440.5 AVG 430.3	404.1 396.8 380.1 -	492.2 482.6 455.1 470.2	477.3 470.7 439.4 459.4	469.9 473.7 446.0 459.7	467.0 449.2 434.5 439.9	479.7 473.2 446.0 460.1	
Prime Cattle Price Reported		941	-	5,779	7,249	8,260	5,205	26,493
Cows	O3 317.7 O4 327.9 P2 371.9 P3 286.1 AVG 273.7	328.5 329.8 278.5 309.6 -	351.1 353.8 309.2 318.6 345.1	330.5 334.9 294.3 313.9 304.8	325.6 327.4 287.9 304.1 289.9	330.8 330.5 295.4 311.1 285.6	331.3 333.9 292.5 308.7 298.1	

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=87.19p Stg  
(ii) Shading indicates a lower price than the previous week.  
(iii) AVG is the average of all grades in the category, not just those listed

## LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### LATEST LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES NI

W/E 04/11/23	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
<b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers	246	288	262	224	236	228
Friesians	-	-	-	180	180	180
Heifers	238	275	252	-	-	-
Beef Cows	174	213	189	115	150	130
Dairy Cows	126	132	129	50	86	71
<b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Bullocks up to 400kg	290	338	300	220	279	240
Bullocks 400kg - 500kg	260	336	285	200	259	225
Bullocks over 500kg	260	313	278	172	258	212
Heifers up to 450kg	250	316	275	210	249	225
Heifers over 450kg	200	242	220	164	199	185
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>						
Continental Bulls	350	680	400	250	345	300
Continental Heifers	300	520	340	175	295	210
Friesian Bulls	105	275	160	30	95	60
Holstein Bulls	75	160	110	15	70	35

## DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 06/11/23	Next Week 13/11/23
R3 Lambs up to 22kg	520p	520 - 525p

### REPORTED SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 21/10/23	W/E 28/10/23	W/E 04/11/23
NI L/W Lambs	482.9	473.8	475.8
NI D/W Lambs	515.3	518.3	-
GB D/W Lambs	570.5	573.1	569.8
ROI D/W	541.1	545.6	549.8

### Deadweight Sheep Trade

Base quotes from the major NI processing plants for R3 grade lambs ended this week in the region of 520p/kg with all plants paying up to 22kg. Early next week quotes are expected to be improved and range from 520-525p/kg. Producers are reminded greater returns are available for lambs which meet current specification and that the upper weight limit is introduced to encourage well fleshed lambs. However excess weight (over 22kg) may not necessarily increase returns.

No lambs were killed in local plants last week due to strike disruptions, however, at the end of the week direct slaughter exports to ROI recommenced with total exports last week totalling 4,978 head. In ROI the deadweight lamb price increased by the equivalent of 4.2p/kg to 549.8p/kg last week.

### Liveweight Sheep Trade

NI marts reported a strong lamb throughput last week. All marts reported increased numbers from the previous week as a result of lambs held on farm the previous week due to NI slaughter line closures, and wet ground conditions encouraging producers to offload stock. The trade for lambs was relatively steady on the previous week across the country.

## LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 04/11/23		Lambs			
To: 09/11/23		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	1198	477	530	-
	Swatragh	1200	462	542	-
Monday	Kilrea	1000	478	516	-
	Markethill	1400	460	493	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	1150	476	518	-
	Rathfriland	900	455	506	481
Wednesday	Ballymena	2345	465	506	480
	Armoyle	470	480	510	-