

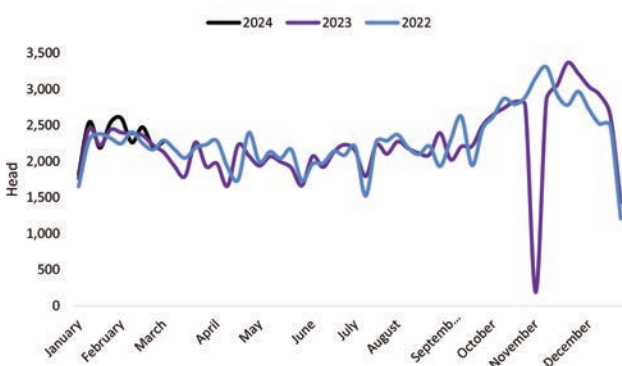
## DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

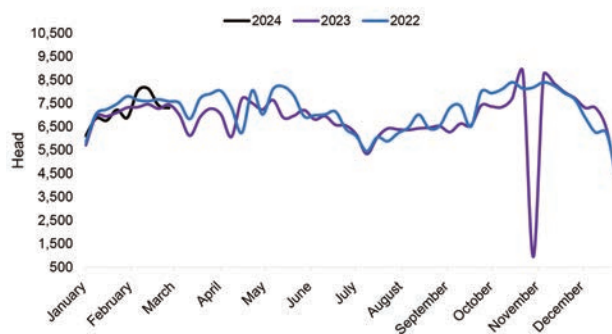
(P/KG DW)	This Week 04/03/24	Next Week 11/03/24
<b>Prime</b>		
U-3	454 - 460p	454 - 460p
R-3	448 - 454p	448 - 454p
O+3	442 - 448p	442 - 448p
P+3	386 - 392p	386 - 392p
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	322 - 328p	322 - 340p

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.

**Cow Throughput in NI to date 2022-2024.**  
Source: DAERA.



**Prime Cattle Throughput in NI to date 2022-2024.**  
Source: DAERA.



### REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 02/03/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	482.0	479.1	458.3
R3	473.8	475.1	459.0
O+3	465.7	468.7	448.2

\*Prices exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic cattle

### REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 02/03/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	220.1	235.9	250.6	266.8
P2	236.7	270.0	281.7	307.9
P3	281.0	303.9	309.3	314.5
O3	257.1	297.9	330.7	337.6
O4	-	-	314.2	337.7
R3	-	-	-	362.0

### Deadweight Cattle Trade

Last week in NI prime cattle throughput remained at lower levels than during recent weeks with 7,306 head slaughtered. Despite being back on recent weeks the prime kill for the month of February 2024 totalled 30,878 head and remained five per cent ahead of the 29,399 prime cattle slaughtered during February 2023. Last weeks cow kill totalled 2,280 head, steady on recent weeks levels, and year on year the February cow kill recorded a marginal decline of 150 head.

Last week 134 steers, 53 heifers and 102 cows were imported from ROI for direct slaughter. Meanwhile, four steers, two heifers and two bulls were exported to ROI for direct slaughter.

The deadweight cattle trade continued to soften across NI last week, with steers being the only category to report an overall increase up 0.4p/kg to an average of 471.4p/kg. The average prices paid for heifers, young bulls and cows were back 2.8p/kg, 2p/kg and 3.2p/kg respectively last week.

In ROI, the deadweight cattle trade reported further declines in both sterling and euro terms last week. Young bulls experienced the largest declines with R3 young bulls back 4.4p/kg. R3 grade steers and heifers reported declines of 2.9p/kg and 2.5p/kg last week and lastly, O3 cows were back 1.3p/kg week on week in ROI however remained 12.5p/kg ahead of the NI O3 cow price.

In GB last week the deadweight trade for cattle improved across all categories. The average R3 steer price was 503.6p/kg, with 509.1p/kg paid on average for an R3 steer in Scotland. The average cow price in GB was 348.7p/kg, 45.5p/kg ahead of the same price in NI.

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

W/E 02/03/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	484.0	448.8	510.1	510.2	506.3	509.0
	R3	478.9	439.3	509.1	503.9	502.9	503.6
	R4	479.2	441.5	508.9	507.9	501.9	506.4
	O3	470.6	431.0	496.9	485.8	487.4	486.2
AVG	471.4	-	506.1	499.2	494.0	492.1	497.9
Heifers	U3	481.7	455.6	514.6	512.8	514.4	513.4
	R3	479.0	444.2	508.9	504.3	503.8	503.5
	R4	476.2	448.8	507.4	508.2	502.3	498.6
	O3	466.3	436.9	493.2	487.4	481.7	479.9
AVG	468.7	-	506.2	499.4	493.2	486.4	496.1
Young Bulls	U3	465.9	435.4	496.4	503.0	498.1	486.2
	R3	462.1	425.8	490.3	493.5	493.6	494.3
	O3	445.8	414.5	455.2	450.2	459.4	471.4
	AVG	448.8	-	482.3	468.3	472.2	444.5
Prime Cattle Price Reported	6,179	-	6,173	6,751	8,094	5,578	26,596
Cows	O3	335.8	348.3	365.6	372.0	370.1	371.4
	O4	336.1	349.1	366.8	375.3	373.1	369.9
	P2	290.3	314.5	336.1	328.7	321.5	329.5
	P3	312.5	332.3	342.3	346.3	347.2	349.7
	AVG	303.2	-	361.7	359.2	344.0	336.6

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=85.58p 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 02/03/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
<b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers	270	318	285	220	269	240
Friesians	223	238	230	200	221	213
Heifers	270	310	287	215	269	240
Beef Cows	206	255	224	135	205	175
Dairy Cows	142	156	150	60	140	105
<b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Bullocks up to 400kg	300	397	345	230	299	260
Bullocks 400kg - 500kg	290	366	312	210	289	245
Bullocks over 500kg	265	312	285	205	264	235
Heifers up to 450kg	300	373	325	225	299	255
Heifers over 450kg	250	302	280	200	249	225
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>						
Continental Bulls	400	460	430	300	395	345
Continental Heifers	375	535	415	250	370	300
Friesian Bulls	80	100	90	30	75	55
Holstein Bulls	50	90	70	4	45	25

## DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 04/03/24	Next Week 11/03/24
R3 Hoggets up to 22kg	630p	650p
R3 Hoggets up to 22.5kg	630 - 640p	640 - 650p

### REPORTED SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 17/02/24	W/E 24/02/24	W/E 02/03/24
NI L/W Hoggets	569.1	570.9	575.0
NI D/W Hoggets	604.0	633.5	643.9
GB D/W Hoggets	689.9	699.6	721.7
ROI D/W	598.3	626.2	647.2

### Deadweight Sheep Trade

Base quotes for R3 grade hoggets started the week at 630-640p/kg, and increased to 640-650p/kg mid-week. Producers are reminded to use these quotes as a starting point for negotiation with reports of higher prices being widely available.

Last week, a total of 8,780 hoggets were processed in NI plants, up 716 head from the previous week. The total NI hogget slaughter for February 2024 came to 32,691 head, compared to a monthly total of 37,160 head for February 2023, a year-on-year decline of 4,469 head or 12 per cent.

Last week in NI the average liveweight hogget price was 575p/kg up 4.1p/kg from the week before. Meanwhile, the deadweight hogget price was up 10.4p/kg on the previous week to 643.9p/kg. This was an increase of 107.5p/kg from the first week of January 2024. The hogget trade in GB and ROI also continued to increase last week with the GB price reaching 721.7p/kg.

Last week 7,963 hoggets were exported to ROI for direct slaughter, up 1,691 head from the week previous and taking the total for February to 27,120 head. This was an increase of 5,480 head on the 21,640 head exported to ROI during February 2023.

## LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

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

From: 02/03/24		Hoggets			
To: 07/03/24		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	710	608	669	-
	Swatragh	1000	565	621	-
Monday	Kilrea	800	590	664	-
	Markethill	900	590	693	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	550	600	714	-
	Rathfriland	471	580	617	588
Wednesday	Ballymena	2135	600	688	622
	Enniskillen	800	585	650	-
	Armoy	579	600	627	-