

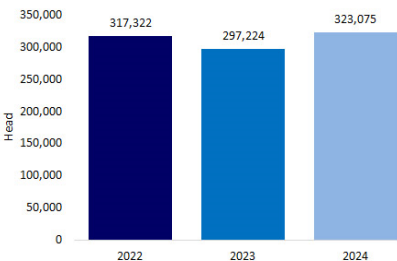
### DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

#### NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 04/11/24	Next Week 11/11/24
<b>Steers &amp; Heifers</b>		
U-3	480 - 484p	482 - 486p
R-3	474 - 478p	476 - 480p
O+3	468 - 472p	470 - 474p
P+3	412 - 416p	414 - 418p
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	365 - 380p	370 - 380p

Base quotes for in-spec U-3 steers and heifers, and O+3 cows are received from 6 of the 7 major NI beef slaughter plants. Base quotes vary depending on age, 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 in NI slaughter plants 2022 - 2024 YTD. Source: DAERA.



#### Average carcass weights (kg) of cattle slaughtered in NI. Comparison of 2023 and 2024 year to date. Source DAERA.

Change	2023	2024	Change (kg)
Steers	356.6	357.7	+1.0
Heifers	318.6	318.9	+0.3
Young Bulls	342.5	345.7	+3.2
Cows	299.8	296.2	-3.5
Bulls	436.4	429.7	-6.7

YTD to week ending 02 November 2024.

LMC Farm Liaison Officer Terry White will be present at **Kilrea - Wednesday 13th November** to assist FQAS members with scheme queries and offer advice. Terry is contactable on the FQAS Helpline: **028 9263 3024**.

#### NI REPORTED AVERAGE CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 02/11/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	500.2	501.1	489.4
R3	494.7	495.6	484.2
O+3	486.5	487.1	469.5

\*Prices Exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic Cattle

#### NI REPORTED AVERAGE COW PRICES - P/KG

W/E 02/11/24	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	242.9	264.3	281.2	297.1
P2	269.2	294.2	319.7	334.1
P3	309.5	325.4	337.4	347.9
O3	-	317.8	353.6	362.3
O4	-	362.0	373.7	365.1
R3	-	-	-	398.3

#### Deadweight Cattle Trade

Last week 8,863 prime cattle and 3,024 cows were presented for slaughter in local processing plants, a week on week increase of 47 prime animals and 258 cows. Imports from ROI for direct slaughter totalled 523 steers, 34 heifers and 262 cows, accounting for almost seven per cent of total NI cattle slaughterings last week. Meanwhile, one heifer and 19 cows were exported for direct slaughter in ROI.

The deadweight trade for steers and heifers reported a decline of 1.3p/kg and 1.2p/kg respectively last week while the average price paid for R3 steers and heifers declined by 0.1p/kg and 0.8p/kg respectively. Meanwhile young bulls strengthened across all base grades. The R3 young bull price was up 2.9p/kg to 483.8p/kg with the category average strengthening 4.5p/kg. The deadweight trade for cows continued to soften last week reporting an overall decline of 1.4p/kg.

In GB last week, the trade for steers and heifers continued to strengthen, reporting an overall increase across the regions of 1.5p/kg and 0.9p/kg respectively. The average price paid for U3 steers and heifers increased 1.3p/kg week on week. Meanwhile, the young bulls and cow category reported overall respective declines of 3.5p/kg and 0.9p/kg.

Last week in ROI the deadweight cattle trade strengthened for all types of cattle in both sterling and euro terms. R3 steers, heifers and young bulls reported category increases the equivalent of 3.8p/kg, 5.3p/kg and 5p/kg respectively. The trade for O3 cows in ROI last week increased 6.9p/kg to 379.1p/kg, outpacing the trade in both NI and GB. The O3 cow price differential between ROI and NI widened by 8.6p/kg last week to 17.7p/kg.

#### LAST WEEK'S AVERAGE DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES

W/E 02/11/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	500.4	441.7	532.7	526.6	520.9	529.5
	R3	498.4	432.1	532.0	524.0	519.0	519.7
	R4	495.1	431.3	531.4	524.9	517.7	521.2
	O3	490.9	422.4	514.3	509.0	501.8	504.4
	AVG	489.4	-	527.1	518.5	509.2	510.7
Heifers	U3	500.6	446.5	537.3	529.1	526.7	528.9
	R3	497.1	438.1	530.3	520.5	516.8	518.8
	R4	497.2	440.3	531.1	526.6	514.7	518.7
	O3	489.3	432.9	499.1	502.3	491.3	498.4
	AVG	489.9	-	527.3	514.3	501.3	502.2
Young Bulls	U3	489.7	435.9	524.0	505.3	517.2	526.0
	R3	483.8	431.6	516.8	497.4	497.9	524.2
	O3	473.3	418.1	497.8	476.8	488.4	509.9
	AVG	476.4	-	510.9	492.3	491.0	504.3
	Prime Cattle	7,227	-	5,805	6,739	8,038	5,111
Cows	O3	361.3	379.1	389.6	378.2	376.8	375.7
	O4	365.6	379.6	391.9	382.6	377.5	375.7
	P2	325.0	345.3	347.1	337.0	334.3	342.9
	P3	345.3	362.4	362.1	354.5	348.9	360.0
	AVG	319.2	-	385.4	354.4	339.3	339.2

Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only. Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 euro = 83.5p Stg. Shading indicates a lower price than the previous week. AVG is the average price of all grades in the category (not just those listed).

#### NI LATEST LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES

W/E 02/11/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	FROM	TO	AVG	FROM	TO	AVG
<b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers	280	306	292	230	279	248
Friesians	220	238	232	190	215	206
Heifers	250	294	266	200	249	225
Beef Cows	240	324	266	150	239	180
Dairy Cows	153	212	167	60	152	115
<b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers up to 400kg	300	381	330	200	299	245
Steers 400kg - 500kg	290	346	310	185	289	235
Steers over 500kg	270	312	285	200	269	230
Heifers up to 450kg	275	341	300	205	274	225
Heifers over 450kg	250	304	275	190	249	220
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>						
Continental Bulls	430	690	475	285	425	335
Continental Heifers	375	600	425	225	370	285
Friesian Bulls	150	290	240	70	145	110
Holstein Bulls	125	250	170	5	115	80

### DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

#### NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg)	This Week 04/11/24	Next Week 11/11/24
R3 Lambs up to 22kg	620p	625p

#### NI REPORTED AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 19/10/24	W/E 26/10/24	W/E 02/11/24
D/W R3 Lambs	591.9	606.2	614.0
D/W Lambs	595.3	610.6	614.2
L/W Lambs	577.1	584.8	594.8

#### Sheep Trade

Base quotes received by LMC from the three major NI lamb processors for R3 lambs were steady at 620p/kg to 22kg this week, with a stronger trade expected early next week.

Lamb throughput in local plants last week totalled 9,376 head, a decline of 857 head from the previous week. Meanwhile last week lamb exports to ROI plants for direct slaughter declined by 504 head from the previous week to total 4,351 head.

The deadweight lamb price in NI plants last week reported an increase of 3.6p/kg to 614.2p/kg. Last week the trade for fat lambs across NI marts strengthened for the eighth consecutive week. The average liveweight lamb price was 594.8p/kg up by 9.9p/kg from the previous week and the highest liveweight price for clean sheep reported by DAERA according to LMC records (price data available from 2009). ROI factory agents continue to drive this brisk trade in local sales rings. In ROI last week the reported average deadweight lamb price strengthened by the equivalent of 9.2p/kg to 630.5p/kg. A similar trade was reported across NI marts this week, while the average price paid in Ballymena mid-week increased 6p/kg week on week to 586p/kg, albeit 300 fewer lambs were on offer.

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

From: 02/11/24		Lambs			
To: 07/11/24		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	808	583	665	-
	Swatragh	1250	629	744	-
Monday	Kilrea	1400	588	686	-
	Markethill	1280	570	615	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	740	575	700	-
	Rathfriland	700	580	697	-
Wednesday	Ballymena	2007	560	633	586
	Enniskillen	816	540	640	-
	Armoyle	472	530	622	-