

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

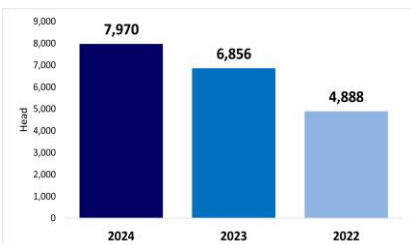
(P/KG DW)	This Week 18/11/24	Next Week 25/11/24
Steers & Heifers		
U-3	486 - 492p	488 - 492p
R-3	480 - 486p	482 - 486p
O+3	474 - 480p	476 - 480p
P+3	418 - 424p	420 - 424p
Cows		
O+3	374 - 380p	374 - 386p

*Base quotes for in-spect 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.

Cow Imports from ROI for Direct Slaughter 2022-2024 YTD. Source: DAERA.



FQAS MART DATES DECEMBER 2024



Omagh - Monday 2nd December
Ballymena - Friday 6th December
Markethill - Tuesday 10th December

LMC Farm Liaison Officer Terry White will be present at the locations outlined 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 16/11/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	506.6	505.8	493.0
R3	498.1	498.8	487.6
O+3	487.9	490.4	463.8

*Prices Exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic Cattle

NI REPORTED AVERAGE COW PRICES - P/KG

W/E 16/11/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	240.1	265.5	281.8	302.5
P2	264.8	297.3	317.9	336.8
P3	277.8	300.8	335.8	346.6
O3	341.0	356.3	353.8	364.5
O4	-	348.3	344.5	366.9
R3	-	-	-	392.6

Deadweight Cattle Trade

Cattle throughput in local plants last week totalled 8,789 head of prime cattle and 2,921 head of cows. Last week, 422 prime animals were imported from ROI for direct slaughter, accounting for almost five per cent of the local prime slaughter in NI. There were also 262 cows imported from ROI for direct slaughter last week, accounting for nearly nine per cent of the cow kill in NI. Meanwhile, two steers and 36 cows were exported last week for direct slaughter in ROI.

The deadweight cattle trade in NI continued to strengthen last week, with U3 steers and heifers reporting increases of 6.5p/kg to 507.1p/kg and 2.9p/kg to 505.4p/kg respectively. Despite an average category decline of 0.6p/kg, U3 young bulls reported a slightly higher increase of 0.7p/kg last week to an average paid price of 486.4p/kg. Cow trade in NI strengthened by 2.3p/kg on average, with O4 cows reporting an increase of 5.0p/kg to an average paid price of 366p/kg last week.

In ROI, the deadweight cattle trade strengthened for the fourth consecutive week for all types of cattle in both sterling and euro terms. Last week, U3 grade steers and heifers reported similar increases of 1.2p/kg and U3 grade young bulls reported an increase of 3.2p/kg. The O3 cow trade was up 1.3p/kg to an average paid price of 383.1p/kg in ROI last week.

In GB, the deadweight cattle trade improved across the board last week as U3 grade steers and heifers were up by 4.2p/kg and 5.0p/kg respectively and U3 grade young bulls reported an increase of 3.5p/kg. A stronger cow trade was also reported for GB last week, with an increase of 4.6p/kg to an average category price of 352.4p/kg.

LAST WEEK'S AVERAGE DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES

W/E 16/11/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	507.1	446.6	541.1	533.3	532.0	535.8
	R3	501.5	441.6	538.5	529.7	529.3	531.4
	R4	505.1	444.1	540.1	536.0	527.1	529.3
	O3	493.8	434.6	520.9	517.8	512.1	515.3
	AVG	494.9	-	536.2	525.9	516.7	520.4
Heifers	U3	505.4	452.0	547.8	536.1	539.4	541.1
	R3	500.3	444.1	539.0	529.7	530.0	531.4
	R4	501.8	447.5	538.6	531.1	528.2	532.1
	O3	492.9	441.9	507.4	506.6	507.5	511.5
	AVG	493.7	-	535.0	521.7	513.2	514.8
Young Bulls	U3	491.3	443.8	533.7	521.9	517.1	518.0
	R3	486.4	437.6	523.5	503.9	517.3	514.4
	O3	473.1	426.8	508.1	495.1	499.0	512.4
	AVG	474.7	-	521.9	505.9	507.0	502.3
	Prime Cattle	U3	5,982	-	5,505	6,547	7,501
O3		363.4	383.1	388.2	386.5	382.8	377.9
O4		366.0	383.7	392.6	389.3	381.4	375.7
P2		325.3	350.9	353.6	336.8	343.4	344.6
P3		343.3	368.0	366.5	362.0	357.4	362.6
AVG	321.5	-	384.8	362.9	345.1	339.1	
Cows	O3	363.4	383.1	388.2	386.5	382.8	377.9
	O4	366.0	383.7	392.6	389.3	381.4	375.7
	P2	325.3	350.9	353.6	336.8	343.4	344.6
	P3	343.3	368.0	366.5	362.0	357.4	362.6
	AVG	321.5	-	384.8	362.9	345.1	339.1

*Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only.

*Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 euro = 83.11p 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 (BALLYMENA)

W/E 16/11/24	1st QUALITY		2nd QUALITY	
	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Finished Cattle (p/kg)				
Steers	280	316	295	279
Friesians	224	244	231	219
Heifers	260	300	276	259
Beef Cows	237	283	249	236
Dairy Cows	153	203	168	152
Store Cattle (p/kg)				
Steers up to 400kg	320	430	350	230
Steers 400kg - 500kg	305	363	320	205
Steers over 500kg	275	326	295	274
Heifers up to 450kg	280	358	310	279
Heifers over 450kg	260	340	280	259
Dropped Calves (£/head)				
Continental Bulls	410	610	465	270
Continental Heifers	350	495	400	235
Friesian Bulls	150	200	171	115
Holstein Bulls	120	200	163	105

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg)	This Week 18/11/24	Next Week 25/11/24
R3 Lambs up to 22kg	640p	640 - 645p

NI REPORTED AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 02/11/24	W/E 09/11/24	W/E 16/11/24
D/W R3 Lambs	614.0	620.9	631.8
D/W Lambs	614.2	618.9	626.6
L/W Lambs	594.8	603.0	624.3

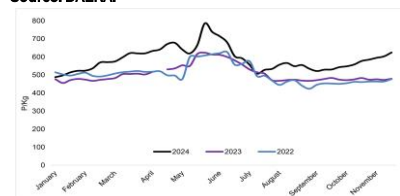
AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)

GB D/W Lambs	614.0	625.2	648.6
ROI D/W Lambs	630.5	633.9	637.1

Sheep Trade

Base quotes for R3 grade lambs are expected to range from 640-645p/kg early next week (with only one plant quoting below 645p/kg). There was a total of 11,992 lambs presented for slaughter in local processing plants last week, which were met with a stronger average deadweight price. However, due to technical difficulties at a processing plant, the NI average deadweight price and the NI average R3 deadweight price are based on data from 2 of the 3 major processing plants. The liveweight lamb trade in NI strengthened by a further 21.3p/kg last week to an average price of 624.3p/kg, £1.45 ahead of the average liveweight price reported during the same week in 2023, the difference of approximately £31.90 for a 22kg lamb.

NI Average Liveweight Lamb Price 2022-2024 YTD Source: DAERA.



LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 16/11/24		Lambs			
To: 21/11/24		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	681	638	727	-
	Swatragh	880	655	722	-
Monday	Kilrea	1400	590	700	-
	Markethill	900	610	663	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	660	595	745	-
	Rathfriland	750	610	776	-
Wednesday	Ballymena	1870	595	670	623
	Enniskillen	724	596	700	-
	Armoyle	389	575	664	-