

### DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE		
(P/KG DW)	This Week 25/11/24	Next Week 02/12/24
<b>Steers &amp; Heifers</b>		
U-3	490 - 496p	492 - 496p
R-3	484 - 490p	486 - 490p
O+3	478 - 484p	480 - 484p
P+3	422 - 428p	424 - 428p
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	374 - 386p	380 - 396p

\*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.

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**EU and UK R3 Heifer prices w/e 20 October 2024 compared to w/e 17 November 2024 (c/kg).**  
 Source: LMC, AHDB & EU Commission.

Position last Month	Position this Month	Country	Price last Month (w/e 20.10.24)	Price this Month (w/e 17.11.24)	Change on Month (cents)
1	1	Great Britain	619.2	635.8	+16.6
3	2	N. Ireland	591.7	598.4	+6.6
5	3	Spain	554.5	595.0	+40.5
2	4	Italy	605.2	594.9	-10.3
4	5	France	556.0	559.0	+3.0
6	6	Portugal	525.1	554.7	+29.6
9	7	Ireland	512.4	531.8	+19.3
10	8	Poland	508.6	531.3	+22.7
8	9	Germany	514.9	523.1	+8.3
7	10	Sweden	524.3	518.6	-5.7
<b>EU Average</b>			<b>534.7</b>	<b>547.4</b>	<b>+12.6</b>
<b>Euro (€1=)</b>			<b>83.4</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>

### DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOTES		
(P/Kg)	This Week 25/11/24	Next Week 02/12/24
R3 Lambs up to 22kg	640 - 650p	650 - 660p
R3 Lambs up to 23kg	-	645 - 650p

NI REPORTED AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES			
(P/KG)	W/E 09/11/24	W/E 16/11/24	W/E 23/11/24
D/W R3 Lambs	620.9	631.8	635.2
D/W Lambs	618.9	626.6	636.2
L/W Lambs	603.0	624.3	620.8

AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)			
GB D/W Lambs	625.2	648.6	661.2
ROI D/W Lambs	633.9	637.1	645.4

NI REPORTED AVERAGE CATTLE PRICES - P/KG			
W/E 23/11/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	508.6	509.5	497.3
R3	501.8	502.9	486.8
O+3	491.6	493.4	474.3

\*Prices Exclude Aberdeen Angus, Hereford, Wagyu and Organic Cattle.

NI REPORTED AVERAGE COW PRICES - P/KG				
W/E 23/11/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	250.7	270.7	286.3	299.9
P2	282.8	305.7	326.8	340.5
P3	293.8	330.1	346.0	352.7
O3	-	346.7	364.6	368.4
O4	-	-	348.5	369.7
R3	-	-	380.0	393.7

### Deadweight Cattle Trade

Base quotes for U-3 grading steers and heifers started the week at a range of 490-496p/kg, with quotes of 492-496p/kg expected early next week. Meanwhile, base quotes for O+3 grade cows started the week at 374-386p/kg, with increased base quotes expected to range from 380-396p/kg early next week.

Despite prime slaughter dropping 545 head week-on-week to a total slaughter of 8,244 head last week, throughput levels were 264 head above the same week last year. Cow supplies continued at similar levels to previous weeks with a throughput of 2,933 head last week however, this was 431 head behind 2023 levels during the same week last year. Imports for direct slaughter from ROI last week totalled 414 prime animals and 221 cows meanwhile, five steers and 42 cows were exported from NI to ROI for direct slaughter last week.

Deadweight cattle trade strengthened across the board for the most part in NI with only R3 grade young bulls declining 0.7p/kg. Despite this, the average young bulls category increased by 2p/kg week-on-week to an average paid price of 476.7p/kg. On average, steers increased by 3.3p/kg to an average paid price of 498.1p/kg and heifers increased by 5.9p/kg to 499.6p/kg last week. A stronger cow trade was also recorded in NI last week with an average increase of 5.4p/kg to 326.9p/kg. Last week saw increases of 7.6p/kg and 8p/kg for P2 and P3 grade cows respectively. The deadweight cattle trade continued to strengthen in both ROI and GB in sterling terms last week, with ROI reporting week-on-week increases of up to 6.3p/kg for clean cattle and GB reporting week-on-week increases of up to 10p/kg for clean cattle.

### Sheep Trade

Base quotes for R3 grade lambs are expected to be in the region of 650-660p/kg for lambs up to 22kg, with two of the three major NI lamb processing plants now paying up to a heavier weight of 23kg at a range of 645-650p/kg. The NI deadweight sheep trade continues to strengthen with an increase of 9.6p/kg to an average deadweight paid price of 636.2p/kg reported last week, the highest average deadweight lamb price reported in NI since June this year. A total of 9,139 lambs passed through NI processing plants last week, 544 head less than the previous week and 1,242 head behind levels recorded during the same week last year. The average weight of lamb carcasses processed in NI last week also reached a peak of 22.4kg. The deadweight lamb trade strengthened in ROI with a week-on-week increase of 8.3p/kg to a reported paid price of 645.4p/kg last week. In GB, the average deadweight lamb price strengthened by the equivalent of 12.6p/kg to 661.2p/kg. Lamb exports to ROI for direct slaughter totalled 1,391 head, a decline of 1,027 head from the previous week.

The liveweight lamb trade softened last week in NI marts with the average liveweight lamb prices back 3.5p/kg to 620.8p/kg. However, in Ballymena this week the average liveweight lamb price increased 9p/kg to 632p/kg despite more lambs being presented.

LAST WEEK'S AVERAGE DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES							
W/E 23/11/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	508.0	452.5	550.3	541.7	536.7	544.9
	R3	504.9	445.4	546.7	542.7	533.7	539.6
	R4	510.8	445.2	546.3	542.2	529.6	534.4
	O3	500.3	438.9	530.4	529.1	520.4	522.6
	AVG	498.1	-	543.7	535.7	524.4	526.1
Heifers	U3	508.2	458.3	553.0	541.6	545.6	547.6
	R3	504.3	450.1	545.3	538.8	533.9	535.8
	R4	510.2	452.7	544.1	541.0	531.1	538.6
	O3	497.7	447.7	517.9	522.7	510.6	517.7
	AVG	499.6	-	540.8	529.2	516.4	519.4
Young Bulls	U3	496.9	445.8	535.3	528.0	534.6	538.8
	R3	485.7	440.9	525.7	523.6	525.1	531.9
	O3	475.4	431.5	514.8	499.1	504.0	513.6
	AVG	476.7	-	522.5	517.4	510.3	513.2
	Prime Cattle	6,753	-	5,742	7,100	7,690	4,644
Cows	O3	367.5	387.0	394.0	392.5	388.9	389.3
	O4	368.7	389.1	394.3	392.0	390.0	388.1
	P2	332.9	356.2	342.1	350.5	345.2	353.8
	P3	351.3	372.6	358.3	370.0	361.3	368.9
	AVG	326.9	-	387.8	366.5	348.6	349.3

\*Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only.

\*Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 Euro = 83.41p 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 23/11/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	FROM	TO	AVG	FROM	TO	AVG
<b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers	284	322	299	228	282	266
Friesians	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heifers	282	321	297	218	249	234
Beef Cows	240	340	264	140	239	180
Dairy Cows	150	178	165	94	148	115
<b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers up to 400kg	340	430	380	250	339	290
Steers 400kg - 500kg	315	363	340	225	314	265
Steers over 500kg	275	322	290	200	274	230
Heifers up to 450kg	300	459	330	220	299	250
Heifers over 450kg	250	314	270	200	249	220
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>						
Continental Bulls	425	660	470	290	420	335
Continental Heifers	375	570	420	250	370	295
Friesian Bulls	175	250	190	65	130	95
Holstein Bulls	100	175	133	45	90	63