

## WEAKER STERLING AND FIRMER PRICES IN SOME EU MARKETS KEEPS NI MID TABLE

Table 1: EU & UK R3 Heifer prices w/e 11 September 2022 (c/kg)  
Source: LMC, AHDB & EU Commission.

Position last Month	Position this Month	Country	Price last Month (w/e 14.08.22)	Price this Month (w/e 11.09.22)	Change on Month (cents)
1	1	Luxembourg	551.6	544.4	-7.2
3	2	France	533.0	535.0	+2.0
2	3	Denmark	539.1	527.3	-11.8
4	4	Italy	526.4	517.7	-8.7
7	5	Sweden	516.6	516.6	+0.0
6	6	Germany	516.9	514.0	-2.9
5	7	Great Britain	518.1	511.1	-7.0
8	8	Northern Ireland	512.0	500.1	-11.9
11	9	Spain	485.6	498.1	+12.5
9	10	Poland	497.6	497.1	-0.5
10	11	Belgium	493.5	491.3	-2.3
13	12	Austria	479.9	480.8	+0.9
12	13	Ireland	483.6	480.7	-2.9
14	14	Portugal	472.8	466.4	-6.4
19	15	Netherlands	291.0	447.0	+156.0
16	16	Czech Republic	410.0	400.3	-9.7
18	17	Lithuania	381.4	398.6	+17.2
15	18	Romania	429.2	384.0	-45.2
17	19	Slovenia	395.3	376.8	-18.5
EU Average Price			507.2	508.2	+0.9
Euro Exchange Rate			84.5	86.4	+1.9

The EU & UK deadweight cattle league table is published each week by LMC and provides a comparison of farmgate R3 heifer prices across selected EU countries during any particular week and also records how this has changed from the previous month.

Table 1 shows the EU average R3 heifer price was 508.2c/kg during the week ending 11/09/2022, up 0.9c/kg from the corresponding week a month prior ending 14/08/2022. The euro was equivalent of 86.4p in the week ending 11/09/2022.

### Northern Ireland

In the week ending 11/09/2022 NI was in eighth position in the EU league table with an R3 heifer price the equivalent of 500.1c/kg. This was a decrease of 11.9c/kg from the 512c/kg paid during the week ending 14/08/2022. The differential between the R3 heifer price in NI and the EU average increased from 4.8c/kg in the week ending 14/08/2022 with NI falling 8.1c/kg behind the average EU price in the w/e 11/09/2022.

### Great Britain

GB moved down two places to seventh place on the EU league table in the w/e 11/09/2022. The equivalent R3 heifer price was 511.1c/kg back 7c/kg from the w/e 14/08/2022. The differential between GB and the EU average narrowed from 10.9c/kg in the w/e 14/08/2022 to 2.9c/kg in the w/e 11/09/2022.

### Republic of Ireland

In ROI the R3 heifer price was 480.7c/kg in the w/e 11/09/2022, which was a 2.9c/kg decrease from the w/e 14/08/2022. This placed ROI in thirteenth position on the EU league table down one place from the week ending 14/08/2022, and 19.4c/kg behind the equivalent price in NI.

### Other EU Countries

The most notable change in reported R3 heifer prices in the week ending 11/09/2022 was recorded in the Netherlands where the R3 heifer price increased by 156c/kg to 447c/kg. This moved it up four positions in the league table into fifteenth place. Notable increases in reported prices were also recorded in Spain (+12.5c/kg) and Lithuania (+17.2c/kg).

Meanwhile the majority of other prices recorded decreases. In Denmark the R3 heifer prices was back by 11.8c/kg bringing it to 527.3c/kg moving it down one place into third position in the league table. Notable declines in reported prices were also recorded in Romania (-45.2c/kg), Slovenia (-18.5c/kg) and Czech Republic (-9.7p/kg).

\* The EU & UK Deadweight Cattle Prices League Table compiled weekly by LMC is hosted on the LMC website: [https://www.lmcni.com/publications-library/?\\_sft\\_publication\\_category=league-tables](https://www.lmcni.com/publications-library/?_sft_publication_category=league-tables)

## FARMING FAMILIES WELCOMED TO CELEBRATION



### Life Beyond Celebration

The Life Beyond Celebration is a gathering to commemorate the lives of those who have died in the farming community and to acknowledge the contribution they have made to the land, our farming families and the farming industry in Northern Ireland.

Please join us at the Inaugural Gathering on:

**Sunday 23rd October 2022 at 2.30pm**

**Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown**

*Light Refreshments Served*

Please RSVP to [melissa@ruralsupport.org.uk](mailto:melissa@ruralsupport.org.uk)

by 16th October 2022



The Life Beyond Programme, delivered by Rural Support in partnership with Embrace FARM, provides a unique combination of bereavement support, specifically tailored to the needs of the farm family. The aim of the programme is to improve the mental, social, and physical wellbeing of farm families who have experienced loss, as well as provide support with the farming enterprise. Services are all provided at no cost to the farming family.

As part of the programme, an annual Celebration Event takes place aimed at those who have lost a loved one, recently or in the past, to come together

and celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with them. All who have experienced loss within the farming community are welcome to attend and light refreshments will be served.

Places are limited so please RSVP to Melissa Wylie at: [melissa@ruralsupport.org.uk](mailto:melissa@ruralsupport.org.uk)

If you would like to find out more about this event or the range of services and programmes available at Rural Support, go to the NI Farm Support hub at [www.ruralsupport.org.uk](http://www.ruralsupport.org.uk) or telephone the Support Line on Freephone 0800 138 1678 available Monday-Friday 9am-9pm.

## NI WAS THE ONLY UK REGION RECORDING AN INCREASED CATTLE KILL DURING THE FIRST 8 MONTHS OF 2022

According to the latest available data from DEFRA and DAERA, Northern Ireland is the only UK region to record an increased prime cattle kill across all categories during 2022 to the close of August, with the year on year difference being significant, as shown in Table 2. As previous bulletins have mentioned this can be partly attributed to the record high cattle prices seen in NI during the first half of the year.

To the close of August 2022 in GB, processing plants saw a four per cent decline in steer throughput, heifer slaughterings back one per cent and a three per cent decrease in young bull slaughterings.

The strongest decreases in prime cattle throughput have been recorded in Scotland,

Table 2: Prime cattle slaughtered in the UK by region from January to August during 2021 - 2022 and the year on year change (%). Source: DEFRA and DAERA.

Region	2021	2022	% Change
<b>GB</b>			
Heifers	447,785	443,235	-1%
Steers	543,276	519,616	-4%
Young Bulls	103,044	100,379	-3%
<b>NI</b>			
Heifers	88,791	97,516	+10%
Steers	112,496	120,084	+7%
Young Bulls	25,925	29,745	+15%
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>			
Heifers	343,984	343,185	0%
Steers	404,721	392,951	-3%
Young Bulls	82,285	80,885	-2%
<b>Scotland</b>			
Heifers	103,801	100,050	-4%
Steers	138,554	126,666	-9%
Young Bulls	20,759	19,494	-6%

where prime cattle throughput during the first eight months of 2022 saw a nine per cent decline in steers, a four per cent decline in heifers, with the young bull throughput back six per cent from 2021 levels.

Meanwhile in England and Wales a three per cent decline in the numbers of steers was recorded and two per cent fewer young bulls were processed compared to 2021 levels, while heifer numbers recorded a marginal decrease of 799 head.

Comparatively in NI prime cattle slaughterings during the same eight month period increased by seven per cent for steers, 10 per cent for heifers and 15 per cent for young bulls year on year.

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# WEEKLY BEEF & LAMB MARKETS

## CATTLE TRADE

### NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 19/09/22	Next Week 26/09/22
<b>Prime</b>		
U-3	414 - 426p	414 - 426p
R-3	408 - 420p	408 - 420p
O+3	402 - 414p	402 - 414p
P+3	346 - 358p	346 - 358p
Including bonus where applicable		
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	330 - 350p	330 - 350p

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.

### Deadweight Cattle Trade

Base quotes from the major processing plants for in-spec U-3 grade prime cattle have held steady this week ranging from 414-426p/kg for steers and heifers. Similar quotes are expected for next week and producers are encouraged to use these base quotes as a starting point for negotiation. The cow trade has also held steady with quotes for good quality O+3 grading cows ranging from 330-350p/kg across the plants.

Prime cattle throughput in NI plants last week totalled 7,396 head up by 87 head when compared to the previous week and up 634 head when compared to the same week last year when 6,762 prime cattle were killed in local plants. Cow throughput in NI plants last week increased by 326 cows to 2,623 head when compared to the previous week. This was also up 433 cows when compared to the same week in 2021 when 2,190 cows were processed.

Imports of prime cattle from ROI for direct slaughter last week totalled 451 head, a 132 head decrease from 583 head imported the previous week. Meanwhile cow imports from ROI totalled 102 head last week, back by 76 head from the previous week. As has been the case for most of the year to date, no cattle were imported from GB last week for direct slaughter in NI plants. A total of eight prime cattle and 81 cows were exported from NI for slaughter in ROI plants last week, while no cattle were exported from NI for slaughter in GB plants.

The average steer price in NI last week was up just over half a penny to 424.9p/kg while the R3 steer price was up 0.3p/kg to 434.5p/kg. In the corresponding week last year the R3 steer was 400.9p/kg, 33.6p/kg behind current levels. The average heifer price in NI last week increased by 1.7p/kg to 427.8p/kg while the R3 heifer price was up by 2p/kg to 436.8p/kg. In the same week last year the R3 heifer price in NI was 400.8p/kg. The average young bull price in NI last week was up 0.2p/kg to 416.3p/kg while the R3 young bull price increased by 0.9p/kg to 425.4p/kg. The average cow price reported a decrease of 6p/kg to 324.9p/kg while the O3 cow price was back 1.1p/kg to 358.3p/kg.

In GB last week the average steer price was up by 1.7p/kg to 438.7p/kg while the R3 steer price was up 1.5p/kg to 445.8p/kg. This increased the R3 steer price differential between GB and NI to 11.9p/kg. There was no change in the average heifer price in GB last week remaining at 435.7p/kg while the R3 heifer price was back by a penny to 443.3p/kg. This decrease narrowed the differential in the R3 heifer price between NI and GB to 6.5p/kg last week.

Reported prices in ROI came under pressure last week with the R3 steer price back 0.8p/kg to 414.1p/kg while the R3 heifer price was back by 1.3p/kg to 416.7p/kg. Prime cattle supplies remain strong in ROI with throughput in the plants running 5.6 per cent or 50,427 cattle ahead of 2021 levels for the year to date. In ROI last week the O3 cow price recorded a decrease of 1.5p/kg to 373.9p/kg. This brings the O3 cow price in ROI at 15.6p/kg above the same price in NI. The cow kill in ROI for the year to date is up by 38,546 head or 15.8 per cent year on year.

### Deadweight Sheep Trade

Base quotes from the NI plants this week for R3 grading lambs ranged from 495-500p/kg up to 21kg with quotes of 490-500p/kg expected for early next week. Last week in NI 10,873 lambs were killed. This is a marginal decrease of 108 head when compared to the previous week and an increase of 1,399 lambs when compared to the same week last year. Exports of sheep to ROI for direct slaughter last week totalled 6,937 head, up 1,890 head from the 5,047 head exported to ROI the previous week. The deadweight lamb price in NI last week was up 6.9p/kg to 489.6p/kg when compared to the previous week, while the ROI deadweight lamb price recorded an increase equivalent to 2.8p/kg bringing it to 529.7p/kg.

### Liveweight Sheep Trade

Similar numbers passed through many of the marts this week with an improved trade reported for good quality lambs. In Massereene, held on Tuesday 649 lambs sold from 432-471p/kg compared to 832 lambs last week selling from 439-462p/kg. In Saintfield on Tuesday a similar trade to last week, 625 lambs sold from 445-500p/kg compared to 717 lambs selling from 450-500p/kg. In Rathfriland this week 825 lambs sold from 430-530p/kg (avg 453p/kg) compared to 928 lambs selling from 442-544p/kg (avg 452p/kg). An entry of 2,604 lambs in Ballymena this week sold from 438-502p/kg (avg 454p/kg) compared to 2,710 lambs last week selling from 430-473p/kg (Avg 448p/kg). Top reported prices for cull ewes generally ranged from £111-160 across the marts.

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

	W/E 17/09/22	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	440.5	422.6	453.4	449.5	448.9	451.4	451.0
	R3	434.5	414.1	452.9	445.5	442.7	442.4	445.8
	R4	433.9	414.3	453.4	447.8	439.2	441.5	448.5
	AVG	424.9	-	449.3	440.4	431.5	431.6	438.7
Heifers	U3	441.2	426.6	453.5	451.5	451.3	451.7	452.0
	R3	436.8	416.7	449.3	443.1	442.6	438.8	443.3
	R4	435.0	418.0	452.5	446.0	440.5	442.6	447.6
	AVG	427.8	-	448.7	441.1	425.6	426.5	435.7
Young Bulls	U3	432.8	413.6	445.2	440.1	449.1	438.3	444.7
	R3	425.4	403.9	438.8	432.6	434.6	440.4	436.1
	O3	402.2	385.0	406.6	401.8	404.7	411.4	404.7
	AVG	416.3	-	433.4	425.9	427.7	416.6	427.6
Prime Cattle Price Reported	5,734	-	6,146	6,998	7,283	4,299	24,726	
Cows	O3	358.3	373.9	380.5	379.2	374.1	371.5	376.1
	O4	359.6	375.7	384.0	378.6	375.2	372.5	376.9
	P2	318.7	337.8	337.8	334.0	336.4	333.2	335.1
	AVG	324.9	-	378.6	347.8	336.0	334.7	344.0

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=86.88p 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

### LATEST LIVELWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES NI

	W/E 17/09/22	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
		From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
<b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>							
Steers		260	289	270	215	259	237
Friesians		190	224	200	162	184	173
Heifers		240	272	256	200	239	220
Beef Cows		200	235	215	155	199	178
Dairy Cows		145	189	160	100	144	125
<b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>							
Bullocks up to 400kg		260	324	280	215	259	235
Bullocks 400kg - 500kg		240	324	262	180	239	212
Bullocks over 500kg		230	268	242	170	229	205
Heifers up to 450kg		245	293	258	200	244	215
Heifers over 450kg		225	257	240	175	224	200
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>							
Continental Bulls		425	590	490	250	380	315
Continental Heifers		310	435	375	200	290	250
Friesian Bulls		110	170	140	20	105	60
Holstein Bulls		105	155	115	1	100	40

### REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 17/09/22	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	437.4	440.4	432.5
R3	432.2	435.1	425.3
O+3	424.5	427.8	411.3

\*Prices exclude AA, HER and Organic cattle

### REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 17/09/22	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	249.2	266.0	278.3	288.3
P2	272.5	296.8	317.5	330.1
P3	285.1	326.4	331.9	343.2
O3	303.8	355.9	345.7	359.6
O4	300.8	310.6	355.1	361.2
R3	-	-	-	378.6

## SHEEP TRADE

### NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 19/09/22	Next Week 26/09/22
R3 Lambs up to 21kg	495 - 500p	490 - 500p

### REPORTED SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 03/09/22	W/E 10/09/22	W/E 17/09/22
NI L/W Lambs	423.3	445.4	453.0
NI D/W Lambs	478.6	482.7	489.6
GB D/W Lambs	534.3	527.7	523.6
ROI D/W	529.8	526.9	529.7

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

From: 17/09/22		Lambs			
To: 22/09/22		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Swatragh	2005	485	575	-
	Omagh	1272	481	532	-
Monday	Kilrea	620	450	497	-
	Massereene	649	432	471	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	625	445	500	-
	Rathfriland	825	430	530	453
Wednesday	Ballymena	2604	438	502	454
	Enniskillen	1602	435	494	-
	Armoy	685	435	474	-
	Markethill	1906	440	496	-

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