

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators January 2023 Snapshot (week 40-43)

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	January 2022	January 2023	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	543.0	513.6	-5.4%
Average Liveweight Price NI	504.9	470.2	-6.9%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	594.6	516.9	-13.1%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	568.0	549.6	-3.2%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughtering (Head)	28,642	33,659	+17.5%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughtering (Head)	2,833	3,245	+14.5%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	23.1	22.2	-3.6%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	27.3	27.2	-0.6%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	24,093	24,575	+2.0%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	83.5	88.2	5.6%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight hogget price** during January 2023 was back 29.4p/kg from the same price in January 2022. This is a decrease of over £6 on the value of 22kg hogget carcase.



The average **GB deadweight hogget price** has decreased by 77.7p/kg from January 2022.



The average **ROI deadweight hogget price** was back by the equivalent of 18.4p/kg when compared to the same price in January 2022.



Hogget throughput during January 2023 was up by 17.5 per cent from the same period last year. Average carcase weight for hoggets reported a decline of 0.9kg to 22.2kg.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter are up by two per cent when compared to January 2022.