

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators February 2023 Snapshot (week 44-47)

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	February 2022	February 2023	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	536.7	520.1	-3.1%
Average Liveweight Price NI	499.1	472.9	-5.2%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	583.1	506.3	-13.2%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	563.9	536.7	-4.8%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughterings (Head)	28,864	37,160	+28.7%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughterings (Head)	2,266	1,972	-13.0%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	23.3	22.3	-4.3%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	26.7	26.5	-0.8%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	27,930	25,081	-10.2%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	83.8	88.6	5.7%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			


Key trends

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The average **NI deadweight hogget** price during February 2023 was back just over 16.6p/kg from the same price in February 2022. This is a decrease of over £3.65 on the value of 22kg hogget carcase.
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The average **GB deadweight hogget price** decreased by 76.8p/kg from February 2022 to 506.3p/kg in February 2023.
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The average **ROI deadweight hogget price** was back by the equivalent of 27.2p/kg when compared to the same price in February 2022.
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Hogget throughput has increased by 28.7 per cent from the same period last year. Average carcase weight for hoggets reported a decrease of 1kg to 22.3kg.
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NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter were back by over 10 per cent when compared to February 2022.

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