

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators March 2023 Snapshot (week 48-52)

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	March 2022	March 2023	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	550.0	542.6	-1.3%
Average Liveweight Price NI	515.9	500.4	-3.0%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	569.7	533.0	-6.4%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	583.9	565.5	-3.2%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughtering (Head)	34,657	45,126	+30.2%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughtering (Head)	2,046	2,463	+20.4%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	23.5	22.5	-4.5%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	27.7	26.9	-2.6%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	39,043	34,999	-10.4%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	83.6	88.2	5.4%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight hogget price** during March 2023 was back 7.4p/kg from the same price in March 2022. This is a decrease of 1.3 per cent or £1.63 on the value of 22kg hogget carcase.



The average **GB deadweight hogget price** decreased by 36.7p/kg from March 2022.



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



Hogget throughput has increased by over 30 per cent from the same period last year meanwhile the average carcase weight for hoggets reported a decline of 4.5 per cent to 22.5kg.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter were up by 10.4 per cent, when compared to March 2022.