

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators April 2023 Snapshot (week 1-4)

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	April 2022	April 2023	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	566.7	604.4	+6.6%
Average Liveweight Price NI	508.1	528.0	+3.9%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	598.0	645.9	+8.0%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	612.2	628.2	+2.6%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughtering (Head)	24,990	27,872	+11.5%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughtering (Head)	1,963	1,784	-9.1%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	23.3	22.2	-4.7%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	28.6	27.6	-3.3%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	25,907	24,044	-7.2%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	83.7	88.1	5.3%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight hogget** price during April 2023 recorded an increase of 37.7p/kg from the same price in April 2022. This is an additional £8.29 on the value of 22kg hoggetcarcase.



The average **GB deadweight hogget price** increased by 47.9p/kg or eight per cent from April 2022.



The average **ROI deadweight hogget price** was up by the equivalent of 16p/kg when compared to the same price in April 2022.



Hogget/lamb throughput has increased by 11.5 per cent from the same period last year, while average carcase weights for hoggets/lambs reported a decline of 4.7 per cent to 22.2kg.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter were back 7.2 per cent compared to numbers exported during April 2022.

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