

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators May 2023 Snapshot (week 5-9)


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	May 2022	May 2023	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	605.7	646.2	+6.7%
Average Liveweight Price NI	580.2	590.9	+1.8%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	630.6	690.3	+9.5%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	646.8	648.8	+0.3%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughtering (Head)	33,522	38,165	+13.9%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughtering (Head)	2,414	2,051	-15.0%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	22.0	21.5	-2.0%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	28.7	27.8	-3.2%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	24,930	18,612	-25.3%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	85.0	87.0	2.4%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			


Key trends

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The average **NI deadweight hogget/lamb** price during May 2023 was up 40.5p/kg from the same price in May 2022. This is an increase of approximately £8.50 in the value of 21kg lamb carcase.
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The average **GB deadweight hogget/lamb price** increased by 59.7p/kg or 9.5 per cent from May 2022.
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The average **ROI deadweight hogget/lamb price** was up by the equivalent of 2p/kg when compared to the same price in May 2022.
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Hogget/Lamb throughput has increased by almost 14 per cent from the same period last year. Average carcase weight for hoggets/lambs reported a decrease of 2 per cent to 21.5kg.
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NI exports of sheep from NI for direct slaughter declined over a quarter (-25.3 per cent) when compared to May 2022.

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