

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators August 2023 Snapshot (week 18-22)

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	August 2022	August 2023	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	492.8	520.0	+5.5%
Average Liveweight Price NI	448.6	469.8	+4.7%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	536.9	570.7	+6.3%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	534.8	534.0	-0.1%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughterings (Head)	51,569	51,771	+0.4%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughterings (Head)	2,743	2,532	-7.7%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	21.2	20.9	-1.2%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	26.6	25.8	-2.9%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	35,929	35,496	-1.2%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	84.5	85.9	1.7%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight hogget/lamb price** during August 2023 was up 27.2p/kg from the same price in August 2022. This is an increase of £5.71 on the value of 21kg lamb carcase.



The average **GB deadweight hogget/lamb price** increased by 33.8p/kg or 6.3 per cent from August 2022.



The average **ROI deadweight hogget/lamb price** declined by a marginal 0.8p/kg when compared to the same price in August last year.



Hogget/Lamb throughput totalled 51,771 head during August 2023, an increase of 0.4 per cent when compared to the same period last year. Average carcase weight for hoggets/lambs decreased by 0.3kg year on year.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter were back 1.2 per cent when compared to August 2022.