

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 07/10/24	Next Week 14/10/24
Prime		
U-3	472 - 482p	476 - 482p
R-3	466 - 476p	470 - 476p
O+3	460 - 470p	464 - 470p
P+3	404 - 414p	408 - 414p
Cows		
O+3	355 - 375p	360 - 375p

Cow quotes vary depending on weight and grade. Pricing policies vary from plant to plant. Producers are advised to check pricing policies before presenting cattle for slaughter.

FQAS MART DATES

Omagh - Monday 14th October
Draperstown - Friday 18th October

LMC Farm Liaison Officer Terry White will be present at the locations outlined to assist FQAS members with scheme queries and offer advice. Terry is contactable on the FQAS Helpline: 028 9263 3024.

FQAS REMINDERS

Closed period for spreading organic manure (inc. slurry)

Between **midnight on 15th October** and **midnight on 31st January** the spreading of organic manure (slurry), apart from farmyard manure and dirty water, is **not** permitted.



REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 05/10/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	495.8	498.2	488.5
R3	491.0	492.8	484.5
O+3	482.8	483.8	475.0

*Prices exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic cattle

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 05/10/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	244.7	265.6	280.4	297.8
P2	275.6	300.4	318.1	335.7
P3	264.6	325.3	332.7	347.6
O3	-	351.0	357.6	366.9
O4	-	-	355.6	366.8
R3	-	-	366.0	390.0

Deadweight Cattle Trade

The deadweight trade for prime cattle in NI continued to strengthen last week. The average price paid for steers and heifers reported an overall increase of 1.8p/kg. The average price paid for an R3 steer was 493.9p/kg, up 0.8p/kg on the previous week, with the R3 heifers paid 494.9p/kg, up by 1.7p/kg week on week.

According to the latest available data from DAERA and in line with normal seasonal trends, prime cattle throughput in local plants peaked last week for the year to date with 8,706 head processed. A strong consignment of 4,469 steers were slaughtered with an average carcass weight of 360.7kg. This was a notable 4.1kg heavier on average than steers slaughtered the previous week. Heifer and young bull carcasses processed last week also reported respective increases of 3.9kg and 8.3kg week on week.

Last week fewer cattle were imported from ROI to local plants when compared to the four weeks prior, however weekly imports continue at strong levels when compared with recent years. Last week, a consignment of 621 prime cattle and 222 cows were imported from ROI to local plants. Imported animals represented 7.1 per cent of the local prime kill last week with cows imported for slaughter accounting for 9 per cent of total NI cow throughput.

Last week in ROI, the deadweight cattle trade recovered in both euro and sterling terms. An R3 steer was paid the equivalent of 423.5p/kg, 70.4p/kg behind the price paid in NI. In GB last week young bulls were the only prime category to report a softer trade.

LAST WEEK'S DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (UK / ROI)

W/E 05/10/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	495.8	432.9	529.0	519.2	516.8	521.7
	R3	493.9	423.5	527.3	518.1	515.3	517.7
	R4	493.0	424.6	528.2	518.2	512.5	518.7
	O3	487.7	410.9	515.5	509.4	499.7	501.5
AVG	486.3	-	524.7	513.3	505.3	506.9	512.2
Heifers	U3	498.2	437.1	534.5	521.0	525.3	525.2
	R3	494.9	427.5	526.8	513.9	513.0	517.1
	R4	492.1	428.6	526.9	515.8	512.2	515.5
	O3	486.5	420.1	509.0	488.8	494.0	499.5
AVG	488.7	-	524.0	505.0	500.5	501.4	507.5
Young Bulls	U3	488.2	428.1	520.2	500.1	509.8	514.8
	R3	482.0	418.5	513.2	502.6	497.6	512.6
	O3	472.0	408.0	494.3	476.1	480.7	496.5
	AVG	475.1	-	508.6	494.0	493.3	491.9
Prime Cattle Price Reported	6,921	-	5,967	7,045	8,483	5,051	26,546
Cows	O3	366.4	368.9	402.8	391.2	386.3	392.8
	O4	366.6	369.4	409.4	393.6	384.2	396.1
	P2	324.0	331.6	368.2	350.2	344.9	355.7
	P3	342.7	355.1	376.9	363.3	359.3	371.5
AVG	320.0	-	396.7	366.2	351.5	352.4	

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=83.60p Stg
(ii) Shading indicates a lower price than the previous week.
(iii) AVG is the average of all grades in the category, not just those listed

LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

LATEST LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES NI

W/E 05/10/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
Finished Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers	280	300	290	225	279	245
Friesians	219	258	227	198	218	207
Heifers	270	314	280	210	269	230
Beef Cows	238	316	255	150	237	180
Dairy Cows	128	181	146	52	127	105
Store Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers up to 400kg	300	384	335	200	299	255
Steers 400kg - 500kg	270	337	295	170	269	230
Steers over 500kg	280	332	300	200	279	235
Heifers up to 450kg	265	384	305	205	264	230
Heifers over 450kg	250	304	275	200	249	225
Dropped Calves (£/head)						
Continental Bulls	400	795	480	280	390	335
Continental Heifers	350	685	430	230	345	280
Friesian Bulls	140	305	175	65	120	97
Holstein Bulls	80	140	120	38	70	54

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 07/10/24	Next Week 14/10/24
R3 Lambs up to 22kg	580 - 590p	585 - 595p

REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 21/09/24	W/E 28/09/24	W/E 05/10/24
D/W R3 Lambs	581.9	582.7	583.7
D/W Lambs	582.6	583.9	585.0
L/W Lambs	530.3	542.9	547.8

REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)

GB D/W Lambs	641.1	640.0	624.0
ROI D/W Lambs	599.8	595.4	600.8

Sheep Trade

A stronger trade was reported for fat lambs across local marts this week, with fewer lambs on offer and a strong demand from the export market reported. In turn, base quotes received by LMC from local plants for R3 grade lambs strengthened mid-week to range from 585-590p/kg up to 22kg. Early next week a stronger trade is expected in local plants.

According to the latest available data from DAERA, last week, lamb throughput in local plants declined by 370 head from the previous week to total 9,994 head. The average deadweight lamb trade in NI reported an increase of 1.1p/kg on the previous week to 585p/kg.

Meanwhile, in ROI last week, the average deadweight lamb trade recovered by the equivalent of 5.4p/kg to 600.8p/kg. Lamb exports to ROI plants for direct slaughter last week totalled 5,947 head, 123 head fewer than the previous weeks consignment.

In GB last week the average price reported for lambs declined by 16p/kg to 624p/kg.

LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 05/10/24		Lambs			
To: 10/10/24		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	855	561	622	-
	Swatragh	1300	589	638	-
Monday	Kilrea	1300	555	617	-
	Markethill	1130	530	564	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	790	545	630	-
	Rathfriland	700	540	694	-
Wednesday	Ballymena	1797	501	602	544
	Enniskillen	872	515	572	-
	Armoy	486	520	590	-