

## DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

### NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 24/06/24	Next Week 01/07/24
<b>Prime</b>		
U-3	454 - 462p	454 - 462p
R-3	448 - 456p	448 - 456p
O+3	442 - 450p	442 - 450p
P+3	386 - 394p	386 - 394p
<b>Cows</b>		
O+3	346 - 360p	346 - 360p

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 JULY 2024

Saintfield - Wednesday 3rd July  
Kilrea - Wednesday 10th July  
Enniskillen - Thursday 18th July

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.

## NOW RECRUITING

- Education and Consumer Promotions Manager
- Head of Quality Assurance
- Head of Market Intelligence and Data Management
- Head of Sustainability

Applications close Monday 01 July 2024

### REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 22/06/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	481.9	481.7	474.1
R3	475.1	476.5	466.5
O+3	468.1	469.7	458.4

\*Prices exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic cattle

### REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 22/06/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	235.4	255.2	272.9	290.8
P2	269.1	283.6	311.6	328.5
P3	281.0	303.1	331.7	336.5
O3	-	318.0	342.1	352.8
O4	303.0	-	339.2	354.5
R3	-	-	-	368.4

### Deadweight Cattle Trade

Prime cattle throughput in local plants last week totalled 7,094 head, up 481 head from the previous week. Meanwhile, the local cow kill totalled 1,908 head last week, 360 head less than the previous week. Last week also saw reduced supplies of ROI cattle entering NI for direct slaughter. ROI imports were at the lowest weekly level recorded since week ending 13 January 2024 with 110 prime cattle imported. Meanwhile, cow import levels were back 26 head to total 84 head. Direct slaughter exports to ROI remain at low levels with eight cows and four steers exported last week.

The deadweight cattle trade in NI reported a mixed performance last week. Young bulls were the only prime cattle category to report an overall increase week on week, up 8p/kg to 460.6p/kg. Meanwhile, steer and heifer categories reported overall declines of 0.4p/kg and 2.3p/kg to 469.6p/kg and 471.2p/kg respectively. Base quotes continue to run behind prices paid, and with tighter supplies of fat cattle available locally, there are keen rates available for all types of finished cattle. Last week the overall deadweight trade for cows reported a 0.6p/kg decline to 311p/kg as a result of increased dairy origin cows in the local kill. The trade for good quality cows continues to strengthen with the average price paid for O3 grading cows up 4.5p/kg to 351.4p/kg.

In GB last week the trade for steers and heifers was relatively steady while cows reported an overall decline of 1.2p/kg to 359.1p/kg, widening the differential with NI to 48.1p/kg.

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

W/E 22/06/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	480.9	451.2	485.9	492.4	484.2	488.2
	R3	477.3	443.6	484.4	487.0	482.2	483.9
	R4	477.3	446.2	484.1	490.0	479.5	482.9
	O3	470.3	435.1	468.6	470.4	468.8	470.7
AVG	469.6	-	481.3	482.0	473.4	474.1	477.8
Heifers	U3	483.3	459.3	491.9	494.1	491.6	491.2
	R3	478.5	447.0	482.0	487.0	482.1	480.0
	R4	477.4	448.3	484.1	491.4	481.6	483.9
	O3	469.7	439.5	457.6	466.5	466.3	464.8
AVG	471.2	-	480.7	480.8	472.1	470.0	475.8
Young Bulls	U3	474.0	446.8	475.3	479.9	482.9	484.7
	R3	466.0	436.1	473.4	473.6	473.6	477.2
	O3	453.9	421.3	449.9	445.9	448.3	447.2
	AVG	460.6	-	471.1	467.5	467.4	469.1
Prime Cattle Price Reported	6,011	-	5,702	7,172	8,065	4,798	25,737
Cows	O3	351.4	371.5	384.7	387.4	389.7	383.4
	O4	353.5	372.8	388.2	390.1	392.7	385.3
	P2	315.6	348.2	344.8	351.4	345.5	338.3
	P3	333.8	362.0	361.3	366.6	369.9	358.6
AVG	311.0	-	381.2	365.8	359.3	341.9	359.1

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=84.52p 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 22/06/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
<b>Finished Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers	285	309	297	240	284	260
Friesians	219	235	229	191	213	201
Heifers	252	302	269	200	251	225
Beef Cows	225	281	239	130	224	170
Dairy Cows	135	182	154	100	134	115
<b>Store Cattle (p/kg)</b>						
Steers up to 400kg	325	406	355	225	324	270
Steers 400kg - 500kg	280	348	310	200	279	235
Steers over 500kg	264	304	278	200	263	238
Heifers up to 450kg	300	406	330	200	299	245
Heifers over 450kg	275	330	295	217	274	240
<b>Dropped Calves (£/head)</b>						
Continental Bulls	400	650	485	250	395	315
Continental Heifers	325	480	400	200	320	260
Friesian Bulls	150	250	188	10	120	76
Holstein Bulls	125	170	148	95	110	100

## DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 24/06/24	Next Week 01/07/24
R3 Lambs up to 21kg	680p	640 - 650p

### REPORTED NI SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 08/06/24	W/E 15/06/24	W/E 22/06/24
D/W R3 Lambs	743.1	745.7	678.5
D/W Lambs	738.8	741.6	676.0
L/W Lambs	714.3	679.9	604.2

### REGIONAL SHEEP PRICES (GB / ROI)

GB D/W Lambs	807.6	810.7	780.0
ROI D/W Lambs	732.1	727.6	696.3

Last week the NI lamb kill totalled 6,191 head, up 564 head on the previous week and 2,981 head fewer than the NI lamb kill during the corresponding week of 2023. The deadweight sheep trade reported declines last week with the average price paid back 65.6p/kg to 676p/kg, and the average R3 lamb price back by a similar margin to 678.5p/kg. Next week a weaker trade is expected with base quotes in the region of 640 - 650p/kg.

Last week 957 lambs left NI for direct slaughter in GB, 1,361 head less than levels exported the previous week when lamb exports to GB were at a record high. Meanwhile, lamb exports to ROI for direct slaughter increased 541 head last week, with 4,029 head exported. This was also an additional 2,304 lambs on levels exported during the same week last year. Last week the ROI lamb kill returned to unseasonably low levels with 42,369 lambs killed following a week of increased throughput. The ROI lamb kill during the 12 weeks ending 22 June 2024 was 19 per cent or 110,041 head behind the corresponding period of 2023.

This week a slower trade was seen in local marts, with a slacker demand from export markets reported, as a result of the softening trade in GB and ROI. Last week the GB deadweight lamb price declined 30.7p/kg to 780p/kg. In ROI the deadweight lamb trade was back 31.3p/kg to the equivalent of 696.3p/kg.

## LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

### LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 22/06/24		Lambs			
To: 27/06/24		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	235	595	691	-
Monday	Kilrea	800	656	733	-
	Markethill	1020	640	715	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	835	620	700	-
	Rathfriland	858	622	670	638
Wednesday	Ballymena	1808	570	644	600
	Enniskillen	302	550	628	-
	Armoy	242	600	710	-