

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators February 2022 Snapshot (week 44-47)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	February 2021	February 2022	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	373.2	397.0	+6.4%
Average Cow Price	258.3	283.5	+9.8%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	383.5	407.4	+6.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	335.4	371.9	+10.9%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	382.1	413.2	+8.1%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	27,185	30,710	+13.0%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	7,408	9,066	+22.4%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	348.6	349.2	+0.2%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	313.2	313.3	+0.0%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	923	1,115	+20.8%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	194	252	+29.9%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	428,613	412,177	-3.8%
Beef Sired	389,679	371,742	-4.6%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	38,934	40,435	+3.9%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	30,714	29,163	-5.0%
Beef Sired	24,685	24,321	-1.5%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	6,029	4,842	-19.7%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)			
	87.3	83.8	-4.0%

* Aged between 12-30 mths (Beef + Dairy Male Only)

All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated

Key trends



The average **NI prime cattle price** was up 23.8p/kg to 397p/kg in February 2022. This was a 6.4 per cent increase from February 2021.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 25.2p/kg in February this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by almost 24p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 36.5p/kg in ROI and just over 31p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



NI prime cattle throughput increased by 3,525 head in February 2022 with 30,710 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput also increased to 9,066 head, up 22.4 per cent from February 2021. Average carcase weights increased by 0.6kg for prime cattle and held steady at 313.3kg for cows.



Imports for direct slaughter were up 192 head in February 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 252 head in February 2022, up 58 head from February 2021.



Number of beef sired cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in February 2022 was back 3.8 per cent from February 2021 to total 412,177 head. Beef sired cattle numbers decreased by 4.6 per cent with dairy male cattle numbers increasing by almost four per cent.



Calf registrations in February 2022 were back 1,551 head when compared to same period in 2021. Beef sired calf registrations decreased by 1.5 per cent from February 2021 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 19.7 per cent.

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