

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators April 2022 Snapshot (week 1-4)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	April 2021	April 2022	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	380.6	416.9	+9.5%
Average Cow Price	271.6	324.9	+19.6%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	390.4	427.2	+9.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	348.6	406.6	+16.6%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	409.2	442.5	+8.1%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	25,246	29,651	+17.4%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	6,615	8,347	+26.2%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	345.3	346.2	+0.3%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	317.0	307.3	-3.1%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,742	1,172	-32.7%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	298	385	+29.2%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	449,124	453,392	+1.0%
Beef Sired	412,359	414,328	+0.5%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	36,765	39,064	+6.3%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	61,338	61,914	+0.9%
Beef Sired	50,705	50,978	+0.5%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	4,051	3,774	-6.8%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)			
	86.5	83.7	-3.3%
* 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 36.3p/kg to 416.9p/kg in April 2022. This was a 9.5 per cent increase from April 2021.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 53.3p/kg in April this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 36.8p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 58p/kg in ROI and 33.3p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



NI prime cattle throughput increased by 4,405 head in April 2022 with 29,651 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput also increased by 1,732 head, up 26.2 per cent from April 2021. Average carcase weights increased by 0.3 per cent for prime cattle and were back 3.1 per cent for cows.



Imports for direct slaughter were back almost 33 per cent in April 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 385 head in April 2022, up 87 head from April 2021.



Number of beef sired cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in April 2022 was up 0.5 per cent from April 2021 to total 414,328 head. Dairy male cattle numbers increased 6.3 per cent to total 39,064 head.



Calf registrations in April 2022 were up 576 head when compared to same period in 2021. Beef sired calf registrations increased by 0.5 per cent from April 2021 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 6.8 per cent or by 277 head.

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