

## Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators December 2022 Snapshot (week 36-39)

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	December 2021	December 2022	% Change
<b>Sheep Prices (p/kg)</b>			
Average Deadweight Price NI	552.8	529.5	-4.2%
Average Liveweight Price NI	523.5	483.1	-7.7%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	619.3	543.4	-12.3%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	598.3	566.9	-5.3%
<b>NI Throughput</b>			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Slaughtering (Head)	28,202	37,087	+31.5%
Total Ewes & Rams Slaughtering (Head)	2,059	1,928	-6.4%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	22.9	22.1	-3.4%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	26.8	26.4	-1.4%
<b>Trade (Head)</b>			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	28,923	25,344	-12.4%
<b>Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)</b>	84.9	87.0	2.4%
<b>All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated</b>			

### Key trends



The average **NI deadweight lamb price** during December 2022 was back 23.3p/kg from the same price in December 2021. This is a decrease of £5.13 on the value of 22kg lamb carcase.



The average **GB deadweight lamb price** was back 75.9p/kg or 12.3 per cent from December 2021.



The average **ROI deadweight lamb price** was 566.9p/kg back by the equivalent of 31.4p/kg when compared to the same price in December last year.



**Lamb throughput** totalled 37,087 head during December 2022, an increase of 8,885 head or 31.5 per cent when compared to the same period last year. Average carcase weight for lambs declined by a marginal 0.8kg.



**NI exports of sheep** to ROI and GB for direct slaughter decreased by 3,579 head or 12.4 per cent when compared to December 2021.

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