

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 18/09/23	Next Week 25/09/23
Prime		
U-3	446 - 452p	446 - 456p
R-3	440 - 446p	440 - 450p
O+3	434 - 440p	434 - 444p
P+3	378 - 384p	378 - 388p
	Including bonus where applicable	
Cows		
O+3	335 - 345p	335 - 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.

Revised NI deadweight cattle prices for week ending 16 September 2023 are now available to view at: **Bulletin 16 September - Livestock & Meat Commission (lmcni.com)**

FINAL DEADLINE FOR FREE AMR TRAINING SESSIONS

Free training courses on the responsible use of antimicrobials on beef and sheep farms come to an end on

31st OCTOBER 2023

AMR training is a requirement for NIBL FOAS participants, LMC is encouraging those who have not yet partaken in the training to register for a free upcoming training session before the deadline.

Details on upcoming training dates can be found on the CAFRE website at: www.cafre.ac.uk/business-courses/responsible-use-of-antimicrobials-on-beef-and-sheep-farms or by contacting AI Services on (028) 9083 3123.

Attendees must pre-register in order to attend a session. Attendance certificates for AMR training must be kept and shown at FOAS inspection.

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 16/09/23	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	234.4	251.1	260.7	277.2
P2	264.4	292.0	307.5	320.0
P3	298.9	319.2	323.9	327.8
O3	298.0	319.9	343.1	347.2
O4	-	-	343.8	346.6
R3	-	-	-	367.9

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Base quotes of 446-456p/kg are expected early next week for in-spec U-3 grade steers and heifers. Base quotes for O+3 grade cows are also expected to be improved with a top quote of 360p/kg received for early next week. With a variation in quotes producers should price around the plants, and use these base quotes as a starting point for negotiation when selling their stock.

Imports of prime cattle from ROI for direct slaughter in NI plants last week totalled 735 head with 322 cows also imported. Exports from NI to ROI for direct slaughter consisted of four steers, and six cows, with no cattle moved between NI and GB for direct slaughter last week. In NI last week prime cattle slaughterings totalled 6,632, up 357 head from the previous week. Meanwhile the local cow kill last week totalled 2,204 up by 180 cows from the previous week.

Last week in NI the deadweight trade for all grades of cattle strengthened from the previous week. The average R3 steer price was up 2.9p/kg to 464.9p/kg, while the average R3 heifer price was up 4.9p/kg to 467.3p/kg. The average young bull price last week increased by 6p/kg to 444.2p/kg, while the R3 young bull price was up 2.2p/kg to 453.5p/kg. The deadweight cow trade in NI also strengthened across the majority of grades from previous week with the average O3 cow price last week up to 346.3p/kg.

The deadweight cattle trade in GB improved across all regions compared to the previous week, with average prices across all categories increasing between 3-14p/kg on average from the previous week.

In ROI last week the deadweight cattle trade came under pressure in euro terms but increased across all reported grades in sterling terms. The R3 steer price in ROI last week was the equivalent of 404.6p/kg and the R3 heifer price at 408.4p/kg. The cow trade in ROI also improved in sterling terms with an O3 cow price the equivalent of 340.2p/kg.

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

W/E 16/09/23	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB	
								Prime Cattle Price Reported
Steers	U3	469.7	414.1	497.4	487.0	482.9	487.9	490.4
	R3	464.9	404.6	494.0	482.4	477.3	479.6	483.4
	R4	463.9	405.0	493.6	481.6	471.4	481.8	486.6
	O3	454.4	390.5	478.0	466.5	460.7	460.1	464.1
	AVG	454.4	-	491.2	473.8	465.5	466.4	475.0
Heifers	U3	467.3	418.3	498.2	485.3	493.0	489.7	491.7
	R3	467.3	408.4	491.3	478.4	479.0	477.9	480.6
	R4	465.7	407.8	493.3	480.2	477.5	477.6	485.2
	O3	452.9	398.0	473.1	459.6	456.3	457.3	458.6
	AVG	457.0	-	490.1	471.1	463.8	463.2	472.0
Young Bulls	U3	461.1	405.8	485.4	476.3	483.6	477.7	482.3
	R3	453.5	401.1	479.0	472.0	473.4	473.0	474.3
	O3	438.1	381.6	441.9	425.5	435.5	449.3	436.9
	AVG	444.2	-	472.7	461.8	459.2	458.9	462.4
Prime Cattle Price Reported	4,963	-	5,720	6,555	6,246	4,447	22,968	
Cows	O3	346.3	340.2	377.4	360.8	353.4	360.6	359.5
	O4	346.5	340.6	381.0	362.1	355.6	358.8	361.7
	P2	308.5	308.9	330.0	325.9	314.6	328.2	322.2
	P3	326.4	327.3	344.9	335.6	326.8	339.4	333.0
	AVG	305.2	-	377.6	337.9	318.4	317.0	329.0

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=85.91p 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 16/09/23	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
Finished Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers	265	305	282	205	264	235
Friesians	180	189	186	173	180	177
Heifers	255	303	275	195	254	228
Beef Cows	215	263	235	170	214	190
Dairy Cows	145	184	160	75	144	105
Store Cattle (p/kg)						
Bullocks up to 400kg	280	400	310	220	279	245
Bullocks 400kg - 500kg	250	342	290	200	249	225
Bullocks over 500kg	270	308	285	210	269	225
Heifers up to 450kg	270	347	290	220	269	240
Heifers over 450kg	250	302	270	200	249	225
Dropped Calves (£/head)						
Continental Bulls	385	555	450	250	380	305
Continental Heifers	350	535	390	200	345	245
Friesian Bulls	140	270	210	50	135	100
Holstein Bulls	110	250	150	30	105	60

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 18/09/23	Next Week 25/09/23
R3 Lambs up to 21kg	510 - 515p	510 - 515p

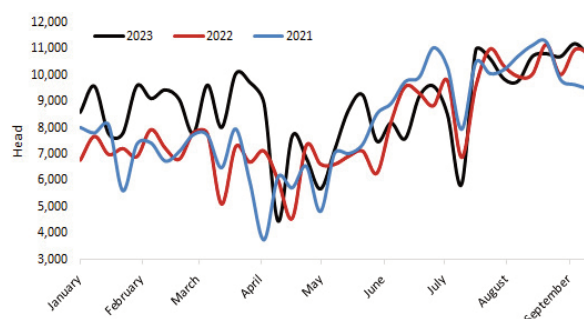
REPORTED SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 02/09/23	W/E 09/09/23	W/E 16/09/23
NI L/W Lambs	467.2	471.1	477.6
NI D/W Lambs	519.3	517.6	517.9
GB D/W Lambs	556.4	549.7	546.4
ROI D/W	530.0	529.0	529.8

Sheep Trade

Base quotes for lambs from the major processing plants ended this week at 510-515p/kg with plants paying up to 21kg. Similar quotes are expected next week. Last week lamb throughput in local plants totalled 10,742 head with an average carcass weight of 21kg reported. The average NI deadweight lamb price recorded a marginal 0.3p/kg increase at 517.9p/kg last week. In ROI last week the average deadweight lamb price recorded a decline in euro terms but in sterling terms also increased by a marginal 0.8p/kg from the previous week bringing it to 529.8p/kg.

Hogget/Lamb Throughput to date 2021-2023 Source: DAERA.



LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 16/09/23		Lambs			
To: 21/09/23		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	1129	489	556	-
	Swatragh	800	468	497	-
Monday	Kilrea	1300	450	521	-
	Markethill	1360	460	489	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	785	465	505	-
	Rathfriland	925	455	522	478
Wednesday	Ballymena	2777	450	490	472