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DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 08/01/24	Next Week 15/01/24
Prime		
U-3	452 - 458p	452 - 458p
R-3	446 - 452p	446 - 452p
0+3	440 - 446p	440 - 446p
P+3	384 - 390p	384 - 390p
Cows		
0+3	314 - 320p	314 - 320p

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.

Slurry Management Open Days

For farmers and agricultural contractors



CAFRE is hosting Slurry Management Open Days to provide practical demonstrations of efficient management of slurry, helping to ensure water quality improvements in the future.

Tuesday 16th January, 10am - 2pm

Tours start at 10.30am running every 30 minutes CAFRE - Greenmount Campus

45 Tirgracy Road, Antrim, BT41 4PS

Tuesday 30th January, 11am-1pm

lan McClelland's farm Location: 64 Moss Road, Banbridge, BT32 3NZ

There will be an exhibition area involving a wide variety of farming organisations. There will also be a commercial slurry equipment exhibition at the Greenmount Campus event.

Tea and coffee will be provided.







REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 06/01/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	478.9	476.6	472.1
R3	473.9	472.7	465.1
0+3	465.7	465.1	442.4

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

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W/E	Weight Bands						
06/01/24	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg			
P1	210.9	231.0	242.9	271.8			
P2	236.1	261.4	280.4	296.9			
P3	254.9	269.0	291.4	307.8			
03	250.0	287.4	330.8	325.2			
04	0.0	305.0	0.0	328.3			
R3	0.0	0.0	0.0	340.5			

Deadweight Cattle Trade

NI factory base quotes for cattle continued to strengthen last week, with similar base quotes expected early next week for all types of cattle. Last week, 6,111 prime cattle and 1,817 cows passed through the NI plants, an increase of 397 prime cattle and 54 cows from the same week last year.

NI deadweight cattle trade continued to strengthen for most grades of prime cattle, with all prime cattle average paid prices recording marginal increases from the week previous. The average price paid for steers increased 1p/kg to 468.2p/kg, the average price paid for heifers remained constant last week at 469.7p/kg and a minimal increase of 0.3p/kg paid for average young bulls up to 446.7p/kg last week. U3 grade prime cattle reported more significant increases in NI as U3 steers were up 5.3p/kg, U3 heifers increased by 1.3p/kg and U3 young bulls were up 13.8p/kg respectively. Cow trade on the other hand, reported several declines in NI, bringing the average price paid for a cow back 7.5p/kg to 290.9p/kg.

Last week in GB, average prices paid for prime cattle also suffered declines as average steers were back 1.5p/kg, average heifers decreased by 1.8p/kg and average young bulls were back 2.2p/kg. Prices paid for U3 steers recorded declines across all regions in GB except for Scotland, which increased by 1.4p/kg. A slightly softer trade was reported across ROI in sterling terms amongst the steers and cow categories as R3 steers were back 2p/kg to 438p/kg and O3 cows declined 2.5p/kg to 350.7p/kg. R3 heifers and young bulls were up by 0.4p/kg and 0.7p/kg respectively. However, ROI cattle trade continues to strengthen in euro terms.

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

	V/E 01/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
	U3	480.9	446.3	502.8	498.3	500.5	503.7	501.0
	R3	477.5	438.0	501.4	496.2	496.0	491.3	495.5
Steers	R4	482.3	438.1	500.9	501.7	491.0	493.9	499.0
	03	466.9	430.3	492.3	485.9	476.1	476.7	479.8
	AVG	468.2	-	499.1	493.0	482.5	483.1	489.0
	U3	480.4	452.7	506.7	494.6	505.7	502.8	503.6
	R3	475.8	443.2	501.4	493.2	494.9	492.1	494.7
Heifers	R4	475.5	445.4	501.7	496.8	493.4	493.5	497.3
	03	464.8	437.6	489.4	472.9	473.9	475.5	475.1
	AVG	469.7	-	501.3	486.9	485.2	477.5	487.3
	U3	466.6	433.3	487.3	482.7	497.9	497.5	489.8
Young	R3	459.9	426.6	484.3	476.8	479.3	486.4	479.5
Bulls	03	441.9	414.7	460.4	452.1	453.3	455.0	453.8
	AVG	446.7	-	478.8	455.9	468.3	452.0	464.9
	e Cattle Reported	5,308	-	3,783	5,409	6,143	4,154	19,489
	03	324.3	350.7	350.5	350.4	345.1	340.1	346.7
Bulls	04	328.1	352.3	351.9	354.8	348.4	344.0	349.8
	P2	280.6	322.6	305.5	308.2	300.1	304.6	303.3
	Р3	302.6	334.3	323.5	329.9	317.7	320.3	320.4
	AVG	290.9	-	352.3	329.8	312.0	299.7	316.9

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=86.4p 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

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W/E	1st	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
06/01/24	From	То	Avg	From	То	Avg	
Finished Cattle (p/kg)					'		
Steers	265	300	277	215	264	235	
Friesians	211	227	217	184	208	195	
Heifers	240	317	261	200	239	220	
Beef Cows	206	244	222	140	194	180	
Dairy Cows	124	184	147	60	118	95	
Store Cattle (p/kg)							
Bullocks up to 400kg	300	374	325	220	299	255	
Bullocks 400kg - 500kg	275	348	295	200	274	235	
Bullocks over 500kg	240	298	265	180	239	210	
Heifers up to 450kg	280	374	310	210	279	240	
Heifers over 450kg	230	283	255	180	229	200	
Dropped Calves (£/head)							
Continental Bulls	350	465	400	245	345	285	
Continental Heifers	325	440	375	175	320	245	
Friesian Bulls	120	230	150	50	115	80	
Holstein Bulls	80	130	100	35	75	50	

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 08/01/24	Next Week 15/01/24		
R3 Hoggets up to 22kg	530 - 535p	530 - 540p		

REPORTED SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 23/12/23	W/E 30/12/23	W/E 06/01/24			
NI L/W Hoggets	489.1	-	487.9			
NI D/W Hoggets	535.7	534.7	536.4			
GB D/W Hoggets	584.3	598.4	615.6			
ROI D/W	558.7	566.0	568.8			

Deadweight Sheep Trade

Base quotes for R3 grading hoggets ended the week at 530-535p/kg with increased quotes of 530-540p/kg expected early next week. Deadweight sheep trade reported increases across the board with prices up by 1.7p/kg in NI to 536.4p/kg, hogget prices in GB surged by 17.2p/kg to 615.6p/kg and lastly, R0I reported an increase of 2.8p/kg to 568.8p/kg. Last week, a total of 8,318 hoggets were processed in local NI plants, up 3,561 from the week previous but 257 head less than the same week last year. Exports of hoggets to R0I for direct slaughter totalled 7,378 head last week, an increase of 1,460 head from the same week last year.

Liveweight Sheep Trade

A stronger trade continued into last week across local NI marts with larger numbers of hoggets and sheep passing through the marts than previous weeks. This week in Markethill, 1,100 hoggets sold from 490-528p/kg, compared to an entry of 570 hoggets the week before at a price range of 475-510p/kg. In Armoy, 578 hoggets sold from 490-545p/kg this week compared to 382 sold at prices from 485-531p/kg the week previous. The ewe trade strengthened this week with prices reported from £146 to a top price of £240 across the NI livestock marts.

STUDENT PLACEMENT

LMC CLOSING SOON STUDENT PLACEMENT JUNE 2024 - JUNE 2025 Applications close Tuesday 16 January 2024 Apply today at www.lmcni.com/careers

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