

DEADWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

NI FACTORY BASE QUOTES FOR CATTLE

(P/KG DW)	This Week 19/02/24	Next Week 26/02/24
Prime		
U-3	458 - 464p	454 - 460p
R-3	452 - 458p	448 - 454p
O+3	446 - 452p	442 - 448p
P+3	390 - 396p	386 - 392p
Cows		
O+3	322 - 328p	322 - 328p

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.

REPORTED NI CATTLE PRICES - P/KG

W/E 17/02/24	Steers	Heifers	Young Bulls
U3	484.4	486.9	469.8
R3	480.5	479.4	463.0
O+3	473.2	469.4	451.9

*Prices exclude AA, HER, WAG and Organic cattle

REPORTED COW PRICES NI - P/KG

W/E 17/02/24	Weight Bands			
	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	219.9	242.4	253.9	266.7
P2	248.2	270.7	291.6	311.9
P3	253.2	298.4	308.3	320.9
O3	286.4	304.1	335.7	338.6
O4	291.6	314.1	329.0	342.3
R3	-	-	365.0	364.4

Deadweight Cattle Trade

Cattle throughput remained consistent with 8,130 prime cattle and 2,474 cows processed in local plants last week, up 100 head of prime and 218 head of cows from the week before. Strong levels of imports continued to enter NI with 241 prime cattle and 192 cows brought in from ROI, while only 2 young bulls and 8 cows were exported from NI to ROI last week.

The NI deadweight trade for steers was relatively steady last week on the previous week with an average increase of 0.3p/kg reported across the category. Young bulls reported a mixed trade with the average price paid for R3 grade animals back 2.7p/kg from the previous week while the category average increased 1.1p/kg. The trade for heifers reported the greatest pressure week on week with the majority of grades reporting declines, bringing the overall average back 1.4p/kg to 475.3p/kg. The cow trade in NI last week strengthened 4.2p/kg overall while the price paid for O3 cows was back 2.4p/kg to 337.1p/kg.

Across the water in GB, the cattle trade strengthened across all categories last week with Northern England being the only region to report a softer trade for steers and young bulls. The average steer price in GB increased by 0.6p/kg to 497.3p/kg, while the average heifer price was up half a penny to 494.6p/kg. Meanwhile, in ROI the deadweight cattle trade reported declines in both sterling and euro terms last week. The R3 heifer and young bulls price reported marginal declines the equivalent of 0.2p/kg and 0.1p/kg respectively while R3 steers were back 2p/kg to 443.2p/kg. The O3 cow price also reported a decline of 4.2p/kg to an average of 354p/kg.

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

W/E 17/02/24	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	486.0	450.4	507.2	509.7	508.6	509.7
	R3	484.6	443.2	506.1	504.0	502.7	500.5
	R4	485.3	444.7	509.6	506.5	499.5	498.7
	O3	475.7	434.8	488.4	490.4	484.3	483.9
	AVG	475.7	-	505.1	499.7	493.4	490.2
Heifers	U3	488.4	459.1	514.7	513.5	514.2	507.8
	R3	482.2	448.2	507.9	503.1	503.3	498.6
	R4	480.5	451.6	508.7	505.1	501.0	497.8
	O3	471.9	441.8	489.2	482.4	477.4	475.8
	AVG	475.3	-	507.1	496.2	490.9	483.9
Young Bulls	U3	469.8	440.7	501.2	494.5	494.2	482.4
	R3	464.0	431.7	490.0	485.5	491.7	472.1
	O3	452.6	418.8	474.9	454.8	457.8	464.9
	AVG	457.2	-	479.9	476.6	472.7	472.4
	Prime Cattle Price Reported	6,878	-	6,234	6,830	8,291	5,185
Cows	O3	337.1	354.0	367.3	366.4	366.8	369.5
	O4	340.7	354.3	367.6	370.0	366.8	364.0
	P2	296.1	323.8	312.2	324.8	324.7	324.5
	P3	316.6	338.1	322.8	343.3	343.6	344.9
	AVG	307.6	-	361.7	351.9	342.4	334.6

Notes: (i) Prices are p/kg Sterling-ROI prices converted at 1 euro=85.40p 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

FQAS MART CLINICS MARCH 2024

LMC Farm Liaison Officer, Terry White, runs Farm Quality Assurance Scheme (FQAS) advice sessions at a range of Livestock Marts across Northern Ireland. Terry is present to assist members of FQAS with non-conformances, general scheme queries and any issues prior to or following an inspection.



Any farmers who wish to join the scheme can also do so through their local FQAS mart clinic. Terry will be available at the livestock marts listed in the table below.

For further information call (028) 9263 3024.

Mart	Date
Kilrea	Wednesday 6th March
Rathfriland	Friday 8th March
Enniskillen	Thursday 14th March

DEADWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

NI SHEEP BASE QUOTES

(P/Kg DW)	This Week 19/02/24	Next Week 26/02/24
R3 Hoggets up to 22kg	-	620p
R3 Hoggets up to 22.5kg	610 - 615p	620p

REPORTED SHEEP PRICES

(P/KG)	W/E 03/02/24	W/E 10/02/24	W/E 17/02/24
NI L/W Hoggets	523.7	536.8	569.1
NI D/W Hoggets	570.0	578.2	604.0
GB D/W Hoggets	643.5	662.2	689.9
ROI D/W	581.4	585.2	598.3

Deadweight Sheep Trade

Base quotes for R3 grading hoggets are expected to increase to 620p/kg early next week, with only one plant continuing to quote up to 22kg while the others are quoting to 22.5kg. Last week, a total of 7,357 hoggets were processed in local NI plants, back 1,133 from the week previous and 2,068 head less than the same week last year. Tighter supplies of hoggets in NI are strengthening the deadweight trade as reported NI hogget prices surged 25.8p/kg to an average paid price of 604p/kg last week. Deadweight hogget trade strengthened in ROI with a reported increase of 13.1p/kg to a price of 598.3p/kg and across the water in GB, a surge of 27.7p/kg brought the GB hogget price up to 689.9p/kg last week.

Liveweight Sheep Trade

Strong demand for hoggets in NI saw the average deadweight hogget price last week surge 32.3p/kg to 604p/kg. In the local marts a strong trade continued this week. Last Saturday in Omagh mart, 547 hoggets sold from 581-658p/kg compared to 578 hoggets the week previous selling at 541-573p/kg. This week in Ballymena, the average price paid for a hogget increased by 22p/kg to an average paid price of 600p/kg.

LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE TRADE

LATEST LIVEWEIGHT CATTLE MART PRICES NI

W/E 17/02/24	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY		
	From	To	Avg	From	To	Avg
Finished Cattle (p/kg)						
Steers	260	300	280	205	259	232
Friesians	208	213	210	185	206	196
Heifers	265	306	277	212	264	238
Beef Cows	228	270	242	150	227	192
Dairy Cows	130	168	145	75	129	105
Store Cattle (p/kg)						
Bullocks up to 400kg	310	380	340	235	309	265
Bullocks 400kg - 500kg	275	344	300	200	274	240
Bullocks over 500kg	265	320	282	200	264	225
Heifers up to 450kg	295	363	325	225	294	258
Heifers over 450kg	260	308	285	200	259	230
Dropped Calves (£/head)						
Continental Bulls	425	570	460	320	420	370
Continental Heifers	375	490	405	250	370	300
Friesian Bulls	150	270	185	80	145	110
Holstein Bulls	100	170	135	5	95	50

LIVEWEIGHT SHEEP TRADE

LATEST SHEEP MARTS (P/KG LW)

From: 17/02/24		Lambs			
To: 22/02/24		No	From	To	Avg
Saturday	Omagh	547	581	658	-
	Swatragh	1000	567	638	-
Monday	Kilrea	850	580	665	-
	Markethill	930	570	628	-
Tuesday	Saintfield	725	588	638	-
	Rathfriland	510	570	616	571
Wednesday	Ballymena	1503	580	651	600
	Enniskillen	482	560	635	-
	Armooy	530	585	630	-