

CATTLE TRADE

AVERAGE DEADWEIGHT CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)							
Week Ending 01/11/25	Northern Ireland	Rep of Ireland	Scotland	Northern England	Midlands & Wales	Southern England	GB
Steers	U3	658.6	668.6	659.6	658.2	663.6	671.8
	R3	654.8	662.7	660.0	663.2	662.8	662.8
	R4	657.1	662.8	659.9	664.3	660.9	666.9
	O3	650.4	665.0	643.9	649.8	643.4	647.4
	AVG	650.8	-	657.1	657.4	653.4	655.3
Heifers	U3	659.7	675.6	663.7	666.4	674.3	677.4
	R3	655.7	667.3	659.6	663.7	661.6	663.2
	R4	657.6	670.4	663.4	662.0	660.1	664.9
	O3	647.2	664.3	626.4	650.6	640.3	646.7
	AVG	649.3	-	657.8	656.6	649.0	649.2
Young Bulls	U3	650.2	661.3	650.5	645.9	667.9	673.8
	R3	639.8	657.5	644.9	648.2	656.0	663.7
	O3	631.5	645.5	623.5	624.7	632.3	633.5
	AVG	633.9	-	636.0	643.5	646.8	651.5
	Prime Cattle Price Reported	6,047	-	5,459	6,974	8,590	4,961
Cows	O3	548.6	610.9	555.5	557.1	551.1	554.0
	O4	552.8	611.0	557.8	560.8	551.8	557.7
	P2	516.1	583.7	518.8	512.8	515.4	514.2
	P3	531.4	600.0	536.9	532.7	531.7	529.9
	AVG	508.8	-	547.2	535.9	517.8	509.6

Prices listed are for deadweight price reported animals only.
Prices are p/kg. Sterling to ROI prices are converted at 1 euro = 87.81p Stg.
AVG is the average price of all grades in the category (not just those listed).

CATTLE IMPORTS FOR DIRECT SLAUGHTER			
	2024	YTD 02/11/24	YTD 01/11/25
Imports from ROI Prime	17,033	14,564	8,781
Imports from ROI Cows	9,082	7,444	4,733

CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS			
	2024	YTD 02/11/24	YTD 01/11/25
Prime Cattle	381,447	320,503	311,662
Cows	115,952	97,141	92,025

2024 and 2025 year to date figures are based on the same number of weeks in each year. Source: DAERA.

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NI DEADWEIGHT CATTLE BASE QUOTES (P/KG)		
	05/11/2025	07/11/2025
Steers & Heifers		
U-3	622 - 630	622 - 630
R-3	616 - 624	616 - 624
O+3	610 - 618	610 - 618
P+3	554 - 562	554 - 562
Cows		
O+3	520 - 526	520 - 526
Base quotes for in-spec U-3 steers and heifers, and O+3 cows received from 5 major NI plants. Pricing policies vary between plants. Producers are advised to check pricing policies before presenting animals for slaughter.		
Prime cattle throughput in NI plants last week totalled 7,231 head taking total throughput during the month of October 2025 to 36,050 head. This was a decline of 5,103 prime cattle or 12.4 per cent when compared to the 41,153 head slaughtered during October 2024. Supplies of cattle for slaughter in ROI are also tight which is reflected in import levels during the year to date. Last week 115 prime cattle were imported from ROI for direct slaughter taking October 2025 prime cattle imports to 982 head. During the corresponding 5-week period of 2024, 2,859 prime cattle were imported to NI plants from ROI, equating to a decline of 65.7 per cent year on year.		
In regard to cows, plentiful numbers continue to come forward for slaughter locally, with 2,934 head processed last week. During October 2025, the NI cow kill totalled 12,565 head, steady levels when compared to October 2024. Tight supplies and a stronger trade for cows in ROI versus NI during most of 2025 has also seen cow imports to NI plants for direct slaughter decline. Last week 80 cows were imported, and October 2025 ROI cow imports totalled 453 head, back by 920 head or 67 per cent year on year.		

Prices exclude animals paid at a premium or receiving a bonus, as notified by price reporting plants. Blank cells indicate no price in the grade or no price comparison can be made with the previous period.

The deadweight trade for cattle continues to strengthen across all regions amid tight supplies and Christmas production getting underway. The trade for steers in NI last week strengthened 3.3p/kg to 650.8p/kg on average, while the average price paid for U3 and R3 steers increased by 0.5p/kg and 1.6p/kg to 658.6p/kg and 654.8p/kg respectively. The heifer category recorded an overall decline of 0.3p/kg to 649.3p/kg, driven by a softer trade for O grading heifers. However, the price paid for U3 and R3 heifers last week increased by 0.8p/kg and 2.1p/kg to 659.7p/kg and 655.7p/kg respectively. The deadweight cow trade in NI strengthened 4.4p/kg last week to 508.8p/kg with the average O3 cow price increasing by just less than a penny to 548.6p/kg.

The trade for prime cattle in GB last week improved across all regions compared to the previous week. Price increases ranged from 2.3p/kg for a U3 steer to 8.4p/kg for an O3 heifer. On average by category, steers, heifers and young bulls increased by 4.6p/kg, 4.7p/kg and 6.8p/kg respectively. The average GB cow price did decline by a penny on average to 523.3p/kg, with softer trade for R and U grading cows driving this decline. In ROI the price paid last week increased for all types of cattle in both euro and sterling terms. In euro terms, increases in listed prime cattle grades ranged from 5c/kg for O3 young bulls and heifers to 12c/kg for U2 heifers.

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOTES (P/KG)		
	05/11/2025	07/11/2025
R3 Lambs (to 22kg)	630 - 640	640
Quotes from major NI plants.		

Last week 8,311 lambs were slaughtered locally, bringing lamb throughput during the month of October 2025 to 40,510 head, a decline of 9,913 head or 19.7 per cent from October 2024 levels. An additional 3,479 lambs were exported to ROI for direct slaughter, bringing the 5-week ROI export total to 16,665 head. Total lamb exports to ROI for direct slaughter during the 5 weeks ended 01 November 2025 were back 9,498 head or 36 per cent compared to October 2024. Exports to GB totalled 1,430 head during October 2025 an increase of 1,120 head compared to the 310 lambs exported to GB plants during the comparable period of 2024.

In ROI demand for lambs is improved with a further strengthening in the trade reported this week while some plants have further increased weight limits. Last week the average deadweight price paid was up by the equivalent of 5.6p/kg to 649p/kg. The GB market reported a marginal 1.1p/kg increase week on week to 662.5p/kg.

This week the trade across local marts strengthened with increased competition between local plants and the ROI export market. In Ballymena on Wednesday 1,904 lambs sold to an average of 586p/kg compared to the previous week when 1,400 lambs sold to 570p/kg on average. This week, one NI plant increased base quotes for R3 lambs by 10p/kg mid week. Quotes ended the week ranging from 630-640p/kg, early next week a stronger trade is expected with all plants providing quotes of 640p/kg.

NI AVERAGE NON-PREMIUM CATTLE PRICES (P/KG)						
Week Ending 01/11/25	Steers	Change	Heifers	Change	Young Bulls	Change
U-3	657.8	↑ +2.8	658.4	↑ +1.8	647.9	↑ +2.0
R-3	649.8	↑ +1.0	651.2	↑ +1.9	633.2	↓ -5.5
O+3	644.8	↑ +2.5	645.1	↑ +1.1	635.7	↑ +5.6
P+3	610.4	↑ +1.7	596.3	↓ -8.3	-	-

Prices exclude animals paid at a premium or receiving a bonus, as notified by price reporting plants. Blank cells indicate no price in the grade or no price comparison can be made with the previous period.

NI AVERAGE COW PRICES (P/KG)				
Week Ending 01/11/25	<220kg	220-250kg	250-280kg	>280kg
P1	434.0	452.0	466.3	488.2
P2	481.5	489.4	510.2	523.7
P3	471.8	505.8	530.0	533.4
O3	-	516.9	550.9	549.2
O4	-	-	538.1	553.8
R3	-	-	-	576.9

Blank cells indicate no animals within grade were reported during the period or no price comparison can be made with previous period.

NI CATTLE MART LIVELWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG)							
Week Ending 01/11/25	1st QUALITY			2nd QUALITY			
	FROM	TO	AVG	FROM	TO	AVG	
Finished Cattle							
Steers	380	430	393	280	379	320	
Friesians	320	334	325	280	312	297	
Heifers	380	418	392	300	379	325	
Beef Cows	338	428	362	260	337	290	
Dairy Cows	228	262	243	130	227	180	
Store Cattle							
Steers up to 400kg	500	600	545	400	499	445	
Steers 400kg - 500kg	450	521	485	350	449	405	
Steers over 500kg	410	439	420	300	409	350	
Heifers up to 450kg	500	572	525	380	483	430	
Heifers over 450kg	375	470	415	290	374	325	
Dropped Calves (£/head)							
Continental Bulls	700	1080	810	525	695	590	
Continental Heifers	625	900	710	400	620	500	
Friesian Bulls	350	395	370	90	230	188	
Holstein Bulls	305	340	320	134	300	205	

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Continental Heifers	625	900	710	400	620	500
Friesian Bulls	350	395	370	90	230	188
Holstein Bulls	305	340	320	134	300	205

Prices supplied by Ballymena Mart.

SHEEP TRADE

NI DEADWEIGHT SHEEP BASE QUOTES (P/KG)		
	05/11/2025	07/11/2025
R3 Lambs (to 22kg)	630 - 640	640
Quotes from major NI plants.		

LAMB/HOGGET SLAUGHTERINGS & EXPORTS (HEAD)			
	2024	YTD 02/11/24	YTD 01/11/25
NI Slaughtering	425,783	358,974	309,335
ROI DS Exports	252,130	223,989	171,652
GB DS Exports	18,630	16,967	35,162

2024 and 2025 year to date figures are based on the same number of weeks in each year. Source: DAERA.

GB/ROI DW AVERAGE SHEEP PRICES (P/KG)				
(P/KG)	25/10/2025	Change	01/10/2025	Change
GB Lambs	661.4	↓ -0.9	662.5	↑ +1.1
ROI Lambs	643.3	↓ -6.9	649.0	↑ +5.6

Source: AHDB & DAFM.

NI LAMB MART LIVELWEIGHT PRICES (P/KG)				
01/11/2025 - 05/11/2025	No	From	To	
Saturday Omagh	680	601	689	
Swatragh	810	600	690	
Monday Kilrea	950	600	695	
Monday Markethill	1040	610	640	
Tuesday Saintfield	880	600	745	
Rathfriland	500	602	721	
Wednesday Enniskillen	502	628	700	
Ballymena	1904	560	690 (AVE 586)	
Armoys	547	560	640	

Prices supplied by individual marts.

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