

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators February 2020 Snapshot (week 45-48)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	February 2019	February 2020	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	337.2	331.6	-1.7%
Average Cow Price	221.0	239.3	+8.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	346.4	340.1	-1.8%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	321.4	310.6	-3.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	354.5	341.2	-3.8%
Throughput			
Total Clean Throughput (head)	28,535	28,349	-0.7%
Total Cow Throughput (head)	6,855	7,828	+14.2%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	343.6	345.7	+0.6%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	309.6	314.9	+1.7%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	918	1,609	+75.3%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	547	269	-50.8%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	418,822	401,018	-4.3%
Beef Sired	383,970	365,581	-4.8%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	34,852	35,437	+1.7%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	26,853	29,051	+8.2%
Beef Sired	20,461	22,801	+11.4%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	6,392	6,250	-2.2%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)			
	87.3	84.1	-3.6%

* Aged between 12-30 mths (Beef + Dairy Male Only)

All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated

Key trends



Average **NI prime cattle price** was down 5.6p/kg to 331.6p/kg in February 2020 with the R3 steer price back by 6.3p/kg to 340.1p/kg



The average **NI cow price** increased by 18.3p/kg in February this year



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** came back 6.3p/kg in NI, 10.8p/kg in ROI and 13.3p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year



NI prime cattle throughput was similar to February 2019 with 28,439 prime cattle killed locally. Cow throughput increased to 7,828 head, a 14.2 per cent increase from February 2019. Average carcase weights increased for all classes of cattle.



Imports for direct slaughter were up 691 head in February 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 with exports back by 278 head



Number of beef sired cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in February 2020 was back 17,804 head from February 2019 to total 401,018 head. Beef sired cattle numbers were back by 4.8 per cent while dairy male cattle numbers were up by 1.7 per cent



Calf registrations in February 2020 were up 2,198 head when compared to same period in 2019. Beef sired calf registrations improved by 11.4 per cent from February 2019 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 2.2 per cent.