

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators August 2020 Snapshot (week 19-22)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	August 2019	August 2020	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	321.8	364.6	+13.3%
Average Cow Price	235.4	263.4	+11.9%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	330.9	374.8	+13.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	317.2	335.7	+5.8%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	333.3	379.8	+14.0%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Processed (head)	23,684	25,645	+8.3%
Total Cow Processed (head)	8,150	7,983	-2.0%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	346.8	347.3	+0.1%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	311.0	313.7	+0.9%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,314	2,412	+83.6%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	412	306	-25.7%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	451,435	453,772	+0.5%
Beef Sired	421,564	420,941	-0.1%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	29,871	32,831	+9.9%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	27,936	24,589	-12.0%
Beef Sired	23,702	21,085	-11.0%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	4,234	3,504	-17.2%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)			
	91.6	90.1	-1.6%

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

All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated

Key trends



The average **NI prime cattle price** increased by 42.8p/kg to 364.6p/kg in August 2020. This was up by 13.3 per cent from August 2019



The average **NI cow price** increased by 28p/kg in August this year



The **R3 steer price** increased by just under 44p/kg in NI, by the equivalent of 18.5p/kg in ROI and by 46.5p/kg in GB during August 2020 when compared to the same period last year



NI prime cattle throughput increased by 1,961 head in August 2020 with 25,645 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput decreased to 7,983 head, back 2 per cent from August 2019. Average carcase weights increased 0.5kg for prime cattle and 2.7 kg for cows



Imports of cattle for direct slaughter were up 1,098 head in August 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 with total exports for direct slaughter back by 106 head over the same period.



Number of beef sired cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in August 2020 were up by 2,337 head from August 2019 to total 453,772 head. Beef sired cattle numbers were marginally back while dairy male cattle numbers were up by just under 10 per cent



Calf registrations in August 2020 decreased by 3,347 head when compared to same period in 2019. Beef sired calf registrations were back by 11 per cent from August 2019 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 17.2 per cent

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