

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

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	August 2019	August 2020	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	369.7	438.0	+18.5%
Average Liveweight Price NI	337.8	413.6	+22.4%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	393.4	460.7	+17.1%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	402.5	442.7	+10.0%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Processed (Head)	43,057	45,406	+5.5%
Total Ewes & Rams Processed (Head)	2,529	2,099	-17.0%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	21.4	21.0	-1.8%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	28.4	28.3	-0.4%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	42,337	31,582	-25.4%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	91.6	90.1	-1.6%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight lamb price** during August 2020 was 68.3p/kg above the same price in August 2019. This is an increase of £14 in the value of 21kg lamb carcase.



The average **GB deadweight lamb price** was 67.3p/kg above the same price in August 2019



The average **ROI deadweight lamb price** was up by the equivalent of 40.2p/kg when compared to the same price in August 2019



Lamb throughput increased by 5.5% in NI on the same period last year in response to strong deadweight prices. Average carcase weight for lambs reported a 1.8 per cent decrease to 21kg due to producers opting to kill lambs earlier.



NI exports of sheep to ROI & GB for direct slaughter were back 25.4% when compared to August 2019. Exports to ROI for direct slaughter accounted for 40% of total sheep output from NI flocks.

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