

## Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators September 2020 Snapshot (week 23-27)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	September 2019	September 2020	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	315.2	356.4	+13.1%
Average Cow Price	226.8	246.9	+8.9%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	323.8	365.6	+12.9%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	309.1	331.7	+7.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	331.4	376.3	+13.5%
<b>NI Throughput</b>			
Total Clean Processed (head)	37,140	34,277	-7.7%
Total Cow Processed (head)	11,666	10,688	-8.4%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	347.3	348.7	+0.4%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	304.2	306.5	+0.8%
<b>Trade (Head)</b>			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	2,060	3,195	+55.1%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	601	586	-2.5%
<b>Availability (Head)</b>			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	437,189	442,331	+1.2%
Beef Sired	405,914	408,332	+0.6%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	31,275	33,999	+8.7%
<b>Calf Births Registrations (Head)</b>			
Calf Births	26,915	25,183	-6.4%
Beef Sired	19,603	19,204	-2.0%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	7,312	5,979	-18.2%
<b>Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)</b>			
	89.1	91.0	+2.1%

\* 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 41.2p/kg to 356.4p/kg in September 2020. This was up just over 13 per cent from September 2019



The average **NI cow price** was up by just over 20p/kg in September this year



The **R3 steer price** increased by almost 42p/kg in NI, by the equivalent of 22.6p/kg in ROI and by just under 45p/kg in GB during September 2020 when compared to the same period last year



**NI prime cattle throughput** decreased by 2,863 head in September 2020 with 34,277 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput decreased to 10,688 head, back 8.4 per cent from September 2019. Average carcase weights increased 1.4kg for prime cattle and 2.3 kg for cows



**Imports of cattle for direct slaughter** were up 1,135 head in September 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 with total exports for direct slaughter back slightly over the same period.



**Number of beef sired cattle** on the ground aged 12-30 months in September 2020 were up by 5,142 head from September 2019 to total 442,331 head. Beef sired cattle numbers were marginally up while dairy male cattle numbers were up by 8.7 per cent



**Calf registrations** in September 2020 decreased by 1,732 head when compared to same period in 2019. Beef sired calf registrations were back by 2 per cent from September 2019 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back just over 18 per cent

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