

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

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	September 2019	September 2020	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	351.8	433.6	+23.3%
Average Liveweight Price NI	312.4	406.2	+30.0%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	376.6	459.8	+22.1%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	379.6	454.7	+19.8%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Processed (Head)	46,437	49,298	+6.2%
Total Ewes & Rams Processed (Head)	3,466	2,812	-18.9%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	21.5	21.3	-1.0%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	27.9	26.7	-4.4%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	44,393	42,239	-4.9%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	89.1	91.0	2.1%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight lamb price** during September 2020 was 81.8p/kg above the same price in September 2019. This is an increase of £17 in the value of 21kg lamb carcase.



The average **GB deadweight lamb price** was just over 83p/kg above the same price in September 2019



The average **ROI deadweight lamb price** was up by the equivalent of 75p/kg when compared to the same price in September 2019



Lamb throughput increased by 6.2% in NI on the same period last year in response to strong deadweight prices. Average carcase weight for lambs reported a 1 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 4.9% when compared to September 2019. Exports to ROI for direct slaughter accounted for 40% of total sheep output from NI flocks.

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