

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators October 2020 Snapshot (week 28-31)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	October 2019	October 2020	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	315.3	358.9	+13.8%
Average Cow Price	223.7	248.1	+10.9%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	324.2	367.8	+13.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	302.4	329.5	+9.0%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	330.9	375.7	+13.5%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Processed (head)	30,355	29,245	-3.7%
Total Cow Processed (head)	10,801	10,139	-6.1%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	345.8	350.9	+1.5%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	302.2	308.7	+2.1%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,959	1,518	-22.5%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	296	404	+36.5%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	414,142	424,744	+2.6%
Beef Sired	382,291	389,740	+1.9%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	31,851	35,004	+9.9%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	28,390	28,126	-0.9%
Beef Sired	19,943	20,992	+5.3%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	8,447	7,134	-15.5%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)			
	87.5	90.7	+3.7%

* 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 43.6p/kg to 358.9p/kg in October 2020. This was up almost 14 per cent from October 2019.



The average **NI cow price** was up 24.4p/kg in October this year.



The **R3 steer price** increased by 43.6p/kg in NI, by just over 27p/kg in ROI and by just under 45p/kg in GB during October 2020 when compared to the same period last year.



NI prime cattle throughput decreased by 1,110 head in October 2020 with 29,245 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput decreased to 10,139 head, back 6.1 per cent from October 2019. Average carcase weights increased 5.1kg for prime cattle and 6.5 kg for cows.



Imports of cattle for direct slaughter were down 441 head in October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 with total exports for direct slaughter up 108 head over the same period.



Number of beef sired cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in October 2020 were up by 10,602 head from October 2019 to total 424,744 head. Beef sired cattle numbers were up 1.9 per cent while dairy male cattle numbers were up almost 10 per cent



Calf registrations in October 2020 decreased marginally when compared to same period in 2019. Beef sired calf registrations were up 5.3 per cent from October 2019 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 15.5 per cent.

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