

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

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	October 2019	October 2020	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	341.3	426.3	+24.9%
Average Liveweight Price NI	316.5	398.8	+26.0%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	374.1	438.6	+17.2%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	366.9	444.1	+21.0%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Processed (Head)	34,123	42,791	+25.4%
Total Ewes & Rams Processed (Head)	2,881	2,075	-28.0%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	22.0	21.7	-1.4%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	26.4	27.4	+3.6%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	170	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	38,196	32,234	-15.6%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	87.5	90.7	3.7%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			


Key trends

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The average **NI deadweight lamb** price during October 2020 was 85p/kg above the same price in October 2019. This is an increase of almost £18 in the value of 21kg lamb carcase.
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The average **GB deadweight lamb price** was up 64.5p/kg from October 2019.
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The average **ROI deadweight lamb price** was up by the equivalent of just over 77p/kg when compared to the same price in October 2019.
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Lamb throughput increased by 25.4% in NI on the same period last year in response to strong deadweight prices. Average carcase weight for lambs reported a 1.4 per cent decrease to 21kg due to producers opting to kill lambs earlier.
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NI exports of sheep to ROI & GB for direct slaughter were back 15.6% when compared to October 2019. Live imports for direct slaughter totalled 170 head in October 2020.

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