

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators November 2020 Snapshot (week 32-35)

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	November 2019	November 2020	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Price NI	371.6	447.0	+20.3%
Average Liveweight Price NI	352.7	424.8	+20.4%
Average Weekly Price GB (D/W)	410.5	461.7	+12.5%
Average Weekly Price ROI (D/W)	385.0	459.8	+19.4%
NI Throughput			
Total Hoggets & Lambs Processed (Head)	35,924	37,535	+4.5%
Total Ewes & Rams Processed (Head)	2,328	1,510	-35.1%
Average Hogget & Lambs Carcase Weight (kg)	22.2	22.2	0.0%
Average Ewe & Rams Carcase Weight (kg)	27.9	26.7	-4.3%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	328	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	40,544	31,508	-22.3%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	85.8	89.6	4.4%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight lamb price** during November 2020 was 75.4p/kg above the same price in November 2019. This is an increase of over £16 in the value of 22kg lamb carcase.



The average **GB deadweight lamb price** was up 51.2p/kg from November 2019.



The average **ROI deadweight lamb price** was up by the equivalent of 74.8p/kg when compared to the same price in November 2019.



Lamb throughput increased by 4.5% in NI on the same period last year in response to strong deadweight prices. Average carcase weight for lambs in November 2020 was 22.2kg, unchanged from November 2019.



NI exports of sheep to ROI & GB for direct slaughter were back 22.3% when compared to November 2019. Live imports for direct slaughter totalled 328 head in November 2020.

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