

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators January 2021 Snapshot (week 41-44)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	January 2020	January 2021	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	331.7	373.3	+12.5%
Average Cow Price	235.3	254.5	+8.2%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	340.4	382.7	+12.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	308.5	341.2	+10.6%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	340.0	381.9	+12.3%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	27,859	25,653	-7.9%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	8,307	8,042	-3.2%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	347.3	345.7	-0.5%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	312.8	312.7	-0.0%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,759	864	-50.9%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	254	248	-2.4%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	388,642	410,247	+5.6%
Beef Sired	353,665	371,925	+5.2%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	34,977	38,322	+9.6%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	31,267	29,815	-4.6%
Beef Sired	24,430	24,016	-1.7%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	6,837	5,799	-15.2%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	84.9	89.3	+5.2%

* Aged between 12-30 mths (Beef + Dairy Male Only)

All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated

Key trends



The average **NI prime cattle price** was up 41.6p/kg to 373.3p/kg in January 2021. This was a 12.5 per cent increase from January 2020.



The average **NI cow price** increased by 19.2p/kg in January this year.



Across the regions the **R3 steer price** increased by 42.3p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 32.7p/kg in ROI and almost 42p/kg in GB when compared to the same period last year.



NI prime cattle throughput decreased by 2,206 head in January 2021 with 25,653 prime cattle processed locally. Cow throughput also decreased to 8,042 head, down 3.2 per cent from January 2020. Average carcase weights decreased by 1.6kg for prime cattle and slightly back by 0.1kg for cows.



Imports for direct slaughter were back 895 head in January 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. Export for direct slaughter totalled 248 head in January 2021, similar to January 2020.



Number of beef sired cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in January 2021 was up 21,605 head from January 2020 to total 410,247 head. Beef sired cattle numbers increased by 5.2 per cent and dairy male cattle numbers increased by 9.6 per cent.



Calf registrations in January 2021 were back 1,452 head when compared to same period in 2020. Beef sired calf registrations decreased by 1.7 per cent from January 2020 levels while dairy male calf registrations were back 15.2 per cent.

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