

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators June 2021 Snapshot (week 9-13)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	June 2020	June 2021	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	349.0	382.9	+9.7%
Average Cow Price	265.9	280.5	+5.5%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	358.6	392.1	+9.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	326.1	361.4	+10.8%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	362.3	399.7	+10.3%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	31,949	32,168	+0.7%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	10,193	8,701	-14.6%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	343.3	346.0	+0.8%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	321.0	316.3	-1.5%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	4,203	2,399	-42.9%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	132	289	+118.9%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	461,906	474,189	+2.7%
Beef Sired	430,160	439,739	+2.2%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	31,746	34,450	+8.5%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	46,958	44,125	-6.0%
Beef Sired	42,923	41,063	-4.3%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	4,035	3,062	-24.1%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)			
	89.9	85.9	-4.5%

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

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The average **NI prime cattle price** was up 33.9p/kg to 382.9p/kg in June 2021. This was a 9.7 per cent increase from June 2020. The average NI cow price increased by 14.6p/kg in June this year.



Across the regions the R3 steer price increased by 33.5p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 35.3p/kg in ROI and a 37.4p/kg increase in GB when compared to the same period in 2020.



NI prime cattle throughput increased by a marginal 219 head while cow throughput decreased by 1,492 head in June 2021. The average carcase weight for prime cattle increased by 2.7kg while the average cow carcase weight decreased by 4.7kg in June 2021 from June 2020.



Imports for direct slaughter were back 42.9 per cent in June 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 289 head in June 2021, up 157 head from the same period in 2020.



Number of cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in June 2021 was up 2.7 per cent head from June 2020 to total 474,189 head. Beef sired cattle numbers increased by 2.2 per cent while dairy male cattle numbers increased by 8.5 per cent.



Calf registrations in June 2021 were back six per cent when compared to same period in 2020. Beef sired calf registrations decreased by 4.3 per cent from June 2020 levels while dairy male calf registrations decreased by just over 24 per cent.

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