

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators August 2021 Snapshot (week 18-21)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	August 2020	August 2021	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	365.5	390.8	+6.9%
Average Cow Price	267.5	288.5	+7.9%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	375.2	401.1	+6.9%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	338.4	360.5	+6.5%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	378.2	415.7	+9.9%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	25,110	27,272	+8.6%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	8,135	9,161	+12.6%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	346.3	347.0	+0.2%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	315.4	309.3	-1.9%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	2,597	2,301	-11.4%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	289	322	+11.4%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	453,772	466,144	+2.7%
Beef Sired	420,941	433,078	+2.9%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	32,831	33,066	+0.7%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	24,589	27,604	+12.3%
Beef Sired	21,085	24,465	+16.0%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	3,504	3,139	-10.4%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	90.1	85.3	-5.3%

* 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 25.3p/kg to 390.8p/kg in August 2021. This was almost seven per cent of an increase from August 2020. The average NI cow price increased by 21p/kg in August this year.



Across the regions the R3 steer price increased by almost 26p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 22.1p/kg in ROI and a 37.5p/kg increase in GB when compared to the same period in 2020.



NI prime cattle throughput increased by 2,162 head while cow throughput increased by 1,026 head in August 2021. The average carcase weight for prime cattle increased by just 0.7kg while the average cow carcase weight decreased by just over 6kg in August 2021 from August 2020.



Imports for direct slaughter were back 11.4 per cent in August 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 322 head in August 2021, up 11.4 per cent from the same period in 2020.



Number of cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in August 2021 was up 2.7 per cent head from August 2020 to total 466,144 head. Beef sired cattle numbers increased by almost 3 per cent while dairy male cattle numbers increased by 0.7 per cent.



Calf registrations in August 2021 were up 12.3 per cent when compared to same period in 2020. Beef sired calf registrations increased by 16 per cent from August 2020 levels while dairy male calf registrations decreased by 10.4 per cent.

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