

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators August 2021 Snapshot (weeks 18-21)

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	August 2020	August 2021	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Lamb Price NI	441.6	475.7	+7.7%
Average Liveweight Lamb Price NI	412.9	445.9	+8.0%
Average Weekly Lamb Price GB (D/W)	469.6	526.4	+12.1%
Average Weekly Sheep Price ROI (D/W)	445.6	513.4	+15.2%
NI Throughput			
Total Lamb Slaughterings (Head)	46,582	43,330	-7.0%
Total Ewe & Ram Slaughterings (Head)	1,944	2,203	+13.3%
Average Lamb Carcase Weight (kg)	21.0	21.2	+0.8%
Average Ewe & Ram Carcase Weight (kg)	28.4	27.7	-2.3%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	-	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	32,922	33,324	+1.2%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	90.1	85.3	-5.3%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight lamb** price during August 2021 was up just over 34p/kg from the same price in August 2020. This is an increase of £7 in the value of 21kg carcase.



The average **GB deadweight lamb price** has increased by 56.8p/kg from August 2020.



The average **ROI deadweight lamb price** was up by the equivalent of 67.8p/kg when compared to the same price in August 2020.



Lamb throughput has decreased by seven per cent from the same period last year. Average carcase weight for lambs during August 2021 increased by a marginal 0.2kg when compared to the same period in 2020.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter are up marginally by 1.2 per cent when compared to August 2020.

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