

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators September 2021 Snapshot (week 22-26)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	September 2020	September 2021	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	357.0	391.5	+9.7%
Average Cow Price	248.2	281.5	+13.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	366.8	401.4	+9.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	331.5	359.4	+8.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	377.5	417.4	+10.6%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	33,905	34,089	+0.5%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	10,286	10,540	+2.5%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	348.2	349.7	+0.4%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	308.1	300.9	-2.3%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	2,834	2,365	-16.5%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	618	403	-34.8%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	442,331	459,149	+3.8%
Beef Sired	408,332	425,006	+4.1%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	33,999	34,143	+0.4%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	25,183	27,270	+8.3%
Beef Sired	19,204	22,255	+15.9%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	5,979	5,015	-16.1%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	90.9	85.7	-5.8%

* 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 34.5p/kg to 391.5p/kg in September 2021. This was 9.7 per cent increase from September 2020. The average NI cow price increased by 33.3p/kg in September this year.

Across the regions the R3 steer price increased by 34.6p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 27.9p/kg in ROI and almost a 40p/kg increase in GB when compared to the same period in 2020.

NI prime cattle throughput increased by a marginal 184 head while cow throughput increased by 254 head in September 2021. The average carcase weight for prime cattle increased by 1.5kg while the average cow carcase weight decreased by 7.2kg in September 2021 from September 2020.

Imports for direct slaughter were back 16.5 per cent in September 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 403 head in September 2021, back 34.8 per cent from the same period in 2020.

Number of cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in September 2021 was up 3.8 per cent head from September 2020 to total 459,149 head. Beef sired cattle numbers increased by just over four per cent while dairy male cattle numbers increased by 0.4 per cent.

Calf registrations in September 2021 were up 8.3 per cent when compared to same period in 2020. Beef sired calf registrations increased by almost 16 per cent from September 2020 levels while dairy male calf registrations decreased by just over 16 per cent.

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