

Title: NI Beef Industry Key Performance Indicators October 2021 Snapshot (week 27-30)

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Finished Cattle Prices (p/kg)	October 2020	October 2021	% Change
Average Prime Cattle Price	358.3	391.6	+9.3%
Average Cow Price	247.4	277.9	+12.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (NI)	366.9	401.1	+9.3%
Average R3 Steer Price (ROI)	330.2	354.5	+7.4%
Average R3 Steer Price (GB)	375.4	417.5	+11.2%
NI Throughput			
Total Clean Slaughterings (Head)	28,716	30,249	+5.3%
Total Cow Slaughterings (Head)	9,860	9,483	-3.8%
Average Clean Carcase Weight (kg)	351.3	352.1	+0.2%
Average Cow Carcase Weight (kg)	307.1	303.1	-1.3%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	1,939	1,759	-9.3%
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	399	427	+7.0%
Availability (Head)			
No. Cattle on the Ground*	424,744	447,676	+5.4%
Beef Sired	389,740	412,085	+5.7%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	35,004	35,591	+1.7%
Calf Births Registrations (Head)			
Calf Births	28,126	27,036	-3.9%
Beef Sired	20,992	21,575	+2.8%
Dairy Sired (Male Only)	7,134	5,461	-23.5%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)			
	90.7	84.7	-6.7%

* 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 33.3p/kg to 391.6p/kg in October 2021. This was 9.3 per cent increase from October 2020. The average NI cow price increased by 30.5p/kg in October this year.

Across the regions the R3 steer price increased by 34.2p/kg in NI, the equivalent of 24.3p/kg in ROI and just over a 42p/kg increase in GB when compared to the same period in 2020.

NI prime cattle throughput increased by 1,533 head while cow throughput decreased by 377 head in October 2021. The average carcase weight for prime cattle increased by 0.8kg while the average cow carcase weight decreased by 4kg in October 2021 from October 2020.

Imports for direct slaughter were back 9.3 per cent in October 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. Exports for direct slaughter totalled 427 head in October 2021, up seven per cent from the same period in 2020.

Number of cattle on the ground aged 12-30 months in October 2021 was up 5.4 per cent head from October 2020 to total 447,676 head. Beef sired cattle numbers increased by 5.7 per cent while dairy male cattle numbers increased by 1.7 per cent.

Calf registrations in October 2021 were back 3.9 per cent when compared to same period in 2020. Beef sired calf registrations increased by 2.8 per cent from October 2020 levels while dairy male calf registrations decreased by 23.5 per cent.

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