

COMMENTARY ON THE MARCH 2026 UPDATE OF THE POULTRY VALUATION TABLES FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Poultry valuation tables are reviewed and updated regularly to ensure that they are appropriate for the sector as a whole and that they reflect current costs for different types of birds and production systems. Previously, these reviews have been undertaken quarterly, with new tables being issued late in March, June, September and December each year. At present, the timings have been changed to include updates in November and January, rather than in December. The current valuation tables are based on costs and other information gathered in March 2026.

Numerous sources are used to gather data on current costs. These include published information as well as intelligence provided confidentially by a range of different industry stakeholders. Where possible for each cost item, information is gathered from a range of sources, so that overall sector trends can be established.

Since the last update in January, adjustments have been made to compound feed prices and in most cases, these have increased. There have been increases in the cost of day-old chicks and point-of-lay pullets, but no changes in end-of-lay prices. Smaller items such as fuel and litter costs have been reviewed and updated accordingly, noting that there is some volatility in costs at present. Changes have been made to labour costs in view of revisions to the National Living Wage from April 2026.

We will continue to monitor input costs and price changes over the coming months, and the next update of these tables is scheduled for the end of June 2026.

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