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1. FINISHED CATTLE (pence per kg deadweight)

Average deadweight prices from meat plants for EU price reporting purposes.

Week ending: 08 Aug 26

Steers	No.	Price	% change from		Young Bulls	No.	Price	% change from	
			01 Aug 26	09 Aug 25				01 Aug 26	09 Aug 25
U2	60	608.60	-0.6%	-6.3%	U2	194	600.00	-1.1%	-6.9%
U3	135	612.80	-0.4%	-6.6%	U3	117	604.70	-0.7%	-6.6%
U4	25	609.00	-0.6%	-6.6%	R2	214	591.40	-1.3%	-7.2%
R3	533	606.30	-0.9%	-7.1%	R3	228	597.40	-1.1%	-6.8%
R4	217	608.10	-0.4%	-6.8%	O2	171	572.00	-1.3%	-7.5%
O3	582	598.30	-0.6%	-7.6%	O3	131	584.10	-1.2%	-6.8%
O4	187	641.80	+3.2%	-4.3%	All Grades	1221	591.60	-1.1%	-6.8%
All Grades	2,185	604.90	-0.2%	-6.5%					
Heifers					Cows				
U2	33	607.20	-0.7%	-7.4%	R3	18	541.60	+0.8%	-4.9%
U3	132	611.40	-0.6%	-6.8%	R4	24	543.60	+0.0%	-5.6%
U4	51	610.00	-0.3%	-6.9%	O2	28	505.90	-2.1%	-6.3%
R2	62	603.60	-0.4%	-6.7%	O3	102	518.20	-0.5%	-5.2%
R3	445	606.60	-0.8%	-7.1%	O4	66	510.10	-2.6%	-5.9%
R4	405	605.50	-1.2%	-7.2%	P2	259	479.80	-0.9%	-5.9%
O2	55	588.80	-0.1%	-7.1%	P3	127	496.00	-1.6%	-6.9%
O3	366	596.20	-0.8%	-8.2%	All Grades	1,095	477.70	-1.0%	-4.8%
O4	298	602.60	-1.0%	-9.7%					
All Grades	1,968	601.80	-0.7%	-7.6%					

2. FINISHED CLEAN SHEEP (pence per kg deadweight)	Week ending:	08 Aug 26			
Average deadweight prices from both liveweight & deadweight centres.	Lambs	9,386	643.57	-2.2%	-0.3%
	Hoggets	-	-	-	-
		9,386	643.57	-2.2%	-0.3%

3. FINISHED CLEAN PIGS (pence per kg deadweight)	Week ending:	08 Aug 26			
Estimated average deadweight prices.			179.96	-0.4%	-12.6%

4. BROILER CHICKENS (pence per kg liveweight)	Week ending:	08 Aug 26			
Average liveweight producer prices from poultry slaughterers (All bird types).			-	-	-

5. HAY, STRAW & SILAGE (£ per bale)	Month:	May 26					
	Price	% change from			Price	% change from	
		Apr 26	May 25			Apr 26	May 25
Hay (small square)	3.65	+0.0%	+5.3%	Straw (large square 8x4x3)	90.00	-18.2%	-18.2%
Silage	27.50	-0.9%	-0.6%	Straw (large round)	25.00	-3.8%	-9.6%

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6. POTATOES (£ per tonne)

Month: May 26

			% change from	
		Price	Apr 26	May 25
Average ex-farm producer prices, including potatoes sold <u>under contract</u> , from a survey of processors & merchants.	First earlies	-	-	-
	Washing Sample	130.90	-37.4%	-46.4%
	Processing	114.37	-41.2%	-26.9%
	Merchant trade	-	-	-

7. CEREALS (£ per tonne)

Week ending: 08 Aug 26

			% change from	
			01 Aug 26	09 Aug 25
Delivered price as quoted in AHDB NI Market Report.	Wheat	217.00	-0.9%	-
	Barley	-	-	-

8. BREEDING AND STORE LIVESTOCK (£ per head)

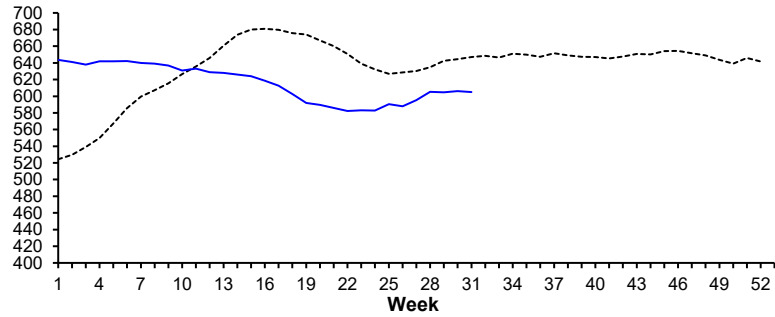
Week ending: 08 Aug 26

						% change from	
			Number	Price Range	Av. Price	01 Aug 26	09 Aug 25
STORE CATTLE	Steers:	150-300 kg	31	700-1670	1,315	-1.6%	-5.3%
		300-400 kg	103	1050-2030	1,531	+4.1%	-4.9%
		400-500 kg	154	1000-2190	1,725	+4.5%	-3.4%
		Over 500 kg	212	1380-2720	2,003	-2.2%	-11.2%
	Heifers:	150-300 kg	30	840-1580	1,301	-2.4%	+3.5%
		300-400 kg	98	760-1820	1,347	-11.1%	-8.1%
		400-500 kg	135	1000-2110	1,595	-1.6%	-9.6%
		Over 500 kg	166	1410-2510	1,910	+0.5%	-13.7%
SUCKLED CALVES	Steers:	Under 200 kg	-	-	-	-	-
		Over 200 kg	151	680-2070	1,481	-4.2%	-6.7%
	Heifers:	Under 200 kg	-	-	-	-	-
		Over 200 kg	101	770-1940	1,362	+0.6%	-3.5%
BREEDING CATTLE	Dairy:	Cows/heifers in milk	35	1800-3350	2,576	+9.5%	+11.7%
		Cows in calf	-	-	-	-	-
		Springing heifers	-	-	-	-	-
	Sucklers:	Cows/heifers & calf at foot	38	700-4500	2,469	-30.6%	+2.7%
		Cows in calf	9	1740-2800	2,318	+9.8%	-
		Springing heifers	27	2250-5000	3,242	-4.8%	-
OTHER CATTLE		Cull cows for slaughter	257	200-3200	1,570	-6.8%	+12.6%
		Dropped calves for rearing	522	140-1270	695	+8.7%	+5.2%
BREEDING SHEEP	Ewes/Hoggets:	Blackface/Blackface cross	-	-	-	-	-
		Other Breeds	426	150-325	258.24	-12.6%	+1.9%
	Ewe Lambs:	Blackface/Blackface cross	13	100-115	109.54	-31.8%	-21.3%
		Other Breeds	186	76-180	132.80	-35.5%	-37.0%
	Ewes/Hoggets with Lamb(s) at Foot:	Blackface/Blackface cross	-	-	-	-	-
		Other Breeds	-	-	-	-	-
	Cull Ewes:	Blackface/Blackface cross	688	10-290	116.60	+3.1%	+6.1%
		Other Breeds	856	20-296	151.07	-0.6%	+2.0%
OTHER SHEEP	Cull rams		10	96-252	169.00	-0.6%	+13.7%
	Store lambs		2507	57-130	113.09	-3.3%	-3.2%

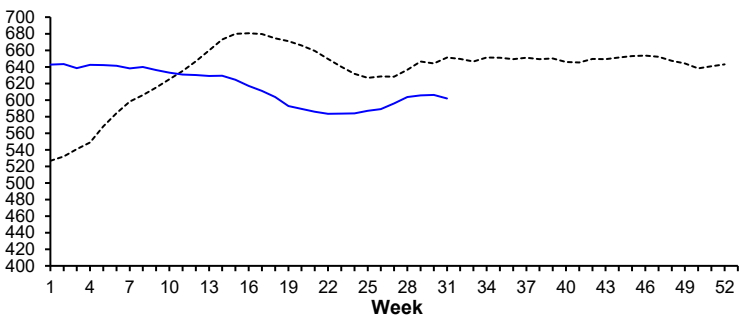
PRICE TRENDS 2025-2026



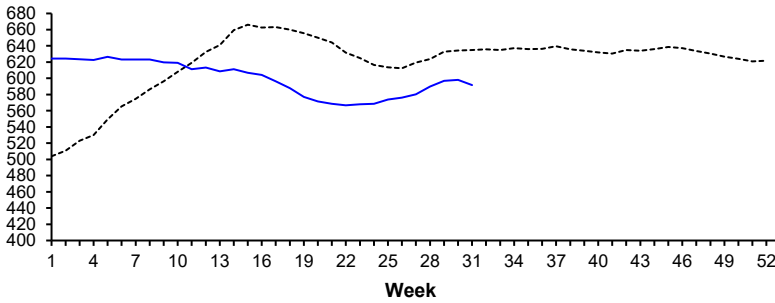
FINISHED STEERS - Deadweight prices (pence/kg)



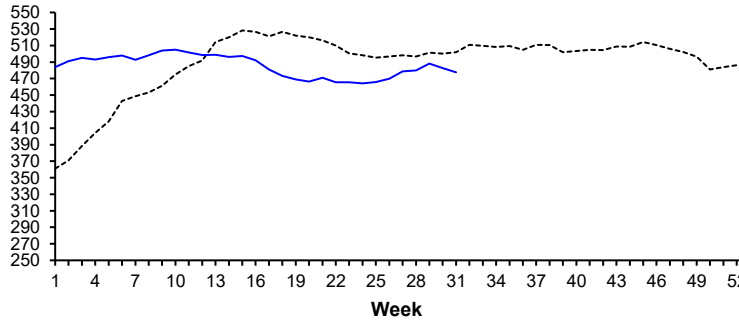
FINISHED HEIFERS-Deadweight prices (pence/kg)



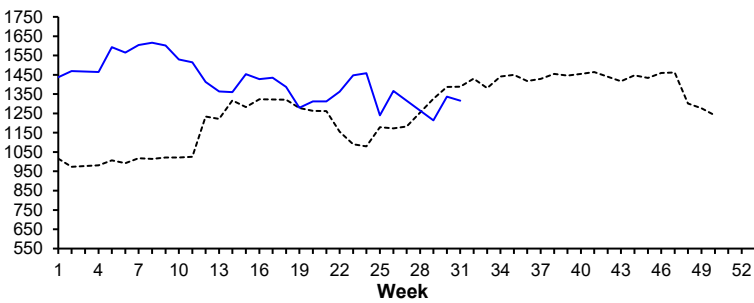
FINISHED YOUNG BULLS - Deadweight prices (pence/kg)



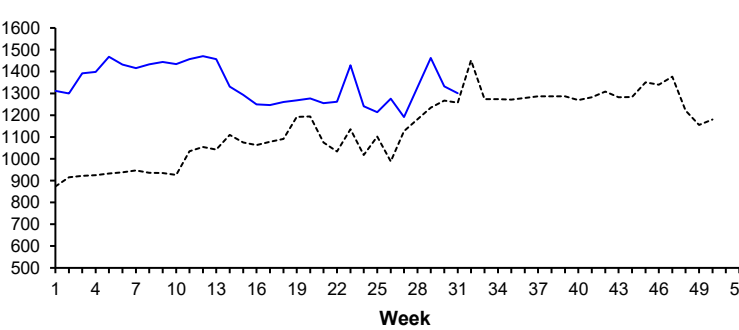
FINISHED COWS - Deadweight prices (pence/kg)



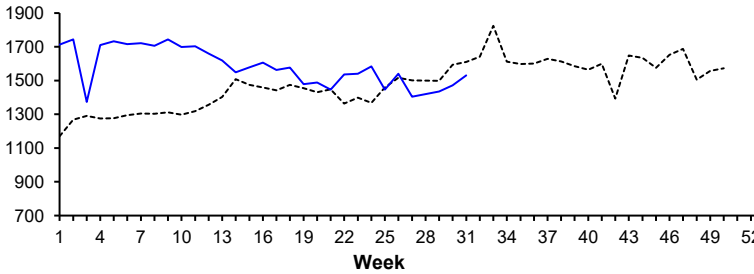
STORES - Av.price of steers 150-300 kg (£/head)



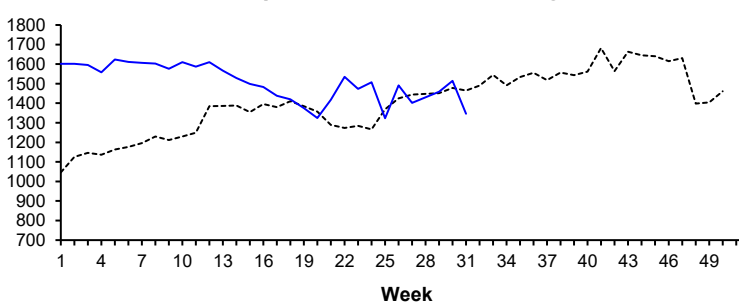
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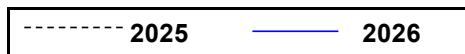


STORES - Av.price of steers 300-400 kg (£/head)

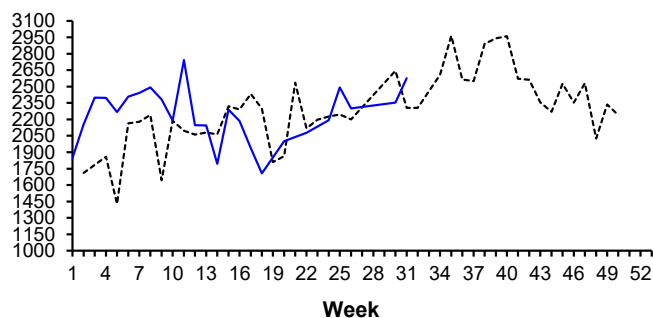


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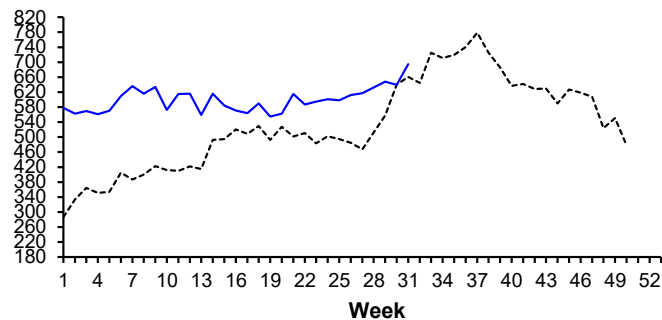




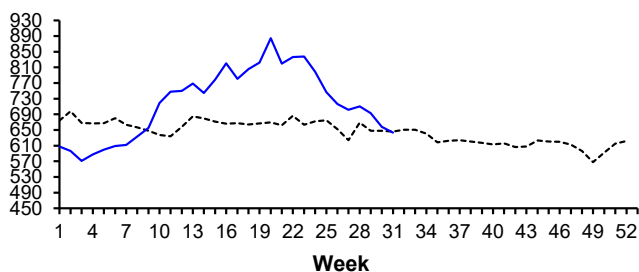
DAIRY COWS & HEIFERS IN MILK (£/head)



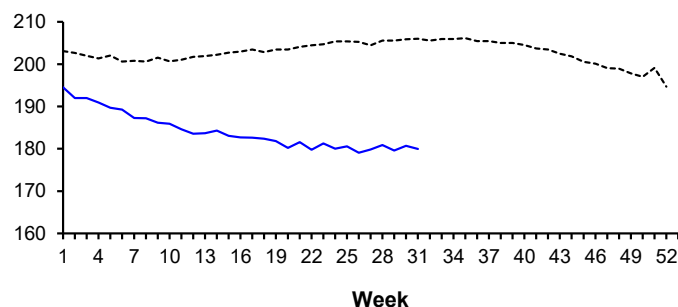
DROPPED CALVES (£/head)



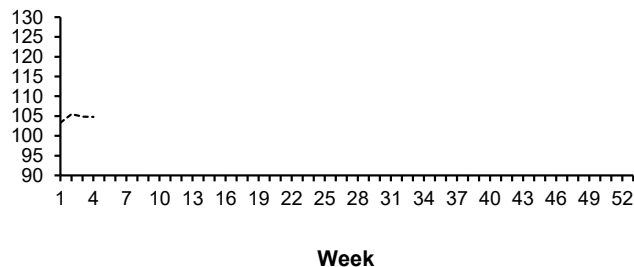
FINISHED SHEEP - Deadweight price (pence/kg)



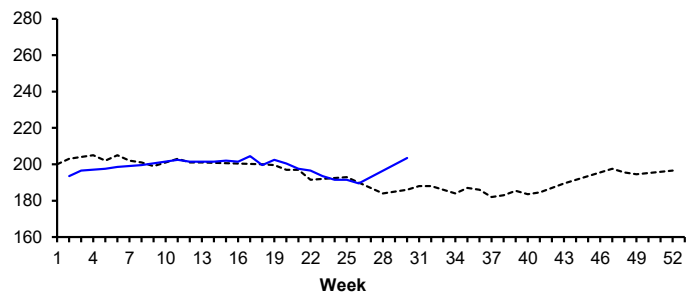
FINISHED PIGS - Deadweight price (pence/kg)



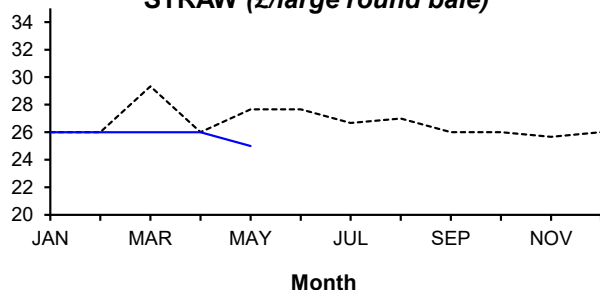
BROILER CHICKENS - Liveweight price (pence/kg)



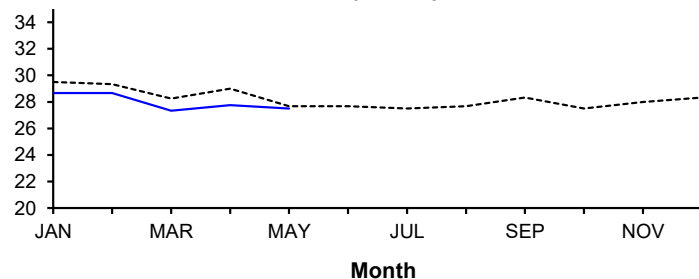
BARLEY - Delivered price (£/tonne)



STRAW (£/large round bale)



SILAGE (£/bale)



Notes : All graphs are based on average prices published in DAERA's weekly Agricultural Market Report.
All week numbers are based on a calendar year.