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1. FINISHED CATTLE (pence per kg deadweight)

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

Week ending:17 Oct 26

| Steers     | No.   | Price  | % change from |           | Young Bulls | No.   | Price  | % change from |           |
|------------|-------|--------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|--------|---------------|-----------|
|            |       |        | 10 Oct 26     | 18 Oct 25 |             |       |        | 10 Oct 26     | 18 Oct 25 |
| U2         | 139   | 626.80 | +0.1%         | -3.8%     | U2          | 97    | 622.80 | +0.2%         | -3.3%     |
| U3         | 177   | 630.50 | +0.3%         | -3.7%     | U3          | 80    | 627.20 | +0.6%         | -3.1%     |
| U4         | 17    | 627.80 | +0.0%         | -3.5%     | R2          | 154   | 614.80 | +0.6%         | -2.9%     |
| R3         | 708   | 629.10 | +0.4%         | -3.3%     | R3          | 118   | 618.90 | +0.9%         | -3.1%     |
| R4         | 177   | 629.30 | +0.2%         | -3.2%     | O2          | 129   | 597.10 | +0.2%         | -3.0%     |
| O3         | 799   | 618.40 | -0.4%         | -4.2%     | O3          | 107   | 608.50 | +0.9%         | -3.0%     |
| O4         | 178   | 626.80 | -0.9%         | -5.1%     | All Grades  | 794   | 612.90 | +0.7%         | -2.8%     |
| All Grades | 2,970 | 621.80 | +0.1%         | -3.7%     |             |       |        |               |           |
| Heifers    |       |        |               |           | Cows        |       |        |               |           |
| U2         | 37    | 630.60 | +0.3%         | -3.3%     | R3          | 22    | 543.00 | +0.5%         | -4.6%     |
| U3         | 189   | 633.20 | +0.3%         | -3.5%     | R4          | 32    | 541.60 | +0.1%         | -3.4%     |
| U4         | 74    | 632.10 | +0.5%         | -3.2%     | O2          | 57    | 511.90 | +0.1%         | -5.6%     |
| R2         | 102   | 625.10 | +0.4%         | -3.3%     | O3          | 124   | 510.30 | -0.4%         | -6.3%     |
| R3         | 582   | 630.20 | +0.5%         | -3.3%     | O4          | 98    | 516.00 | -0.2%         | -6.0%     |
| R4         | 386   | 632.00 | +0.5%         | -3.3%     | P2          | 425   | 482.60 | +0.8%         | -5.7%     |
| O2         | 66    | 614.30 | +1.3%         | -3.0%     | P3          | 164   | 494.70 | -0.4%         | -6.4%     |
| O3         | 514   | 619.70 | +0.4%         | -3.8%     | All Grades  | 1,660 | 474.50 | +0.6%         | -6.0%     |
| O4         | 373   | 627.50 | +0.4%         | -4.3%     |             |       |        |               |           |
| All Grades | 2,493 | 624.80 | +0.3%         | -3.2%     |             |       |        |               |           |

| 2. FINISHED CLEAN SHEEP (pence per kg deadweight)                    | Week ending: | 17 Oct 26 |        |       |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|
| Average deadweight prices from both liveweight & deadweight centres. | Lambs        | 9,489     | 659.78 | -0.1% | +7.2% |
|                                                                      | Hoggets      | -         | -      | -     | -     |
|                                                                      |              | 9,489     | 659.78 | -0.1% | +7.2% |

| 3. FINISHED CLEAN PIGS (pence per kg deadweight) | Week ending: | 17 Oct 26 |        |       |        |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|-------|--------|
| Estimated average deadweight prices.             |              |           | 181.98 | +0.1% | -10.7% |

| 4. BROILER CHICKENS (pence per kg liveweight)                                  | Week ending: | 17 Oct 26 |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---|---|---|
| Average liveweight producer prices from poultry slaughterers (All bird types). |              |           | - | - | - |

| 5. HAY, STRAW & SILAGE (£ per bale) |       | Month:        |        | Aug 26                     |       |        |        |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
|                                     |       | % change from |        | % change from              |       |        |        |
|                                     | Price | Jul 26        | Aug 25 |                            | Price | Jul 26 | Aug 25 |
| Hay (small square)                  | 3.70  | +2.8%         | +2.8%  | Straw (large square 8x4x3) | 97.50 | +2.6%  | -11.4% |
| Silage                              | 30.00 | +2.3%         | +8.4%  | Straw (large round)        | 27.33 | +1.2%  | +1.2%  |

6. POTATOES (£ per tonne)

Month: Aug 26

Average ex-farm producer prices, including potatoes sold under contract, from a survey of processors & merchants.

|                |       | % change from |        |
|----------------|-------|---------------|--------|
|                | Price | Jul 26        | Aug 25 |
| First earlies  | -     | -             | -      |
| Washing Sample | -     | -             | -      |
| Processing     | -     | -             | -      |
| Merchant trade | -     | -             | -      |

7. CEREALS (£ per tonne)

Week ending: 17 Oct 26

Delivered price as quoted in AHDB NI Market Report.

|        |        | % change from |           |
|--------|--------|---------------|-----------|
|        |        | 10 Oct 26     | 18 Oct 25 |
| Wheat  | -      | -             | -         |
| Barley | 216.00 | -             | +17.1%    |

8. BREEDING AND STORE LIVESTOCK (£ per head)

Week ending: 17 Oct 26

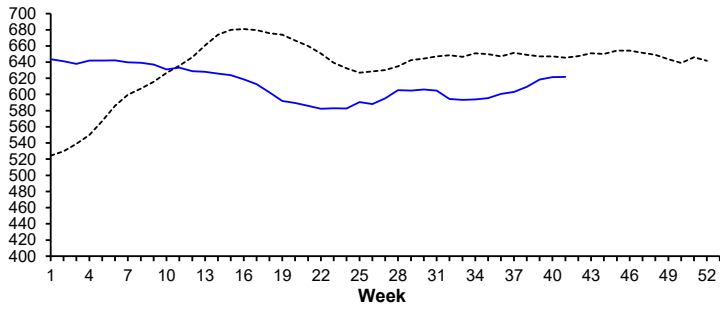
Average producer prices from a panel of livestock marts.

|                 |                                    |                             |        |             |           | % change from |           |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
|                 |                                    |                             | Number | Price Range | Av. Price | 10 Oct 26     | 18 Oct 25 |
| STORE CATTLE    | Steers:                            | 150-300 kg                  | 72     | 1000-1660   | 1,381     | -0.5%         | -5.7%     |
|                 |                                    | 300-400 kg                  | 163    | 1030-1980   | 1,519     | +2.5%         | -5.0%     |
|                 |                                    | 400-500 kg                  | 316    | 1000-2380   | 1,758     | -0.6%         | -4.3%     |
|                 |                                    | Over 500 kg                 | 472    | 1470-2640   | 2,053     | -2.0%         | -5.6%     |
|                 | Heifers:                           | 150-300 kg                  | 61     | 700-1560    | 1,241     | -4.9%         | -3.2%     |
|                 |                                    | 300-400 kg                  | 114    | 940-1810    | 1,339     | -2.3%         | -20.4%    |
|                 |                                    | 400-500 kg                  | 282    | 1100-2050   | 1,600     | -0.3%         | -9.1%     |
|                 |                                    | Over 500 kg                 | 238    | 1450-2420   | 1,931     | +0.8%         | -7.3%     |
| SUCKLED CALVES  | Steers:                            | Under 200 kg                | 25     | 550-1280    | 929       | -11.0%        | -6.2%     |
|                 |                                    | Over 200 kg                 | 448    | 550-2140    | 1,440     | -5.7%         | -7.8%     |
|                 | Heifers:                           | Under 200 kg                | 12     | 770-1350    | 939       | -8.0%         | -         |
|                 |                                    | Over 200 kg                 | 245    | 420-2360    | 1,391     | +0.8%         | -7.2%     |
| BREEDING CATTLE | Dairy:                             | Cows/heifers in milk        | 13     | 1100-3500   | 2,404     | -3.8%         | -6.6%     |
|                 |                                    | Cows in calf                | -      | -           | -         | -             | -         |
|                 |                                    | Springing heifers           | -      | -           | -         | -             | -         |
|                 | Sucklers:                          | Cows/heifers & calf at foot | 24     | 2150-5050   | 2,852     | +33.1%        | +14.7%    |
|                 |                                    | Cows in calf                | -      | -           | -         | -             | -         |
|                 |                                    | Springing heifers           | 30     | 1040-4000   | 2,535     | -7.1%         | +19.9%    |
| OTHER CATTLE    | Cull cows for slaughter            |                             | 351    | 140-3515    | 1,646     | -2.5%         | -4.3%     |
|                 | Dropped calves for rearing         |                             | 638    | 120-1240    | 659       | +0.5%         | +2.7%     |
| BREEDING SHEEP  | Ewes/Hoggets:                      | Blackface/Blackface cross   | 372    | 10-285      | 161.01    | -             | -7.7%     |
|                 |                                    | Other Breeds                | 427    | 35-300      | 165.39    | -13.9%        | -0.1%     |
|                 | Ewe Lambs:                         | Blackface/Blackface cross   | 440    | 48-200      | 131.42    | -13.5%        | +28.5%    |
|                 |                                    | Other Breeds                | 200    | 50-202      | 112.50    | -             | -10.3%    |
|                 | Ewes/Hoggets with Lamb(s) at Foot: | Blackface/Blackface cross   | -      | -           | -         | -             | -         |
|                 |                                    | Other Breeds                | -      | -           | -         | -             | -         |
| OTHER SHEEP     | Cull Ewes:                         | Blackface/Blackface cross   | 568    | 28-220      | 114.92    | -0.9%         | +24.3%    |
|                 |                                    | Other Breeds                | 594    | 10-216      | 150.12    | +10.3%        | +13.7%    |
|                 | Cull rams                          |                             | 24     | 105-205     | 116.25    | -20.2%        | -11.0%    |
|                 | Store lambs                        |                             | 3290   | 43-135      | 111.95    | +0.9%         | +2.2%     |

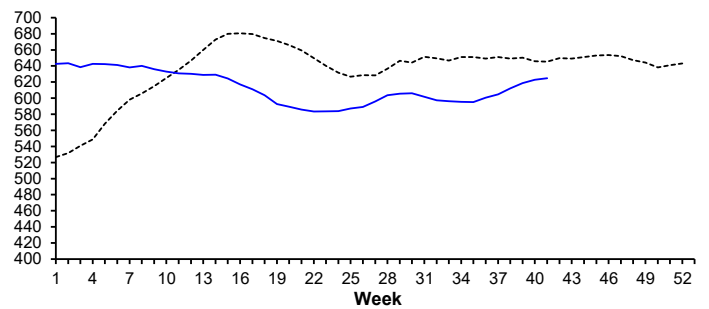
# PRICE TRENDS 2025-2026

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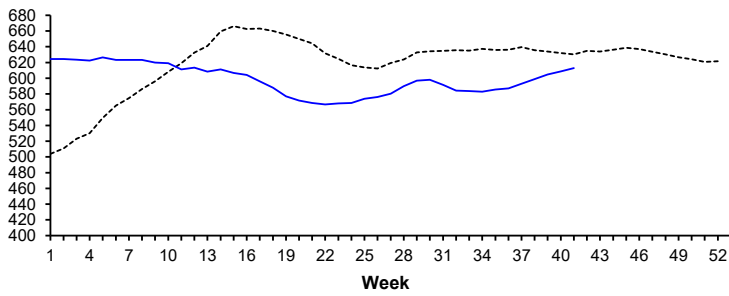
**FINISHED STEERS - Deadweight prices (pence/kg)**



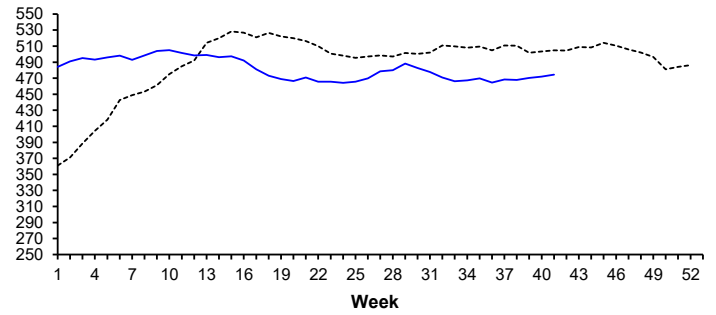
**FINISHED HEIFERS-Deadweight prices (pence/kg)**



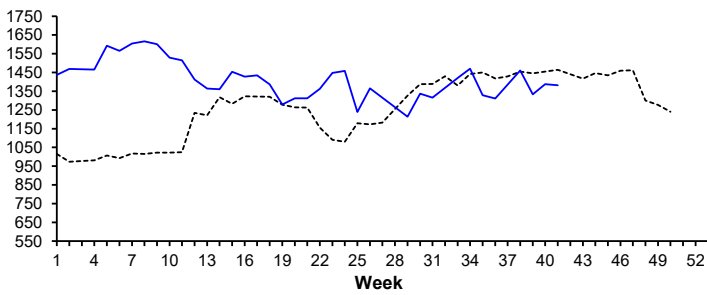
**FINISHED YOUNG BULLS - Deadweight prices (pence/kg)**



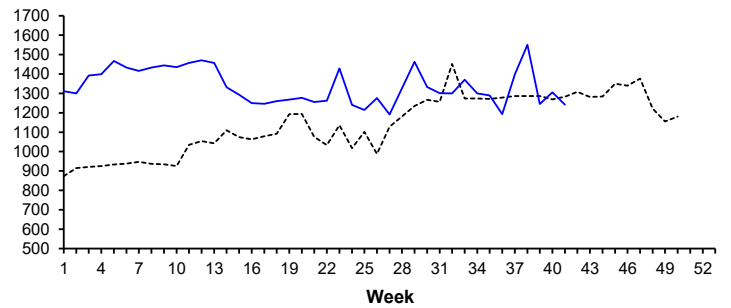
**FINISHED COWS - Deadweight prices (pence/kg)**



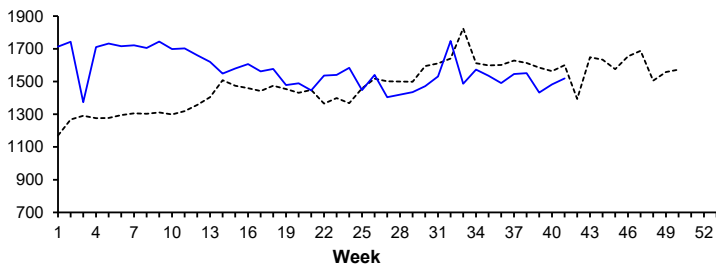
**STORES - Av.price of steers 150-300 kg (£/head)**



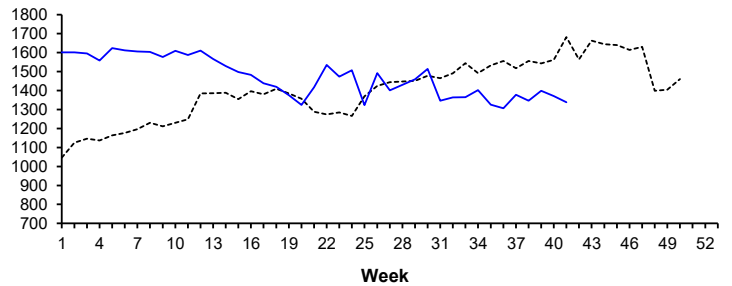
**STORES - Av.price of heifers 150-300 kg (£/head)**



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

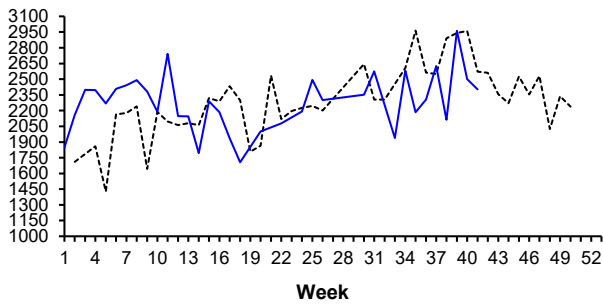


**STORES - Av.price of heifers 300-400 kg (£/head)**

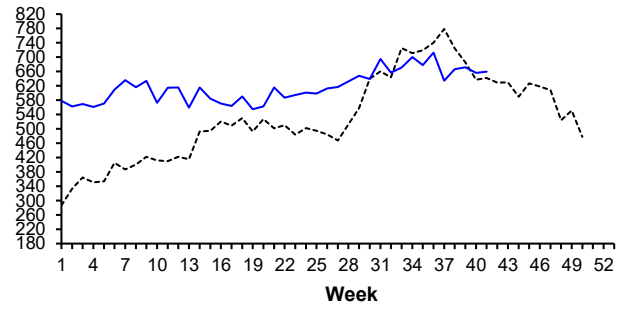




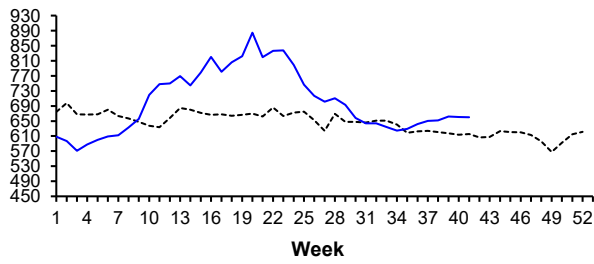
**DAIRY COWS & HEIFERS IN MILK (£/head)**



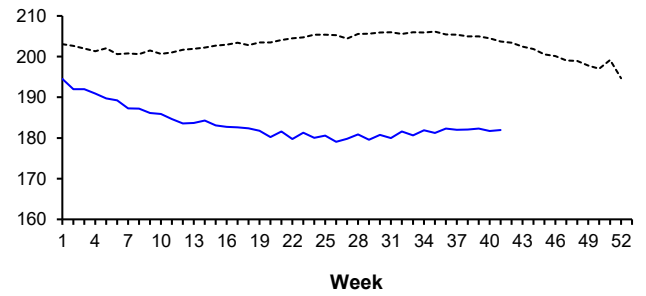
**DROPPED CALVES (£/head)**



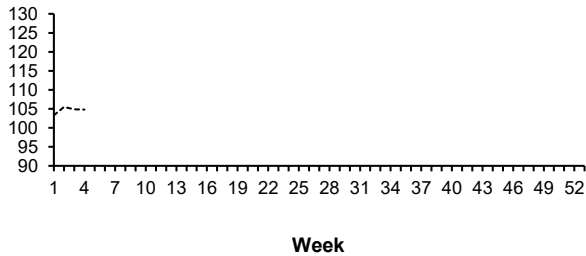
**FINISHED SHEEP - Deadweight price (pence/kg)**



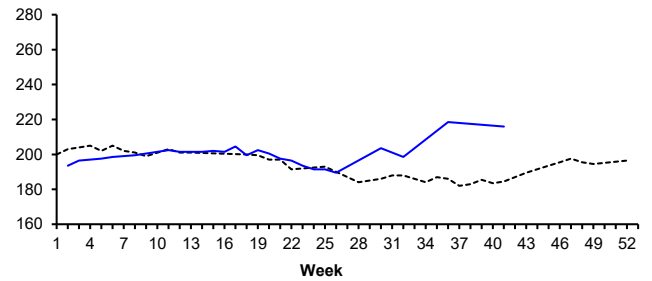
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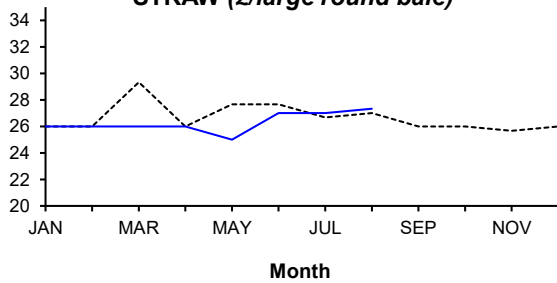
**BROILER CHICKENS - Liveweight price (pence/kg)**



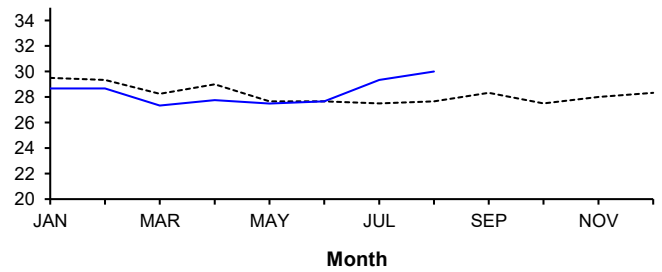
**BARLEY - Delivered price (£/tonne)**



**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.