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Deadweight Report – July-August 2025

Stock sold: 2269 cattle & 2456 Lambs

Fantastic numbers placed for July and August, due to weather conditions and changing farming practices only 15 clean cattle sold off pasture! Trade hovered around the 640-650p/kg mark through the period with some downward pressure. Tighter supplies on the whole prevented the drop but some firms have tried hard for a reduction. Interestingly small processors & independent firms have been fittest throughout the period. Retails sales reported quiet – due in part to retail price increases & the holiday season. However, with children now returning to school, cooler weather & processors beginning to turn attention to Christmas, trade should hold or firm into autumn.

Brazilian beef is available on the wholesale market but Irish prices are firm. UK beef is currently 140p/kg dearer than 12 months ago. Brazilian beef apparently diverted to the EU as the 'trump tariffs' have affected access to the American market.

Aberdeen Angus is in strong demand at the moment with good premiums available if under 12 months, however, premiums are available up to 36 months and over 400kg. Young bulls all but finished for the season, a few over 16 months now coming forward, with low cereal prices & strong beef prices bulls will have paid well this time.

Barren Cows/Mature Bulls/OTM

With the dry weather a large number of dairy cows were placed through the period, will this present a glut of cows this autumn? Mature bulls seen in quantity with several over £3000 for best fleshed examples, R grade supermarket spec, beef cows to 585p/kg achieving a good premium over standard O+ type worked cows. However, very few best fed cows available at this time of year, a few cows achieved over £3000 with several £2500+. Producers may be inclined to go through their cows harder this Autumn and remove unproductive animals to save feeding, this may put more leaner cows onto the market. Cows started the month at 550p/kg with a lift through the period of 15-20p/kg.

Cows wanted – good, best, bad & ugly – why not give us a try! Non-UK tagged & non-FA (subject to VAN) catered for.

New season Lambs – 2546

Lamb trade held up remarkably well through July and through much of August at 740p/kg. Mid-way through August prices eased to 700p/kg & as usual September has seen further reductions. Producers who have fed their lambs were well rewarded and pleased with returns at 740p/kg but when prices eased, margins have become squeezed with feed cost estimated at £15-20/head. On the whole, lambs have performed well this summer with good levels of finish and weight especially if fed – sheep always do well in a dry period.

If you have stock, you would like us to view or for us up to date professional advice, please call 07815495210. We would like to thank our customers for their continued support as we endeavour to achieve the best returns for you from the abattoirs we supply.

- **Please book in stock by Thursday tea time so we can ensure with our best endeavours that they move the following week**
- Please order replacement ear tags allowing plenty of time for them to arrive before your stock goes.
- Please check breed & sex on passports before the day the cattle go
- All stock must have two ear tags on leaving the farm - if they only have one and they lose one that equals none and that equals the bin
- Please ensure stock is ready to load before lorries arrive it is not fair to have drivers waiting making them late for next collections.
- To comply with the Welfare of Animals in Transport Act any un-sound stock will require a vet certificate before loading.
- **Young bulls must be 12 months + one day of age.**
- **Producers under TB restrictions should make sure they are issued with an AMENDED TB24C LICENCE authorizing general movement of bovines directly to a licensed slaughterhouse or via an approved TB slaughter gathering (Tuesday collection center)**
- **All Non-Assured cattle must have a valid Vet Attestation Number before coming to a Collection Centre or going to abattoir**