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Deadweight – October 2026
Stock sold: 1056 cattle & 691 sheep

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

Clean Cattle

October started off with a lift in demand & price for finished cattle – Christmas demand started a good 10 days earlier than normal. But …. as soon as it started it stopped! By the end of the month trade had eased 5 P/Kg with R grades back below 650 P/Kg. Have Christmas dinner orders been fulfilled in record time?
Slow consumer sales not helped by a rise in fuel prices & predicted interest rates rises have been blamed with a thought that the public are having to cut back to save for Christmas. Irish prices are below the UK but this has been the case for some time.
Cattle housed early are doing exceptionally well in yards & adjusting to rations very quickly – probably because they have been on it all summer out at pasture anyway! Does this mean supplies will be short in early 2027?

W/C – 26.10.26

	Commercial Clean	Aberdeen Angus	U24M Aberdeen Angus (on contract) +28p potential bonus	Young Bulls
U+	672			
U	662	670	650	660
R	to 652	to 660	to 642	to 650
O+	642	650	634	640
O-				

OTM Clean, Mature Bulls & Barren Cows

It appeared more cows had been killed through the dry summer period however a flush of cows has appeared at the end of October. Processors have focused on prime cattle for Christmas orders & saying not got orders for cow beef at present – We will want it in January. With feed precious and cash flow farmers are taking the price & a 10P drop reported. A few more stock bulls forward as expected for the end of the season, with producers keen to remove with the feed shortage.
The first of suckler cows PD taking place with mixed results some producers making use of TB exempt sales if cows are plainer.

Cows wanted – Good, best, bad or ugly why not give us a try! Non-UK tagged and non-FABBL (subject to VAN) catered for.

	Best Fed Beef Cows	Commercial Beef & Dairy Cows	Mature Bulls	OTM Clean	OTM Aberdeen Angus
U+	550p				
U-	540p			652p	660p
R	535p	530p	420p	642p	650p
O+	525p	520p		632p	640p
O-		515p			

Old Season Lambs

Demand picked up at the middle of the month with R grades to 730p/kg. Mainly fed lambs placed with several overweights. Regular drawings requested to keep on top of fat levels.

- Please order replacement ear tags allowing plenty of time for them to arrive before your stock goes.
- Please check breed & sex on passports
- 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 Restriction should make sure they are issued with the AMENDED TB24C LICENCE authorizing general movement of bovines directly to a licensed slaughter house or via an approved TB slaughter gathering (Tuesday collection Centre)**