

# RINGSIDE

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**PROGRESS** Livelier trade across the board as kill dips under 30,000hd

Age differential of €100/hd for store cattle as prices rise across the board

Category	Price
1st	€100
2nd	€90
3rd	€80
4th	€70
5th	€60
6th	€50
7th	€40
8th	€30
9th	€20
10th	€10

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**STRONG SALES** Lighter weanling bulls enjoy price hike of up to 45c/kg

## Lamb quotes back by 10-40c/kg on last week

sheep



**ESTERDAY** was Bastille Day in France, a day when the French celebrate the storming of the Bastille prison in an event which started the Revolution in the 18th century. In the past four weeks the sheep have been pulled by a price of over €23/lamb. This

### Sheep: Factory quotes c/kg incl VAT

FACTORY		EWES	HOGGETS	SPRING LAMBS
Down Ballyhaunis	TUE	250	-	450+6
ICM Camolin	TUE	260	-	450+10QA
ICM Navan	TUE	260	-	450+10QA
Kepak Athleague	TUE	230	-	450+6QA
Kildare Chilling	TUE	250	-	450+5+5
Moyvalley Meats	TUE	-	-	450

minimum of €2.25.

Both ICM plants are tops for the ewes at an unchanged 260c/kg. Kildare are also unchanged at 250c/kg while Kepak remain at 230c/kg.

The sheep trade, according to An Bord Bia, continues to be underpinned by a recovery in supply and some further easing in prices. Trade across our key export markets remains slow on the back of weak demand and increased volumes.

Average lamb prices

Lambs over 50kg sold at prices of €81-109 or €45-57 with the weight.

Breeding ewes are starting to appear but not in any great numbers yet. One manager said that the downward pressure being exerted by the factories is coming at an extremely bad time for the breeding ewe trade as a dip in confidence would impact very negatively on interest and prices.

Mountbellew Mart had larg-



SHOW TIME

Clare Rose Joanne O'Gorman getting her hands dirty during the launch of the South East Clare Show in Bridgetown, Co Clare. The 24th annual South East Clare Show is scheduled for Sunday, July 27, at Bridgetown showgrounds ARTHUR ELLIS

er numbers of sheep on offer and reported plenty of customers for store lambs, but there was a slightly easier trade for factory and butcher lambs at €85-97/hd. The lighter lambs made from €65-84 in general.

Dowra Mart had 2,100 sheep on offer last Saturday. The best of the store lambs sold for €60-

80 and mountain type stores made from €45-60. The increased numbers on offer at Baltinglass Mart met with strong farmer demand for feeding type ewes and store lambs. Cull ewe prices ran from €60-100.

Carnew Mart reported a bigger entry with 2,100 on offer. Prices were improved by €2-

3/hd on the previous week. Butcher and factory lamb prices ran from €86-105 or €45-58 over their weight.

Sheep numbers were back in Ennis but trade was improved by €5-10/hd with lambs making up to €122 or €2.51/kg while Ballymote reported a good sale of lambs.