

Table geese - 26 week rear, as-hatched - extensively reared

All valuations expressed in pence per bird

Age (days)	7	14	21	28	35	42	49
Farm gate sales	678	736	802	864	930	1002	1081
Sales to butchers	678	736	802	864	930	1002	1081

Age	56	63	70	77	84	91	98
Farm gate sales	1167	1252	1338	1423	1508	1553	1598
Sales to butchers	1167	1252	1338	1423	1508	1553	1598

Age	105	112	119	126	133	140	147
Farm gate sales	2020	2443	2865	3288	3710	4132	4555
Sales to butchers	1907	2216	2526	2835	3144	3453	3762

Age	154	161	168	175	182
Farm gate sales	4977	5399	5822	6244	6667
Sales to butchers	4071	4381	4690	4999	5308

This table is intended to reflect traditional systems of rearing geese where the birds are allowed to graze on pasture and nutrition is not solely based on feeding concentrates. The valuations are net of processing / marketing costs - i.e. they are intended to reflect the value of the live bird prior to slaughter and before processing, marketing and distribution costs have been incurred.

The majority of geese are sold either from the farm gate or to butchers. Because of the premium on selling geese direct to the public, it is important to determine which market the producer supplies. Where a producer supplies geese into both markets, a pro-rata figure should be calculated. Similarly, where the age of the birds does not exactly match the figures provided in the table, the pro-rata figure should be calculated.

The valuations have been based on a maximum slaughter age of 26 weeks, an average liveweight at this point of 9kg and a dressed weight of 6.5kg. Although valuations are determined on the basis of age of birds, it is strongly recommended that for flocks that are 12 weeks or older, a random sample of 25 culled birds are weighed as a reference in case of future disputed valuation.

Valuation figures increase rapidly from 98 days onwards (14 weeks) in line with the minimum age at which birds are normally processed for sale - i.e. birds are not normally ready for slaughter before this age. Up to this point, the valuation figure for both 'farm gate' and 'sales to butchers' is the same.