



Market Report

2018 Week 12

Following on from the bad weather two weeks ago we have certainly seen pig numbers steady this week and in some cases certainly some of the smaller producers have had no pigs at all to enter but that didn't make the price rise. In the week ended 10 March EU Spec SPP remained fairly steady at 145.71p/kg, this price is 4p below a week earlier when last year prices were rising. However estimated slaughtering are up 11% on the year at 178,700 head

On the fresh meat front this week we were acutely short for some abattoirs and are probably going to struggle the week after to fill niche market contracts. Large processors this week, prices stood on all round and with the closure at Malton for 6 days at Easter we might see a few more pigs coming forward in the second week.

Sows are in line with what is happening in Germany and have dropped 2p on the week. On the German market place the number of sows are actually lower than a year early probably to do with the threat of ASF and more regulations coming in place as it is German producers lacking in confidence to expand their pig business.

Looking forward the biggest threat to the UK market place is the growth in the Irish pig sector. The Irish pig meat sectors according AHDB is 200% self-sufficient so very likely increased supplies and volume are likely to hit the UK in order for them to sustain their prices going forward!

On the weaner market place this week, there are still contract weaners which are readily finding homes with allocated finishers, there are quite a number of spot weaners and store pigs that are without a home.

To further the ASF threat, the Polish government has announced it is going to build a fence 770 miles long as a final frontier in the wild boar population explosion. This fence will follow the Polish border with Ukraine, Russia and Belarus and it is hopeful it will keep out the wild boar carrying ASF and it will cost over £50m to construct and is due to start at the end of this year. This is to protect or hopefully protect Poland's growing pig industry.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2017	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.4571	0.0005	1.4994	-0.0423
GB(SPP)UK	1.4310	0.0006	1.4724	-0.0414
Tribune				
12/03/18	1.4475	0.0044	1.5217	0.0042
05/03/18	1.4431		1.5175	
Pork	1.5325	0.0050	1.5850	-0.0525
Cutter	1.5389	0.0041	1.5959	-0.0570



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	87,015	79,381	7,634
Ave Weight kg	83.94	84.28	-0.34
Ave Probe mm	11.0	11.1	-0.1



	18/03/18	Change on week	11/03/18	Diff UK
Denmark	116.86	0.83	116.03	-27.38
Germany	138.89	0.11	138.78	-5.35
France	119.51	3.53	115.98	-24.73
Holland	120.56	0.86	119.70	-23.68
Spain	123.94	4.43	119.51	-20.30
EU28	132.95	1.48	131.47	-11.29
UK	144.24	0.25	143.99	0.00

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