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Market Report
2018 Week 13

Considering a slightly lower kill due to the stat of Easter weekend break and with one of the major processors working on a 50% kill due to essential maintenance having to be carried out, all pigs were easily placed with a few processors still on the lookout for a few extras but the recent cold blast has had an effect on growth rates thus reducing numbers entered for slaughter.

Prices were a mixed bag with SPP dropping -0.37p but Tribune increase by +0.75p. Most processors added a penny to their matrix price so at worst pigs were stand on to up by ½ penny on average. Disappointingly sow prices saw a further drop of 4p on the back of the German market that saw prices drop by another 4 cents.

Following two weeks of relative stagnation, the EU-spec SPP returned to decline in week ended 17 March. At 145.34p/kg, the price averaged 0.37p lower than the previous week. Prices had started to pick up this time last year, so the gap compared to year earlier levels has continued to widen, reaching almost 6p in the most recent week. At 148.87p/kg, the EU-spec APP in the previous week ended 10 March was up 0.29p on the week.

For the week ended 17 March, both categories of weaner recorded relatively modest price changes. 7kg weaners averaged £37.23/head, 21p lower than the previous week, while 30kg weaners were up 69p to £50.99/head. Nonetheless, compared to year earlier levels, 7kg and 30kg weaner prices were down £1.04 and £4.28 respectively. Spot traded Grower pigs have proved difficult to move in recent weeks due to lack of finisher accommodation.

The downwards price movement comes as supplies continue to run significantly ahead of year earlier levels. Estimated slaughtering's for the most recent week totalled 191,100 head, marginally higher than revised figures for the previous week and a substantial 16% above 2017 levels. Carcase weights also recovered after the previous week's dip, averaging 84.46kg. This is over half a kilo heavier than both the previous week's average, and the equivalent week last year.

The latest Defra census results indicate that clean pig slaughtering's increased a substantial 12% on year earlier levels during February. At 886,200 head, throughputs were also 1% above the same month in 2016. This confirms industry reports of ample supply levels, and supports expectations that throughputs could be higher than previously forecast in Q1 this year.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2017	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.4534	-0.0037	1.5018	-0.0484
GB(SPP)UK	1.4273	-0.0037	1.4747	-0.0474

Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
19/03/18	1.4550	0.0075	1.5300	0.0083
12/03/18	1.4475		1.5217	

Pork	1.5350	0.0025	1.5350	0.0000
Cutter	1.5411	0.0022	1.5411	0.0000

REMINDER

eMB e-medicines book

Quarter Period	January-March
Quarter End	31/03/2018
Deadline Entry/Upload date	30/04/2018

GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	87,753	87,015	738
Ave Weight kg	84.46	83.94	0.52
Ave Probe mm	11.2	11.0	0.2

	25/03/18	Change on week	18/03/18	Diff UK
Denmark	116.86	0.00	116.86	-27.38
Germany	138.89	0.00	138.89	-5.35
France	119.51	0.00	119.51	-24.73
Holland	120.56	0.00	120.56	-23.68
Spain	123.94	0.00	123.94	-20.30
EU28	132.95	0.00	132.95	-11.29
UK	144.24	0.00	144.24	0.00

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