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Market Report
2019 Week 13

Early optimism that there was some light in the tunnel this week was soon blown away by one of the major processers having a major breakdown beyond their control and been unable to slaughter for 2 full days, also with another processor still not taking contractual numbers leading to quite a roll-over of pigs remaining on farm which hopefully will be sorted over the next week or so.
There is some good news sows prices increased by 5p with both leading buyers, European prices are on the increase with Spain leading the way seeing substantial increases over the last few weeks as well as money going into the important German market. This has led to the price of European meat increasing in price to British buyers and less favourable trading terms with potential problems caused by Brexit in getting the meat into the country with logistical issues!
Encouragingly SPP lifted marginally for the second consecutive week, with prices increasing by 0.14p to average 137.77p/kg. However, prices remain over 7.5p below last year's levels. APP in the week ended 9 March increased by 0.7p, compensating for some of the losses in the previous two weeks, to stand at 142.89p/kg, 6p below the equivalent week in 2018.
Some buyers are predicting prices will rise and quickly in the next weeks especially with Easter and May Bank Holiday being so close to each other. Let's hope the sun shines as increased demand is certainly needed
UK clean pig slaughter in February was 834,200 head, 4% lower than the same month in 2018. Estimated weekly slaughter remained relatively stable on the week at 164,200 head. Carcase weights fell by almost 200g on the week to 84.98kg, the lightest weight so far this year and around half a kilo heavier than 2018.
The latest physical performance data, provided to AHDB by Agrosoft, shows that GB breeding herd productivity declined in 2018. This is the first year performance has not improved since 2010.
The average number of pigs sold per sow per year fell from 24.09 in 2017 to 23.84 in 2018. This was largely due to a fall in the number of litters per sow per year, from 2.3 to 2.2. This probably reflects poorer fertility levels during the hot summer last year.

	This week	Change on week	*This wk 2018*	*Change on Year*
GB(SPP)EU	1.3777	0.0014	*1.4534*	*-0.0757*
GB(SPP)UK	1.3531	0.0014	*1.4273*	*-0.0742*

Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
18/03/19	1.3804	0.0000	1.4685	0.0000
11/03/19	1.3804		1.4685	

Pork	1.4700	0.0000	*1.5350*	*-0.0650*
Cutter	1.4817	0.0002	*1.5411*	*-0.0594*

REMINDER

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Quarter Period	**January-March**
Quarter End	31/03/2019
Deadline Entry/Upload date	**30/04/2019**

GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	82,946	83,349	-403
Ave Weight kg	84.98	85.15	-0.17
Ave Probe mm	11.0	11.1	-0.1

	24/03/19	Change on week	17/03/19	Diff UK
Denmark	113.77	1.90	111.87	-25.18
Germany	125.46	1.14	124.32	-13.49
France	111.47	-0.29	111.76	-27.48
Holland	108.06	-0.19	108.25	-30.89
Spain	120.90	2.27	118.63	-18.05
EU28	119.52	1.02	118.50	-19.43
UK	138.95	0.26	138.69	0.00

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