



Market Report

2018 Week 17

This week we have seen the EU Spec SPP move up slightly by 0.28p to finish at 145.16p/kg. This price is 10.42p behind year earlier levels, nevertheless clean pigs are reported tight and getting tighter as the effects of summer infertility last year and disease issues with PRRS work their way through producers units. However, slaughterings stood at 173,200 head according to AHDB, this is a whopping 15% higher in the same week a year earlier.

On the fresh meat front this week, the smaller abattoirs after last weeks' real dip in pig numbers coming forward have reported a poor week in terms of meat sales to high street butchers due to a combination of factors beyond their control. This week all numbers of pigs offered to the smaller processors were uplifted but no money has been added to the price. On the cull sow front this week we have seen a dip of 2p/kg put down to currency levels, lack of demand and lack lustre trade in the EU. Weaner prices have risen steadily this week in both categories of 7kg weaners and store pig prices, contract pigs continue to move, spot weaners again have had some difficulty in finding a home.

On a different note, the advertising standards authority (ASA) has reportedly rejected a complaint from the vegan group VIVA on the AHDB midweek meals campaign on pork medallions, the group had called into question AHDB's claim that pork medallions were low in fat!

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2017	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.4516	0.0028	1.5558	-0.1042
GB(SPP)UK	1.4255	0.0027	1.5277	-0.1022
Tribune				
GB Spot Bacon			GB Spot Cutter	
16/04/18	1.4782	0.0031	1.5522	0.0033
09/04/18	1.4751		1.5489	
Pork	1.5650	0.0000	1.6500	-0.0850
Cutter	1.5775	0.0004	1.6609	-0.0833



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	86,614	80,138	6,476
Ave Weight kg	83.89	84.35	-0.46
Ave Probe mm	11.0	11.0	0.0



	22/04/18	Change on week	15/04/18	Diff UK
Denmark	110.55	-0.60	111.15	-32.73
Germany	129.24	-1.36	130.60	-14.04
France	114.74	-0.68	115.42	-28.54
Holland	110.92	-1.32	112.24	-32.36
Spain	122.47	-0.23	122.70	-20.81
EU28	125.36	-0.97	126.33	-17.92
UK	143.28	0.02	143.26	0.00

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