



# Market Report

## 2019 Week 31

The SPP EU Spec pricing mechanism has crept up by +0.30p this week to stand at 152.50p/kg with the UK Spec at 149.78p/kg. Demand in the UK is sluggish to say the least and this week we have rolled pigs that haven't found a home. There have been numerous breakdowns reported this week at major processing factories which hasn't helped the situation at all. Processor prices have stood on all round this week and there has certainly been little appetite for anything extra than contract number or not contract numbers at all in certain cases.

Thankfully feed prices are starting to be eroded and reports of this years' harvest which is underway are favourable. The hot week we have had this week certainly won't have helped the pork industry, there is only so much barbeque meat that can be consumed but this hot weather will certainly have surprised consumer as well as pigs this week.

On the fresh meat front there has been a little bit more demand; no price rises anywhere. Weaners and stores pigs have been very difficult to move out of contract arrangements, no spot movement this week with major finishers reporting that they are full of pigs with no empty yards and more importantly an awful lot of producers are full of pigs on their pig units and very good weaning number coming through. However, we have had probably 10-12p into SPP in the last few months and without the China ASF situation that probably wouldn't have been here.

Talking to the experts in the industry this week they are anticipating that at the moment China is well fed with pork products but later in the year there will be a hole appear and therefore we could see a price rise going in again into the SPP. Prices on the continent are down as well and certainly Denmark have seen prices come out somewhat. This has been affected by two things; imports by the Philippines from Germany have been suspended, China has banned imports from Canada and that meat is now coming into the market in Asia and replacing some EU pork.

However nearer home Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) Meat with Integrity Initiative will be launched on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July, this is being backed by NFU Scotland, The Scottish Association of Meat Wholesalers, The Scottish Beef Association, The National Sheep Association of Scotland and Scotlean. It is to raise the awareness of how much work and quality assurance goes into producing meat in Scotland. Let's hope it raises sales of pork.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2018	Change on Year
<b>GB(SPP)EU</b>	1.5250	0.0030	1.5034	0.0216
<b>GB(SPP)UK</b>	1.4978	0.0030	1.4764	0.0214
<b>Tribune</b>				
22/07/19	1.5365	0.0000	1.6171	0.0000
15/07/19	1.5365		1.6171	
<b>Pork</b>	1.6025	0.0025	1.5950	0.0075
<b>Cutter</b>	1.6213	0.0024	1.6091	0.0122



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
<b>Number</b>	83,747	79,416	4,331
<b>Ave Weight kg</b>	83.57	83.64	-0.07
<b>Ave Probe mm</b>	11.0	11.0	0.0

	28/07/19	Change on week	21/07/19	Diff UK
<b>Denmark</b>	152.08	-4.93	157.01	-0.21
<b>Germany</b>	162.43	-3.54	165.97	10.14
<b>France</b>	147.27	0.00	147.27	-5.02
<b>Holland</b>	142.37	-3.28	145.65	-9.92
<b>Spain</b>	162.85	0.39	162.46	10.56
<b>EU28</b>	156.69	-2.30	158.99	4.40
<b>UK</b>	152.29	-0.62	152.91	0.00

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