



Market Report

2018 Week 38

The biggest news this week in the British Pig Industry is the announcement of an outbreak of ASF in Belgium and, as most of you are aware, and have seen in publications earlier in the day, the last thing we want is ASF on our shores; though if it spreads through Europe then there will be questions asked about the importation of pigmeat into the UK.

Back on our home front, it has been a mixed bag today with pig supplies and prices, one large abattoir put a penny in early this morning another took a half penny out, the rest mostly stand on with pigs all taken by major processors. On the fresh meat front this week all pigs entered found a home with one or two smaller processors taking more than last week due to a bit of increased demand and all prices have stood on.

However, on the cull sow front as followed on from last week we have lost another 4p on the price, down to the German market place and shifting currency. The EU spec SPP fell this week by 0.23p to 148.05p/kg and this brings the price currently to 14.87p below last year's price. According to AHDB slaughterings are up 6,000 on the week, totalling out at 175,300 head.

The other big talking point this week is again the price of straw, this has slipped a little bit but is still very expensive for those having to buy straw in. There is more straw about since harvest has finished and reports are that arable farmers have bailed more straw this year rather than plough it back in. On the weaner store front, still ample supplies of store and weaner pigs on market place with very few finishers taking anything but contract numbers due to the price of straw and probably a confidence going forward in the next few weeks.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2017	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.4805	-0.0023	1.6292	-0.1487
GB(SPP)UK	1.4539	-0.0023	1.6000	-0.1461
Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
10/09/18	1.4781	-0.0007	1.5603	0.0000
03/09/18	1.4788		1.5603	
Pork	1.5725	0.0000	1.6850	-0.1125
Cutter	1.5854	-0.0003	1.6979	-0.1125
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GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	84,616	81,782	2,834
Ave Weight kg	82.48	82.66	-0.18
Ave Probe mm	11.1	10.9	0.2



	16/09/18	Change on week	09/09/18	Diff UK
Denmark	118.90	-0.41	119.31	-28.66
Germany	140.31	-3.66	143.97	-7.25
France	124.83	1.34	123.49	-22.73
Holland	123.56	0.00	123.56	-24.00
Spain	136.89	-0.03	136.92	-10.67
EU28	137.44	0.18	137.26	-10.12
UK	147.56	0.11	147.45	0.00

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