



# Market Report

## 2018 Week 3

This time last year we were short of pigs – unprecedented times as this rarely occurs in January – but this year is back to normality with more pigs available than processors required.

Trade as expected post the festive period is very slow and with a number of pigs still hanging around from the short Christmas kill weeks putting further pressure on numbers. Also imports are heavily discounted with our European neighbours also having a glut of pigs.

Contract bacon prices in general dropped 1p across the board. Fresh meat pigs also lost ground by 1p and quite a few pigs remained on farm as there was no demand. After last week's stand on sows dropped 2p as prices in Germany came back. In the week ended 30 December, the EU-spec APP fell 0.46p on the week, to 153.3p/kg, just 1.51p below year earlier levels. However, the current price is well above 2016 levels at this time of year. The gap between the APP and SPP for this week widened once again, to 3.52p, reflecting the sharper decline in the SPP this week.

The EU-spec SPP declined slightly (0.13p) during the week ending 6 January, standing at 149.65p/kg. The series now stands 1.59p below and 30.56p above the equivalent weeks of 2017 and 2016 respectively.

Estimated slaughtering's for the week ended 6 January were at a similar level to the same week last year, at 141.5 thousand head. This is almost 40% higher than the previous week, reflecting the higher number of working days in this week. The previous week had 2 bank holidays due to the Christmas period whereas the current week only had the New Year bank holiday.

Up until the last week of 2017, carcase weights had been declining week-on-week. Average carcase weights slightly rose during the week ending 30 December, to 84.72kg, an increase of 600g on the week.

During the week ending 6 January, the 7kg weaner price declined by £2.04, standing at £38.13/head. Compared to the same week last year the 7kg weaner price stood £0.21 higher. There is no price available this week for 30kg weaners due to data unavailability.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2017	Change on Year
<b>GB(SPP)EU</b>	1.4965	-0.0013	1.5124	-0.0159
<b>GB(SPP)UK</b>	1.4697	-0.0013	1.4852	-0.0155
<b>Tribune</b>	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
08/01/18	1.4769	-0.0137	1.5452	-0.0206
01/01/18	1.4906		1.5658	
<b>Pork Cutter</b>	1.5525	-0.0075	1.5925	-0.0400
	1.5602	-0.0068	1.6037	-0.0435



<b>GB(SPP) Sample</b>	<b>This wk</b>	<b>Last wk</b>	<b>Chg</b>
Number	68,374	49,234	19,140
Ave Weight kg	84.72	84.12	0.60
Ave Probe mm	11.3	11.1	0.2



	14/01/18	Change on week	07/01/18	Diff UK
<b>Denmark</b>	115.42	-5.37	120.79	-33.61
<b>Germany</b>	0.00		128.85	
<b>France</b>	0.00		113.60	
<b>Holland</b>	108.92	-3.96	112.88	-40.11
<b>Spain</b>	110.76	-0.71	111.47	-38.27
<b>EU28</b>	125.65	-1.01	126.66	-23.38
<b>UK</b>	149.03	-1.39	150.42	0.00

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