



Market Report

2019 Week 35

It's a pity the pig forecast is not as good as the Bank Holiday weather is expected to be with demand very subdued to say the least with very little appetite for spot trade pigs and the major processors taking contract numbers maximum with some still working on reduced kills. With the Bank Holiday weekend taking place, kids not far away from returning to school and the rumour mill saying China exports are about to take off one would have thought prices would have seen some light, but the market was still a very firm stand on. The short kill week for smaller abattoirs also saw a cut in numbers.

SPP increased 0.04p to 153.05p and APP recovered the previous drop, gaining 0.46p to 155.67p. The EU-spec SPP remained nearly 4p above the equivalent week last year.

Estimated slaughter for the week totalled 168,600 head, marginally higher (+500 head) than the revised figure for last week. However, this is almost 6% lower than the equivalent week last year. This could be influenced by a later harvest this year compared to last year.

Carcase weights were marginally heavier (+70g) on the week, at 83.57kg/head. Finished pigs were on average 1.3kg heavier than the same time last year. This was the largest annual change since the end of March, boosting supplies on the market.

There is very little / no demand for spot weaners or stores, for the week ending 17 August, 7kg weaner markets continued to move down. Prices fell by 77p on the previous week to average £38.90/head. Despite the decline, prices are still around 40p above last year's prices. No prices were available for 30kg stores. Spot trade for 7kg pigs / week is around £30-32 base.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2018	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.5305	0.0004	1.4910	0.0395
GB(SPP)UK	1.5036	0.0010	1.4642	0.0394
Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
19/08/19	1.5365	0.0000	1.6171	0.0000
12/08/19	1.5365		1.6171	
Pork	1.6025	0.0000	1.5750	0.0275
Cutter	1.6221	0.0001	1.5895	0.0326



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	82,242	81,998	244
Ave Weight kg	84.98	83.5	1.48
Ave Probe mm	10.9	11.0	-0.1



	25/08/19	Change on week	18/08/19	Diff UK
Denmark	155.58	2.43	153.15	2.31
Germany	176.25	3.91	172.34	22.98
France	154.77	0.81	153.96	1.50
Holland	158.25	7.65	150.60	4.98
Spain	167.33	0.59	166.74	14.06
EU28	165.88	2.98	162.90	12.61
UK	153.27	0.42	152.85	0.00

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