



Market Report

2020 Week 8

The EU SPP this week has moved marginally 162.74p/kg, this is a price rise of 0.13p. Slaughterings have continued to drop back by 2,500 head compared to last week to total 179,300 head. According to AHDB this is the lowest factory throughput since last spring. Breakdowns in some plants will not have helped the total kill.

Demand has been static today with processor demand is only steady partly due to our UK demand in the consumer marketplace but more importantly and strategically for the UK industry is the damage the coronavirus is doing in China. According to two of the larger exporters of pork to China today cold stores are full, containers aren't being unloaded in China due to people staying indoors but more importantly is the empty containers can't be returned to the UK; so for the foreseeable future a couple months demand will only be mediocre for pork products without the Chinese influence.

The fresh market today basically the same, sluggish demand from the smaller abattoirs, lack of footfall in the high street which is to be expected; it is only Feb and people will have other things to think about other than pork. The 30kg store market and 7kg weaner contract pigs have all moved on target but no offerings of stores of either variety on offer.

On the ASF front, this week Greece has announced its first case of ASF but more importantly it is the reaction if Germany gets ASF and what that would do to the EU trading situation. The German market is the largest European pork producer and exporter, if anything happened to the German market there would be a total ban on pork produced in Germany to Member states within the EU that would mean a massive amount of pork could be available on the worldwide market.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2019	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.6274	0.0013	1.3774	0.2500
GB(SPP)UK	1.5987	0.0013	1.3528	0.2459
Tribune				
10/02/20	1.6646	0.0000	1.7384	0.0000
03/02/20	1.6646		1.7384	
Pork				
Cutter	1.7175	0.0000	1.4700	0.2475
	1.7357	0.0002	1.4817	0.2540



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	16/02/20	Change on week	09/02/20	Diff UK
Denmark	170.94	2.44	168.50	8.46
Germany	161.06	1.81	159.25	-1.42
France	134.59	-0.16	134.75	-27.89
Holland	144.08	2.45	141.63	-18.40
Spain	149.40	0.77	148.63	-13.08
EU28	155.81	1.85	153.96	-6.67
UK	162.48	0.51	161.97	0.00

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	This wk	Last wk	Chg
GB(SPP) Sample			
Number	81,097	82,230	-1,133
Ave Weight kg	85.85	85.57	0.28
Ave Probe mm	11.2	11.1	0.1