



Market Report

2020 Week 12

Prices this week have moved only very marginally upwards in terms of SPP and the EU SPP stands at 163.05p/kg an increase of +0.38p.

Obviously the main headlines across the country this week is coronavirus and the implications for all concerned but at least people will need to eat, even if they are quarantined at home, so hopefully we will see an increase in pork consumption with less people going out to eat in restaurants and pubs and stay at home with family meals?

The other big story this week is very suddenly the 'END THE CAGE AGE DEBATE' will take place in parliament on March 16. Obviously, there is no need to mention that farrowing crates will come into this equation as well as broiler cages and individual calf pens. The Government has stated that they share the public's high regard for animal welfare and welfare of farm livestock and must be protected by robust legislation, but obviously if the farrowing crates were to be abolished then we would be faced with freedom farrowing crates as an alternative.

This week we have seen all pigs accepted by abattoirs on contracts with one abattoir looking for extra pigs for the first time in a long time, and that maybe backs up the previous statement of more meat being consumed in the UK, which hopefully will lead to a price increase and a bit more demand from processors. We have seen a penny surprisingly come into the price from one large processor and another large processor telling us they have plenty of pigs around them and prices won't move.

A similar story on the fresh meat front with a couple of the smaller abattoirs saying they have had a really good week moving pigmeat and they have taken a few more pigs as a result, all at a stand on price. The cull sow trade, as you know, rose rapidly two weeks ago but this week we are at a stand on. Weaners and store pigs on contractual arrangements are still moving readily and the spot market is fairly quiet due to some producers having infertility problems etc etc some time ago.

Footnote: In these coming weeks due to the coronavirus maybe effecting processors workforce please can we ensure that we don't hang onto any pigs, we try and market every pig available, every week in case we get a cutback or worst case scenario a shutdown of one or more of the processors. Let's be well prepared for all eventualities.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2019	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.6305	0.0038	1.3777	0.2528
GB(SPP)UK	1.6019	0.0038	1.3531	0.2488
Tribune				
09/03/20	1.6646	0.0000	1.7384	0.0000
02/03/20	1.6646		1.7384	
Pork				
Cutter	1.7175	0.0000	1.4700	0.2475
	1.7361	0.0005	1.4817	0.2544

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	15/03/20	Change on week	08/03/20	Diff UK
Denmark	171.50	0.03	171.47	9.30
Germany	173.30	-0.04	173.34	11.10
France	135.90	0.03	135.87	-26.30
Holland	151.00	0.03	150.97	-11.20
Spain	155.10	0.00	155.10	-7.10
EU28	162.81	0.00	162.81	0.61
UK	162.20	-0.02	162.22	0.00

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GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	77,920	79,162	-1,242
Ave Weight kg	85.94	85.83	0.11
Ave Probe mm	11.1	11.1	0.0