



# Market Report

## 2020 Week 17

This week has seen the movement of all bacon pigs to major processors with one or two abattoirs willing to take more if they had been available. Around the country reports indicate supplies are tight, due to various reasons, last year serving infertility, disease issues on farm and some have no doubt pulled hard at pigs in the last two or three weeks, pig weights are lighter than three weeks ago.

The EU spec SPP has averaged this week 163.63p/kg which is 0.26p lower than previous week so obviously demand hasn't affected a price rise. On the fresh meat front this week all pigs entered moved but smaller processors are reporting that some catering output has ceased, some small butchers have shut up shops but some have diversified by selling online, with some having gone back to van deliveries. Interested to note how shop habits have changed and what will happen if and when we come out of lockdown scenario in the UK.

Pig prices on the continent generally cheaper this week and sows have come back 4p, most of this to do with strength of pound and German marketplace. 7kg weaners and 30kg store pigs readily finding homes with major finishers still looking with confidence in the weeks ahead when these will come forward into marketplace.

From the trade it is reported China is still looking for pigmeat and some herds have been trying to restock with new genetics, ASF still rumbling on and don't want the marketplace going down with ASF.

The major processors in the UK who we have spoken to this week have reported some staff absenteeism due to Covid-19 but they are managing to keep the kill lines going as best they can for the time being but hopefully we are on top of pig weights and numbers if anything happens in the near future.

|                  | This week            | Change on week | This wk 2019          | Change on Year |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>GB(SPP)EU</b> | 1.6363               | -0.0026        | 1.3831                | 0.2532         |
| <b>GB(SPP)UK</b> | 1.6074               | -0.0025        | 1.3584                | 0.2490         |
| <b>Tribune</b>   | <b>GB Spot Bacon</b> |                | <b>GB Spot Cutter</b> |                |
| 13/04/20         | 1.6699               | 0.0000         | 1.7467                | 0.0000         |
| 06/04/20         | 1.6699               |                | 1.7467                |                |
| <b>Pork</b>      | 1.7375               | 0.0000         | 1.4825                | 0.2550         |
| <b>Cutter</b>    | 1.7528               | -0.0003        | 1.4951                | 0.2578         |

### REMINDER

|  |                            |                   |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|
|  | Quarter Period             | January-March     |
|  | Quarter End                | 31/03/2020        |
|  | Deadline Entry/Upload date | <b>30/04/2020</b> |

| GB(SPP) Sample       | This wk | Last wk | Chg    |
|----------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| <b>Number</b>        | 74,261  | 79,445  | -5,184 |
| <b>Ave Weight kg</b> | 84.98   | 85      | -0.02  |
| <b>Ave Probe mm</b>  | 11.0    | 11.1    | -0.1   |

|                | 19/04/20 | Change on week | 12/04/20 | Diff UK |
|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|---------|
| <b>Denmark</b> | 175.28   | -8.94          | 184.22   | 11.71   |
| <b>Germany</b> | 169.25   | -8.87          | 178.12   | 5.68    |
| <b>France</b>  | 144.82   | -7.49          | 152.31   | -18.75  |
| <b>Holland</b> | 150.80   | -7.15          | 157.95   | -12.77  |
| <b>Spain</b>   | 163.21   | -8.16          | 171.37   | -0.36   |
| <b>EU28</b>    | 162.15   | -7.81          | 169.96   | -1.42   |
| <b>UK</b>      | 163.57   | 0.29           | 163.28   | 0.00    |

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