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Market Report

2015 Week 11

Most contract pigs have found a home this week and apart from one large processor the price has stood on with the exception of one processor their price was up 2p on their weekly element. In the coming weeks and especially in the run to Easter some abattoirs will not want to kill as much product but getting Easter out of the way we should see supply and demand in more balance especially when some pig herds are experiencing a lessening number of bacon pigs coming through their systems due to varying disease issues they have experienced on their own units over this last 8 months.

The NPA media campaign is well under way and February was the month that they called the media blitz month and the nation was made aware on national and regional television news and consumer programmes and national and regional press of the plight of the British Pig Industry and how our margins have been steadily eroding over the last 19 months, well done the NPA keep up the good work. It is very easy for consumers choosing price above welfare and provenance but it seems as though it is a highly competitive situation we are in with foreign imports in an abundant supply currently flooding the market place. But once again the NPA is doing all it can to support the British Pig Industry.

However on the continent this week there is still upheaval in their finished pig prices and supply of product coming forward. Here, the fresh meat situation still remains stagnant with more local butchers buying foreign material in over and above our offerings of pork and cutter pigs from wholesale suppliers. Probably the fresh meat market has been hit harder than any other sector.

It looks like this week the EU spec SPP has got to the bottom of its decline and this week falling a mere 0.05p to 112.12p – hopefully this is the case especially when we are in the run to the Easter holiday period. It still remains though some producers are experiencing very high carcase weights leading to more product coming through processors doors. It appears that up and down the country there are a number of sow herds culling sows or starting culling sows in light of what is happening in the UK pig industry, it is not where we need to be.

	This week	Change on week	*This wk 2014*	*Change on Year*
GB(SPP)EU	1.1212	-0.0005	*1.3772*	*-0.2560*
GB(SPP)UK	1.1010	-0.0005	*1.3524*	*-0.2514*
Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
07/03/16	1.1150	0.0000	1.2408	0.0000
29/02/16	1.1150		1.2408	
Pork	1.2325	0.0000	*1.4625*	*-0.2300*
Cutter	1.2315	-0.0001	*1.4336*	*-0.2021*
		Change		
Spot Bacon	1.05	0.08		

GB(SPP) Sample	**This wk**	**Last wk**	**Chg**
Number	85,733	82,855	2,878
Ave Weight kg	83.8	83.9	-0.10
Ave Probe mm	11.2	11.2	0.0

	13/03/16	**Change on week**	**06/03/16**	**Diff UK**
Denmark	94.96	-0.64	95.60	-16.61
Germany	99.19	-2.70	101.89	-12.38
France	94.97	0.02	94.95	-16.60
Holland	84.40	-2.19	86.59	-27.17
Spain	91.09	-2.06	93.15	-20.48
EU28	96.92	-2.33	99.25	-14.65
UK	111.57	0.38	111.19	0.00

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