



Market Report

2018 Week 22

On the front page of the AHDB market weekly this week we have a statement pig prices heat up on back of barbeque weather, it is certainly not barbeque weather here in North Yorkshire today! With the bank holiday here upon us most of the smaller processors of the retail sector are hoping for good weather for the barbeques to sizzle, sadly today not case as fizzle might be the operative word.

However, for the rest of year DEFRA have revised slaughtering data downwards compared to what they forecast last year; so we know that at the moment in Q2 pig numbers are extremely tight due to seasonal infertility and a lot of disease that went through the pig industry last year. We haven't got to where the bad weather and wet weather that we experienced in January this year that will have affected the outdoor herds tremendously so throughout this year we could see pig numbers relatively tight.

This week however the EU Spec SPP rose 0.73p on the week to 147.94p/kg, this is still 11.27p below the same week last year and total slaughterings for the week totalled 173k head, an increase of 1% on estimated slaughterings in the prior week.

On the fresh meat front with it being a bank holiday some of the smaller processors were looking for more pigs on offer and subsequently a penny was added to all prices. Some processors were looking for one or two more batches of niche market pigs.

On the back of German pig prices finally rising this week after being in the doldrums for a number of weeks the clean pig price rose as did sow price, which has benefitted cull sow price here this week by a couple of pence a kilo.

We have talked previously about planning permission in England for future pig buildings but according to the Weekly Tribune, Chinese pork producers are now building high rise pig buildings 13 floors high, tallest building of its kind in the world. The buildings will have impact on land costs with complex feeding, slurry management systems and moving pigs by lift gains another level of complication. The new building will cost £1860/sow place. Chinese 10 largest pig farming businesses are expanding rapidly and they accounted for 5.8% for all pigs sent to slaughter in 2016, that is surely going to alter.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2017	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.4794	0.0073	1.5921	-0.1127
GB(SPP)UK	1.4528	0.0072	1.5635	-0.1107
Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
21/05/18	1.4956	0.0016	1.5700	0.0034
14/05/18	1.4940		1.5666	
Pork	1.5925	0.0100	1.6900	-0.0975
Cutter	1.6073	0.0103	1.6996	-0.0924



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	81,443	80,994	449
Ave Weight kg	83.38	83.09	0.29
Ave Probe mm	11.1	10.9	0.2



	27/05/18	Change on week	20/05/18	Diff UK
Denmark	111.76	0.00	111.76	-34.25
Germany	124.62	0.00	124.62	-21.39
France	114.29	0.00	114.29	-31.72
Holland	109.89	0.00	109.89	-36.12
Spain	124.30	0.00	124.30	-21.71
EU28	122.81	0.00	122.81	-23.20
UK	146.01	0.00	146.01	0.00

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