



Market Report

2020 Week 13

This week the EU spec SPP moved marginally upwards to 163.22p/kg which is 0.17p more than the previous week. Slaughter throughput estimated at 180,000 head, 3.5% more than previous week or 6,000 head: according to AHDB 12,800 more head than the same time last year.

It has been suggested in light of coronavirus and the scares that we may lose processor killing lines and/or haulage companies and there is some encouragement to pull pigs forward. Certainly, today with stand on prices, this won't encourage to pull forward. Major concern is processor labour availability particularly to make sure enough workforce to keep supply chains running.

All major processors this week, apart from one who put nearly a penny into their weekly element stood on, great expectations throughout the farming communities to put money into the pigs. However, the fresh meat market had great demand, as you would expect from high street butchers with meat shortages, meat scares throughout the major retail outlets this week. All the smaller plants reported brisk trade and sold out of pigmeat, cattle and sheep evident today and all have put money in. Next week intimated loads of bacon pigs would offer at better price in case they couldn't get loads of cutter pigs.

Weaner market remains steady, very few spot about, contractual numbers as they are, everywhere great uncertainty over coronavirus COVID-19. Cull sows moved up penny a kilo on the back of what is happening in Germany and demand OK.

Ever changing, hopefully keep abattoirs open, processors open and wagon driver's availability to deliver, and with this the pig industry and farmers should be OK and hopefully business as normal.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2019	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.6322	0.0017	1.3796	0.2526
GB(SPP)UK	1.6033	0.0014	1.3550	0.2483
Tribune				
16/03/20	1.6646	0.0000	1.7384	0.0000
09/03/20	1.6646		1.7384	
Pork	1.7375	0.0200	1.4700	0.2675
Cutter	1.7523	0.0162	1.4819	0.2703

REMINDER		
	Quarter Period	January-March
	Quarter End	31/03/2020
	Deadline Entry/Upload date	30/04/2020

GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	184	187	-2
Ave Weight kg	162.41	161.99	0.42
Ave Probe mm	191.3	188.5	2.8

	22/03/20	Change on week	15/03/20	Diff UK
Denmark	181.25	2.09	179.16	18.84
Germany	179.46	-0.79	180.25	17.05
France	146.17	3.89	142.28	-16.24
Holland	163.57	8.37	155.20	1.16
Spain	168.37	4.86	163.51	5.96
EU28	171.22	1.71	169.51	8.81
UK	162.41	0.42	161.99	0.00

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