



Market Report

2020 Week 36

Certainly, this week in pig marketing has proved a better week than the last couple with more slaughter pigs being moved than anticipated. This was due to one large processor uplifting all our pigs and placing them. However, the UK finished GB pig price continued on a downward slope, this week the EU Spec SPP dropped by 0.79p to stand at 162.72p/kg, this is still around 10p/kg higher than last year's price for same week.

Slaughterings at British plants last week totalled 176,800 head during the week which is down around 3,500 head from week before but 7,000 head above same week in 2019. Carcase weights are looking at above 2kg plus on same week last year.

Due to the factors that are circulating at the moment, the European price, that was weak, has now stabilised; maybe a hint in the weeks to come that the Chinese export market will move steadily on and maybe a little bit more optimism in some of the processors this week. It still remains up and down in the country where there are pigs rolled still sat on farm and it probably will take a few weeks for backlogs to be moved through the processing chain.

This week however, a bit of light at the end of the tunnel is that sows have risen by 3p. On the fresh meat market there has been a bit of demand this week in that sector and prices have stood on. So, the last thing we want here in the UK marketplace are abattoir breakdowns and/or interruption through coronavirus affecting capabilities of processing pigs. However, we are in a far better position than the Northern Irish pig industry at the moment, with the Ballymena plant still remaining closed due to Covid-19 restrictions until 7 September, there are an awful lot of pigs rolled in NI.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2019	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.6272	-0.0079	1.5295	0.0977
GB(SPP)UK	1.5985	-0.0077	1.5025	0.0960
Tribune				
24/08/20	1.6338	-0.0012	1.7266	-0.0017
17/08/20	1.6350		1.7283	
Pork	1.7300	0.0000	1.6025	0.1275
Cutter	1.7410	-0.0011	1.6219	0.1190



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	78,411	80,010	-1,599
Ave Weight kg	85.76	85.64	0.12
Ave Probe mm	11.1	11.1	0.0

EU Pig Prices

P/KG	30/08/20	Change on week	23/08/20	Diff UK
Denmark	143.27	0.32	142.95	-19.69
Germany	137.33	-0.18	137.51	-25.63
France	128.95	0.83	128.12	-34.01
Holland	116.61	0.07	116.54	-46.35
Spain	143.68	-0.54	144.22	-19.28
EU27	135.81	-0.31	136.12	-27.15
UK	162.96	-0.58	163.54	0.00

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