



Market Report

2020 Week 35

This week I hope isn't the start of many weeks of disruption to pig throughput. Pig Farming is a continuous flow and any upheavals to that chain poses great problems on your pig units but we are in a state of excess pigs, very low demand, poor marketplace, excess pigs in Europe and again a very very poor price, much cheaper than we are here in the UK. According to AHDB, July 2020 UK pigmeat is the highest we have been in 20 years. A total of 963,700 clean pigs have been processed by UK abattoirs in July, that number is up 57,000 head on the year. We produced 860,200 tonnes of pigmeat in July, 9% more than July last year and that gives some indication of the amount of pigs coming forward.

We have seen the EU spec SPP come back 0.33p to stand at 163.51p/kg, a change on a year earlier of 10.46p/kg. The glut of pigs is likely to continue for a few weeks and we might see some difficult times ahead. On the fresh meat front this week there is a similar pattern, with the smaller plants not shifting product to the high street and accordingly the numbers taken have reduced and a couple pence per kilo on the price has been eroded.

On the sow market we have seen maybe a little bit of stability at the bottom of the market, the price has stood on and sows are moving; the interruptions of a few weeks ago looks as though it has disappeared.

On a brighter note, with the children returning to school on the 2 September there will hopefully be a bit of a boost into the food service supply chain and may help us get some pork products moving.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2019	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.6351	-0.0033	1.5305	0.1046
GB(SPP)UK	1.6062	-0.0034	1.5036	0.1026
Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
17/08/20	1.6350	-0.0100	1.7283	-0.0180
10/08/20	1.6450		1.7463	
Pork	1.7300	-0.0075	1.6025	0.1275
Cutter	1.7420	-0.0078	1.6221	0.1199



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	80,010	77,088	2,922
Ave Weight kg	85.64	85.7	-0.06
Ave Probe mm	11.1	11.1	0.0



EU Pig Prices

P/KG	23/08/20	Change on week	16/08/20	Diff UK
Denmark	142.95	-0.09	143.04	-20.59
Germany	137.51	0.33	137.18	-26.03
France	128.12	0.03	128.09	-35.42
Holland	116.54	0.04	116.50	-47.00
Spain	144.22	1.83	142.39	-19.32
EU27	136.12	-0.11	136.23	-27.42
UK	163.54	-0.70	164.24	0.00

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