



Market Report

2020 Week 41

In the main apart from SPP related matrix deal bacon prices in the main were stand on, whereas fresh meat / cutter prices were down a penny. Factory breakdowns and high numbers of pigs currently available for sale are causing quite a few pigs to remain on farm until demand / extra slaughter capacity increases.

The GB EU-spec SPP fell slightly, by 0.18p, to 159.62p/kg in the week ending September 26. Prices across the continent continue to influence producer prices domestically. Industry reports generally suggest this trend is likely to continue in coming weeks with pressure from processors. All weight bands, except those over 105kg, dropped in price. The GB EU-spec APP fell to 163.86p/kg, down by 0.49p on the week. Despite this, prices remain 7.75p up when compared to the same week in 2019.

The SPP recorded a more significant fall in the same week and so the gap between the two series widened to 4.06p, the largest difference since April 2019.

The average carcase weight stood at 86.38kg, similar to last week but up a substantial 2.10kg when compared to the same week last year. Weekly estimated slaughter totalled 194,400 head, still noticeably higher than a year earlier but down 2% on the previous week, a result of some pigs being rolled and in some cases a lot of pigs are backed up on farm.

The 7kg weaner price stood at £40.92/head, although this still up £1.17 on the same week in 2019 this is the lowest weekly average this year so far. Conversely, the 30kg weaner price picked up to £62.91/head, the highest price on record, although it should be noted the small sample size for 30kg weaners means changes in the mix of pigs in the sample each week can have large impacts on the price reported. Spot traded 7kg and 30kg were traded £2-4 less whereas 30kg pigs on the spot trade were at least to £10 / head less than the AHDB figures quoted.

AHDB's successful 'midweek meal' pork campaign resumes next week, with a new range of 'One Pot' pulled pork recipes and a focus on ease and affordability. Running for six weeks between October 5 and November 15, this autumn's consumer messaging will for the first time, highlight the impressive taste and value qualities of pork shoulder. The newly developed range of delicious hero recipes cover an array of global flavours from Portuguese Piri Piri to Caribbean Jerk. The seven new recipes are made up of just five ingredients or less and can be cooked together in one pot. The new slogan of 'One Pot, 5 ingredients' aims to demonstrate pulled pork's ability to deliver on flavour, as well as ease and affordability for a range of cuisines.

Areas of concern reported this week are of swine dysentery outbreaks in Suffolk and the ASF outbreak in Germany has probably been in there since July. Authorities have confirmed two more cases in wild boar in the Spree-Neisse district on Thursday taking the total number of confirmed outbreaks in Brandenburg to 40.

EU Pig Prices

P/KG	04/10/20	Change on week	27/09/20	Diff UK
Denmark	142.84	-2.69	145.53	-17.47
Germany	121.30	-0.64	121.94	-39.01
France	138.16	0.53	137.63	-22.15
Holland	117.97	1.54	116.43	-42.34
Spain	144.86	-0.31	145.17	-15.45
EU27	129.59	-1.23	130.82	-30.72
UK	160.31	-0.44	160.75	0.00

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2019	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.5962	-0.0018	1.5421	0.0541
GB(SPP)UK	1.5682	-0.0018	1.5149	0.0533
Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
28/09/20	1.6050	-0.0138	1.6908	-0.0109
21/09/20	1.6188		1.7017	
Pork	1.6875	-0.0025	1.6509	0.0366
Cutter	1.7008	-0.0022	1.5647	0.1361



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	80,613	82,104	-1,491
Ave Weight kg	86.38	86.29	0.09
Ave Probe mm	11.3	11.2	0.1



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