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Market Report
2021 Week 5

No respite on numbers and weights continue to rise as pigs continue to be rolled and clog the supply flow. Covid 19 issues causing plant closures / reduced kills and factories that have more staff available killing their normal requirements to meet their demand are not helping to reduce the rolled pig numbers.

Seasonally we always see more pigs available in January and numbers weaned forecasted highlighted how good production has been over the last 6 months both in sow productivity with good numbers born and reared, also we have seen fantastic physical performance of grower/finisher pigs resulting in an estimate of 15% extra pigs to what we normally sell. Add this to the problems of reduced kills because of various issue pre-Christmas and with only low numbers slaughtered over the festive holidays this has totally flooded the market – add to this the amount of imported meat readily available at very low prices is not making anybody's job easy balancing numbers with very little light shining at the end of the tunnel currently.

The SPP EU-spec price for the week ended 23 January fell by 1.36p to 141.69p/kg – this is now the 27th consecutive week of decline. The EU-spec APP declined by 1.43p to 147.80p/kg for the week ended 16 January. This was nearly 17p below the same week last year. The gap between the APP and SPP widened to 4.75p, with a slightly larger fall in the SPP for the same week. On a positive note, most Matrix input prices stood on, seeing an overall drop of around 1p at most plants for the coming week.

We did see a little more interest in sows albeit at much lower-than-average numbers sold with prices falling by a few coppers.

Yet again no prices have been quoted for weaners or stores. Numbers available are less but with very little space available and high input costs the spot market remains very quiet.

Slaughter was estimated at 184,000 head, a weekly decline of 2% but 1% higher than the same period last year. This figure does not take into account the number of pigs which remain on farm as slaughter space remains at a premium.

The average carcase weight, however, did fall by 0.5kg to 90.16kg after a historic high the week before. The average probe measurement also fell to 11.3mm, a level that has not been recorded since October.

	This week	Change on week	*This wk 2019*	*Change on Year*
GB(SPP)EU	1.4169	-0.0136	*1.6254*	*-0.2085*
GB(SPP)UK	1.3927	-0.0136	*1.5967*	*-0.2040*
Tribune	**GB Spot Bacon**		**GB Spot Cutter**	
25/01/21	1.4219	-0.0156	1.4983	-0.0200
18/01/21	1.4375		1.5183	
Pork	1.5175	-0.0100	*1.7175*	*-0.2000*
Cutter	1.5269	-0.0098	*1.7351*	*-0.2082*

GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	79,557	8,113	71,444
Ave Weight kg	90.16	90.69	-0.53
Ave Probe mm	11.3	11.5	-0.2

EU Pig Prices P/KG	31/01/21	Change on week	24/01/21	Diff UK
Denmark	127.53	-1.05	128.58	-16.02
Germany	110.85	-0.04	110.89	-32.70
France	118.27	-0.62	118.89	-25.28
Holland	102.62	-0.65	103.27	-40.93
Spain	120.06	-0.89	120.95	-23.49
EU27	113.86	-0.52	114.38	-29.69
UK	143.55	-1.13	144.68	0.00

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