



Market Report

2021 Week 38

Pretty much the same as last week in the pig industry, another challenging week. We are desperately looking for solutions to the issues and problems we are facing at the moment. Zoe Davies of NPA and her team are working tirelessly to try and come up solutions but at the moment appear to be running into a brick wall. This week the situation has not improved, we still have masses of rolled pigs backed up on farm; we are trying to work on weights, room and fairness to work through members pigs, but it is not easy. We are still looking at acute staff shortage at processors but with the end of furlough at the end of September that might ease the issue.

We have seen the major process reduce their weekly elements by penny and sows have stood on across the board. On the fresh meat front we have seen regular uptake by the smaller processors but all reporting very difficult to move pork at this time and looking at the price of lamb and beef it is hard to understand why. The EU Spec SPP has changed little this week to stand at 156.37p/kg, the price dropped by 0.02p/kg from the week before, and prices remain similar to levels in June. However, we can still expect, I believe, further downward pressure on prices, there is an abundance pork across Europe and their prices remain 40p+ lower than here in Britain and imported pig meat is competitive at the moment.

Carcase weights stand at 88.89kg, this is over 3kgs above last years level which is quite a large jump and does verify and backup the delays in the processing systems. What effect to heavy pigs have on the SPP, with the Covid-19 pressures on the processing plants, carcasse weights have increased, and heavy pigs do play a part in the SPP. Heavy pigs being pigs that weigh more than 105kg. In the 12 months beginning October 2020, heavy pigs contributed 1.2% of the SPP sample, since then the share is 3.7% and some weeks more than 6%; so, it is having an effect and will continue to if we continue to see rolled pigs out on farm. There will be some light at the end of the tunnel, it's just finding it.

It appears now two main plants for CO2 gas, one in Cheshire and one at Stockton-on-Tees are closing for approximately 2 weeks for routine maintenance work!

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2020	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.5637	-0.0002	1.6094	-0.0457
GB(SPP)UK	1.5765	0.0395	1.5812	-0.0047
Tribune				
13/09/21	1.5477	-0.0100	1.6188	-0.0200
06/09/21	1.5577		1.6388	
Pork	1.6250	-0.0100	1.7025	-0.0775
Cutter	1.6425	-0.0087	1.7159	-0.0734

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	Quarter Period	July-September
	Quarter End	30/09/2021
	Deadline Entry/Upload date	14/11/2021

GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	73,017	68,149	4,868
Ave Weight kg	88.89	88.96	-0.07
Ave Probe mm	11.4	11.5	-0.1

<u>EU Pig Prices</u>		Change on		
<u>P/KG</u>	19/09/21	week	12/09/21	Diff UK
Denmark	114.96	-1.96	116.92	-42.00
Germany	113.52	-2.06	115.58	-43.44
France	125.92	-0.24	126.16	-31.04
Holland	101.68	-3.31	104.99	-55.28
Spain	128.63	-1.89	130.52	-28.33
EU27	118.39	-2.19	120.58	-38.57
UK	156.96	-0.59	157.55	0.00



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