



Market Report

2021 Week 42

It has been another tough week in the pig industry, there is still a huge backlog of bacon pigs sat on farm up and down the country. There have been announcements this week which will help the pig industry but not immediately – the levy holiday from AHDB for the month of November announced this week which will amount to just under £1m for England and Scotland. The announcement from DEFRA that up to 800 butchers will be allowed into the country on a part time basis to come and work in our processing plants and the aid to private storage announcement that hopefully will take some pigmeat, if freezer space can be allocated, off the market for the short to medium term.

Probably the main event of this last week was the Save the GB Bacon Campaign at the Conservatory Party Conference last Monday in Manchester reached the headlines all over and thank you all for the people who took part. It did highlight to the Government, if they are really interested, just how bad the situation is. Pig producers are struggling badly at the moment, not only with space but with the SPP moving downwards the week before and the hike with the feed situation, it is not good; but foreign workers aren't sat waiting the other side of the channel to come to the UK to be trained to work in abattoirs and there won't be domestic people queuing up either.

This week we have seen a little respite in the EU spec SPP which increased by over 2p/kg to 151.01p/kg. This was probably to do with the amount of spot pigs that went into the sample the week before. GB slaughterings during the week estimated 182,300 head which is well below the figure from last week and 2% below same time last year, but EU prices remain very low and will put an increasing challenge for the pricing competitiveness of our pork. Some processors are trying to work through the excess of pigs, and this has been implemented by selling extra batches of low-price pigs where only minimal butchery is required. There are fewer of these pigs in the sample this week and that means the average price paid for pigs was higher but getting through the backlog remains difficult unless we get some Government intervention.

All major processors have stood on this week with their pricing arrangements. The cutter market appears to be flooded with pigs cheaper than usual which is understandable at this time but nevertheless pigs moved and found a home. The cull sow market although in the doldrums due to what is happening in Germany still and their culling policies remains as stand on. Let's hope there is a little bit of daylight at the end of the tunnel now.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2020	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.5101	0.0219	1.5781	-0.0680
GB(SPP)UK	1.4844	0.0214	1.5506	-0.0662
Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
11/10/21	1.4922	-0.0210	1.5828	-0.0160
04/10/21	1.5132		1.5988	
Pork	1.5750	-0.0175	1.6675	-0.0925
Cutter	1.5920	-0.0111	1.6817	-0.0897



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	73,576	78,561	-4,985
Ave Weight kg	92.13	92.41	-0.28
Ave Probe mm	11.5	11.6	-0.1

EU Pig Prices

P/KG	17/10/21	Change on week	10/10/21	Diff UK
Denmark	113.90	-0.49	114.39	-38.74
Germany	109.75	-3.54	113.29	-42.89
France	117.52	-3.51	121.03	-35.12
Holland	97.09	-2.41	99.50	-55.55
Spain	118.24	-3.62	121.86	-34.40
EU27	112.75	-2.40	115.15	-39.89
UK	152.64	0.81	151.83	0.00



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