



Market Report

2021 Week 44

There isn't a lot of good news in the pig market place this week, it is very much the same throughout the UK, a huge backlog of bacon pigs with weaners and store pigs backed up as well because of producers' inability, which is out of their control, to get bacon pigs away. However, the Aids to Private Storage should start next week; details are to be announced yet, but not all processors will take it up bearing in mind this pigmeat can either come out at 3, 6 or 9 months down the road but it will be up to each processor to market that meat. There will be a cost to this, there will be a storage charge on the amount of tonnes stored by the individual processor, but it might take some pigmeat off the marketplace fairly quickly if the processors can kill it and box it.

The other thing that has been announced this week is a cull and render service to be funded by the AHDB pork levy, the AHDB Pork Board has agreed to fund a dedicated off farm cull and render service for producers who are struggling with backlog on farm. Facility will cater for 2000-3000 mature pigs a week and setting up the facility will cost £20,000 which will be funded by pork levy and the plant when up and running will make an operational charge, a commercial arrangement between two parties, the facility will be opened as soon as possible.

On the back of that thought, the SPP has risen 1.87p this week following a sharp decline a couple of weeks ago to stand 148.22p/kg. Slaughtering for the week are approx. 5% lower than the week before at 170,200 head. The SPP is jumping about a bit, purely on the back of pigs being overweight and going out of spec and spot pigs sold to plants that are applying minimal butchering and sending them abroad. The pig market situation is no better, anything would be welcome now to try and move the backlog of pigs sitting out on farms. We have little time left now before Christmas and if the situation doesn't improve, we are going to carry this rollover to February and March when pigs naturally tighten.

Cull sow prices this week have stood on, the situation has maybe altered a little on the continent even though there is still large slaughtering of sows going on, but the plants seem to have got over the Covid restrictions they were facing two weeks ago. Fresh meat demand is OK, and prices stood on. Within the mainstream processors here in the UK we have seen prices stand on, but it is the uptake of pigs from some abattoirs we need to increase to get back to some normality to try and move the backlog of pigs.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2020	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.4822	0.0187	1.5661	-0.0839
GB(SPP)UK	1.4571	0.0183	1.5387	-0.0816
Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
25/10/21	1.4672	-0.0130	1.5598	-0.0130
18/10/21	1.4802		1.5728	
Pork	1.5650	0.0000	1.6450	-0.0800
Cutter	1.5796	0.0018	1.6608	-0.0812



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	74,557	78,241	-3,684
Ave Weight kg	91.18	92.93	-1.75
Ave Probe mm	11.7	11.7	0.0

EU Pig Prices

P/KG	31/10/21	Change on week	24/10/21	Diff UK
Denmark	110.22	-3.68	113.90	-39.44
Germany	107.80	-0.34	108.14	-41.86
France	113.06	-2.66	115.72	-36.60
Holland	96.24	-0.23	96.47	-53.42
Spain	110.11	-4.08	114.19	-39.55
EU27	109.21	-1.19	110.40	-40.45
UK	149.66	0.75	148.91	0.00



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