



Market Report

2021 Week 50

The Friday before the last full trading week before Christmas is usually one of the busiest trading days of the year but issues at processing plants due to Covid / Staff Issues still having implications on the numbers they can actually kill and process leaving a potential for more pigs in the Christmas week. Also with Christmas on a weekend this year has also seen buyer's looking to see what demand is for buying seasonal extras. With Christmas looming there

In general most plants stood on with their weekly input prices, small decreases were seen in contract prices due to the fall in SPP, which fell by 0.72p to 142.84p/kg. This puts the measure 8.2p below where it was at the same time last year. For the week ending November 27, the EU-spec APP fell by 0.99p to 149.22p/kg. The gap between the two price series narrowed to 5.66p. Cutter price remained stand on with no extra seasonal offerings and sow price was stand on.

Unfortunately, there was insufficient data available to produce a 7kg or 30kg weaner price this week.

The average carcass weight fell slightly 0.05 compared to the previous week, to 91.88kg, with probes averaging 11.7mm.

Estimated slaughter for the week was 193,800 head. This was higher than last week's figure by around 7,900 head, but 3,700 head lower than during the equivalent week last year. This increase would be down to a few outlets operating Saturday kills.

The idea of an on-farm cull and render service that was going to be set up as a backstop for producers who are struggling with a backlog of pigs on-farm has been scrapped. The service, announced by AHDB in October, was going to be based in a plant which with capacity for between 2,000 and 3,000 mature pigs per week. AHDB was going to cover the £20,000 set up cost and any idle time staff costs during its operation. Producers were due to be charged per pig culled and rendered by the plant.

However, the initiative has fallen down due to legal restrictions and requirements around two separate elements of a licensed meat business and those of a knackery operating in the same building. It is understood that one of the concerns was how it could be guaranteed that animals culled at the plant would not enter the food chain.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2020	Change on Year
GB(SPP)EU	1.4284	-0.0072	1.5405	-0.1121
GB(SPP)UK	1.4044	-0.0071	1.5139	-0.1095
Tribune				
GB Spot Bacon				
06/12/21	1.4253	-0.0078	1.5177	-0.0062
29/11/21	1.4331		1.5239	
Pork	1.5250	0.3775	1.6000	-0.0750
Cutter	1.5385	0.3010	1.6161	-0.0776



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	78,809	74,372	4,437
Ave Weight kg	93.36	93.43	-0.07
Ave Probe mm	11.6	11.7	-0.1



<u>EU Pig Prices</u>		Change on		
<u>P/KG</u>	12/12/21	week	05/12/21	Diff UK
Denmark	109.89	0.72	109.17	-34.08
Germany	107.59	0.39	107.20	-36.38
France	113.82	0.97	112.85	-30.15
Holland	96.62	0.56	96.06	-47.35
Spain	105.74	0.00	105.74	-38.23
EU27	109.72	1.34	108.38	-34.25
UK	143.97	-0.85	144.82	0.00

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