



# Market Report

## 2022 Week 2

Maybe the first green shoots in this crisis that we find ourselves have appeared this week with the EU average reference price starting to lift. The EU price, as you are all well aware, had fallen for 20 consecutive weeks to the end of October but the week ending 19/12/21 the average price had risen to nearly €133/100kgs. This is the highest level since October but still very low by historical standards but the EU sow herds were starting to get culled 4-5 months ahead of the UK so there will be a balancing up of supply and demand as less pigs become more apparent. Supply and demand will become more in tune in the EU.

However, here the EU spec SPP stands at 140.55p/kg for w/e 01/01/22, this is down 2.31p on a week earlier and takes out the penny plus we recorded in the previous week, however, we all know that the slow down in the pig market is fairly typical after Christmas. Throughput totalled 136k head, which is lower than we have previous weeks bearing in mind shorter week. Carcase weights averaged 94.12kgs which is up almost 2kgs on week previous and highest on record, but we all know in the UK there are plenty of pigs averaging well over 100kgs per load and the pig mountain continues to grow.

On the SPP sample of pig weights, only 84% of the sample fell in the 70-104.9kg bracket last week, usually the long-term average is closer to 93%. However, the main constraints this week and for the next few weeks is going to be the availability of processors staff ie getting them on site due to Covid-19 restrictions and absenteeism in staff. It is really starting to bite, and all plants have reported absenteeism today, there is no quick fix for this, there still remains a huge surplus of pigs sat out on everybody's farms that is going to take some wading through until we see pig numbers naturally tighten in spring and/or China come back on for 6-way cuts.

We take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the New Year and hope it is going to be prosperous.

	This week	Change on week	This wk 2021	Change on Year
<b>GB(SPP)EU</b>	1.4055	-0.0231	1.4673	-0.0618
<b>GB(SPP)UK</b>	1.3824	-0.0224	1.4422	-0.0598
<b>Tribune</b>	<b>GB Spot Bacon</b>		<b>GB Spot Cutter</b>	
03/01/22	1.4200	0.0000	1.5150	0.0000
27/12/21	1.4200		1.5150	
<b>Pork</b>	1.5250	0.0000	1.5400	-0.0150
<b>Cutter</b>	1.5354	0.0000	1.5503	-0.0149



GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
<b>Number</b>	56,171	56,171	0
<b>Ave Weight kg</b>	95.6	95.6	0.00
<b>Ave Probe mm</b>	11.8	11.8	0.0

<u>EU Pig Prices</u>		Change on week		
<u>P/KG</u>	09/01/22		02/01/22	Diff UK
<b>Denmark</b>	108.07	-4.96	113.03	-35.71
<b>Germany</b>	109.88	-1.06	110.94	-33.90
<b>France</b>	114.45	-0.51	114.96	-29.33
<b>Holland</b>	95.98	-0.85	96.83	-47.80
<b>Spain</b>	106.28	-1.08	107.36	-37.50
<b>EU27</b>	111.05	-1.85	112.90	-32.73
<b>UK</b>	143.78	-0.74	144.52	0.00

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