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Market Report
2022 Week 4

Despite slightly higher kill plans at odd processing plants with staff returning to work following Covid issues there is still more than enough pigs about to meet demand with more pigs having an extended stay on farm.

Weights and probes continue to increase putting producers under more financial pressure as well as all the practicalities in housing rolled / extra pigs.

The EU-spec SPP has dropped to 139.00p/kg for the week ending 15 January. This is a drop of 1.10p from the previous week and the first time the SPP has been below 140p/kg since March last year. APP stood at 146.03p/kg in the week ending 8 January. This is down 2.01p from the week before and a larger drop than was seen on the SPP for the same week. The gap between the two prices now stands at 7.03p.

Processor shout prices were in the main stand on with the exception of a few plants dropping the matrix price by 1p – overall with the drop in SPP prices dropped by 1p. Cutter demand at this time of year is slow and prices on the whole stood on / back 1p. Sows saw a drop of 2p with no prices were available for weaner / store pigs due to lack of data available.

Estimated slaughter was up 20.5% on last week at 179,423 head. This is 1.5% higher than the same time last year. Carcase weight increased again this week to 95.42 kg – setting another record.

A recent AHDB report indicates the size of the English pig herd fell markedly on 1 Dec 2021, according to the latest data released by Defra. The female breeding herd was 295,000 head, 6.9% (22,000 head) smaller than a year before. The number of sows in pig recorded have fallen by 32,000 head. The data also shows that there were 3.7 million clean pigs on farms on that date, over 10% more than on the same date a year before.

Also, the recent November census is showing the influential German breeding herd has dropped by 7% with piglet and grower numbers down by 10% and the finisher herd down by 9%.

Both the above drops show the English and German breeding herds have dropped but progeny from culled sows is still on farm but will have an effect on reducing numbers in the coming weeks / months heading into spring, hopefully leading to higher prices with pig weights and movements returning to some normality.

	This week	Change on week	*This wk 2021*	*Change on Year*
GB(SPP)EU	1.3900	-0.0110	*1.4305*	*-0.0405*
GB(SPP)UK	1.3674	-0.0107	*1.4063*	*-0.0389*

Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
17/01/22	1.3985	-0.0055	1.4980	-0.0031
10/01/22	1.4040		1.5011	

Pork	1.5150	-0.0075	*1.5175*	*-0.0025*
Cutter	1.5253	-0.0075	*1.5269*	*-0.0016*

GB(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	71,127	59,045	12,082
Ave Weight kg	95.42	96.58	-1.16
Ave Probe mm	11.9	11.8	0.1

EU Pig Prices P/KG	23/01/22	Change on week	16/01/22	Diff UK
Denmark	108.88	-0.03	108.91	-32.90
Germany	108.84	-0.54	109.38	-32.94
France	112.67	-1.14	113.81	-29.11
Holland	95.22	-0.05	95.27	-46.56
Spain	108.77	2.64	106.13	-33.01
EU27	110.57	-0.02	110.59	-31.21
UK	141.78	-0.42	142.20	0.00

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