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Market Report
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As Christmas approaches, we have seen some processors start to take a few extra pigs with plans to take further extras over the coming weeks. This has enabled all pigs to be placed this week with only pigs that don't fit logistically having to be rolled.
Producers should be starting to pull forward and take advantage of the current extra slaughter space to get on top of weights and create space for reduced kills over the Christmas period and poor demand traditionally seen in the New Year – last year's low sales in January and February were a freak and we don't expect the same to happen again this year.
Most processor input prices were back 1p and the EU-spec SPP fell for the fifth consecutive week, dropping back by a further 0.54p during the week ended November 11 to 217.24p/kg.
The price index has now fallen by 8.5p since mid-August, although it remains 17p ahead of this time last year. The decline follows the previous week's dip of 1.1p and means the SPP has now fallen for 11 out of the last 12 weeks.
The APP, which includes premium pigs, was down by 1.21p during the week ended November 4 to stand at 217.41p/kg.
Demand for fresh meat pigs was good and prices remained stand or fell in line with industry prices and the sow price also remained stand on.
The EU reference price for the week ended November 5 was down by nearly another penny to 184.75p/kg, mainly reflecting falls in France and Spain, meaning it has now come back more than 30p since mid-July. The gap between the UK and EU reference now stands at close to 32p which will put further pressure on UK prices.
UK slaughter numbers are still below last year which will help with current demand should the meat industry choose to support British pigmeat. The figure for the week ended November 11 was up by a few hundred on the previous week at 152,201, which was 22,000 lower than the same week in 2022.
The latest Defra slaughter statistics show UK clean pig slaughtering's at 882,000 in October, compared with 813,000 in September, but still nearly 8% down on the October 2022 figure of 958,000. On a weekly basis, clean pig slaughtering's averaged 199,000 in October, up from 190,000 in September, but well down on the 216,000 pigs per week in October 2022.
Carcase weights in the SPP sample have hit the highest average this year, at 91.05kg, the first time the figure has topped the 91kg-mark since May 2022, when the backlog was still being worked through. The average was 1.6kg ahead of the equivalent week a year ago.

	This week	Change on week	*This wk 2022*	*Change on Year*
GB(SPP)EU	2.1724	-0.0054	*2.0037*	*0.1687*
GB(SPP)UK	2.1357	-0.0051	*1.9695*	*0.1662*

Tribune	GB Spot Bacon		GB Spot Cutter	
13/11/23	2.1901	-0.0085	2.3547	-0.0055
06/11/23	2.1986		2.3602	

Pork	2.3081	-0.0038	*2.0281*	*0.2800*
Cutter	2.3210	-0.0042	*2.0490*	*0.2720*

UK(SPP) Sample	This wk	Last wk	Chg
Number	61,052	60,915	137
Ave Weight kg	91.05	90.41	0.64
Ave Probe mm	11.8	11.6	0.2

EU Pig Prices P/KG	19/11/23	Change on week	12/11/23	Diff UK
Denmark	166.60	0.47	166.13	-47.87
Germany	191.87	-0.05	191.92	-22.60
France	167.20	-2.71	169.91	-47.27
Holland	170.11	0.10	170.01	-44.36
Spain	178.00	-0.84	178.84	-36.47
EU27	184.67	-0.08	184.75	-29.80
UK	214.47	-2.11	216.58	0.00

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