

Pig price reporting 18 September 2019

On 8 October 2014 the GB DAPP (Deadweight Average Pig Price) was replaced by the GB SPP (Standard Pig Price) and the GB APP (All Pig Price). The SPP and APP were created by AHDB Pork in response to changing industry needs for pig price reporting, see below for details on each price.

The weekly SPP and APP along with historic weekly data for the DAPP are available on the AHDB website. This weekly data includes prices, throughputs, carcase weights and probe values. Weekly text message and telephone services are also available.

The SPP, APP and DAPP price series are comprehensive historical records of the price paid by abattoirs or received by producers for pigs; **they are not designed to be used as a base for contract prices**. The decision of how to arrive at the price paid for pigs is entirely a matter between the producer and the abattoir.

Standard Pig Price (SPP)

The GB Standard Pig Price (SPP) was launched in July 2014 and is a voluntary survey of pig abattoirs which provide their weekly kill data including weight, probe, sex and price.

Only 'standard pigs' are included in the GB SPP; these are pigs on which no explicit premium is paid for a specific attribute other than weight and grade. Pigs on which premiums exist for certain production systems, feed regimes or breeds, including schemes such as Freedom Foods/RSPCA Assured, outdoor reared and outdoor bred are 'non-standard pigs' which are not included in the SPP. Fully condemned, organic, free range and within company traded pigs are also excluded.

Prices reported on a Wednesday are the average prices paid by abattoirs during the previous week (Monday to Sunday). The price collected each week is the gross price paid to producers and is reported for UK and EU specifications in pence per kg deadweight. It is based on individual pig data that includes the gross price before deductions (such as transport, insurance and levies) and weekly payments for overnight delivery and procurement.

The following bonuses/payments are included in the SPP:

- Level delivery bonus paid on slaughter
- Sex bonus (bonus paid if a proportion of pigs are gilts)
- Haulage allowance
- Any bonuses to incentivise delivery times

Level delivery bonus paid in arrears are not included.

Prices might be weekly deadweight "spot" prices or prices based on contract formulae.

Data providers include the abattoirs below, who are audited for quality assurance purposes:

H.G.Blake
Cheale Meats Ltd
F.A.Gill
Tulip Ltd

Karro
Woodhead Bros
Cranswick
CK Meats

In addition, standard and non-standard data from the GB abattoirs is combined with data from Northern Ireland to produce the weekly UK reference price, which AHDB submits to the EU Commission each Wednesday on behalf of Defra under regulation 1319/2006. Along with other Member States data, this is used for policy decisions such as Aids to Private Storage and Export Refunds.

All Pig Price (APP)

The GB All Pig Price (APP) was launched in April 2014 and is a voluntary survey of pig producers who provide their weekly kill data including weight, probe, sex and price.

Both 'standard' and 'non-standard' pigs are included in the GB APP.

Prices reported on a Wednesday are the average prices achieved by producers in the week two weeks previous (Monday to Sunday), hence the APP runs one week behind the SPP. The price collected each week is the gross price received by producers and is reported for UK and EU specifications in pence per kg deadweight. It is based on individual pig data that includes the gross price before deductions (such as transport, insurance and levies) and weekly payments for overnight delivery and procurement. It does not include retrospective bonus payments that are dependent on achieving contract criteria. Fully condemned, organic, free range and within company traded pigs are also excluded. Prices might be weekly deadweight "spot" prices or prices based on contract formulae.

The following bonuses/payments are included in the APP:

- Level delivery bonus paid on slaughter
- Sex bonus (bonus paid if a proportion of Pigs are Gilts)
- Freedom foods bonus
- Bonus payments for outdoor reared/bred
- Bonus payments for special/rare breeds
- Any bonuses paid due to special rearing or feeding programmes
- Haulage allowance
- Any bonuses to incentivise delivery times

Level delivery bonuses paid in arrears are not included.

Data providers consist of the major pig marketing groups and producers listed below who are audited for quality assurance purposes:

Anglia Quality Meats
RJ & AE Godfrey
Meadow Quality Ltd
Yorkshire Farmers Ltd

Ian Mosey (Livestock) Ltd
Scotlean Pigs Ltd
Scottish Pig Producers
Thames Valley Cambac

Deadweight Average Pig Price (DAPP)

The Deadweight Average Pig Price (DAPP) was a voluntary survey of pig abattoirs who provided their kill data including weight, probe, sex and price of their weekly kill. The last DAPP was issued on the 1 October 2014.

Both 'standard' and 'non-standard' pigs were included in the DAPP, similar to the APP. The publication of prices, treatment of deductions/bonuses and exclusions were the same as in the SPP and APP.

Summary

	Standard Pig Price	All Pig Price	Deadweight Average Pig Price
Abbreviation	SPP	APP	DAPP
Started	July 2014	April 2014	January 2005
Geographical coverage	GB	GB	GB
What's included?	Standard pigs only	All pigs	All pigs
Who supplies the data?	Buyers (abattoirs)	Sellers (producers and marketing groups)	Buyers (abattoirs)
Timing of release	One week after kill	Two weeks after kill	One week after kill
Current size of sample	c.80 – 90,000 pigs	c.75 - 85,000 pigs	c.50-60,000 pigs