



## IFA Pigs Committee Newsletter August 2016

### Chairman Pat O' Flaherty update

Pig prices are the concern to the fore in most producers minds and although today's improvement in the South (+4C/kg) which is tracking earlier silent increases elsewhere has been some improvement, IFA is adamant that there is no justifiable reason for the Irish pig price to have fallen so far behind the EU average. We have requested meetings with all factories and are awaiting dates. I would ask you to encourage your factory to prioritise these meetings on your behalf. A round of DNA testing in hotels is currently being carried out and the results will be made available to members as soon as possible. IFA is progressing many initiatives and it is very positive to hear farmers are seeing the benefits of this work on our supermarket shelves particularly in relation to Kerry products. We are not there yet but progress is being made all the time. We have requested a meeting with the Minister to move forward on the proposals made by the review committee overseen by Dr. Sean Brady. IFA has an active hotline for farmers who are experiencing delays with their TAMS applications. Contact Amii to avail of this.

Country	Ave Wk 1-33	Wk 33 2016	Wk 33 2015
<b>Netherlands</b>	1.29	<b>1.49</b>	1.23
<b>Belgium</b>	1.29	<b>1.53</b>	1.26
<b>Denmark</b>	1.40	<b>1.56</b>	1.33
<b>France</b>	1.42	<b>1.66</b>	1.60
<b>Spain</b>	1.43	<b>1.75</b>	1.66
<b>Germany</b>	1.36	<b>1.61</b>	1.32
<b>GB</b>	1.42	<b>1.61</b>	1.79
<b>Ireland</b>	1.31	<b>1.44</b>	1.35
Pig Prices corrected for VAT, kill Out Lean Meat Percentage (ISN) €/kg)			

### Despite increase Ireland still behind EU average

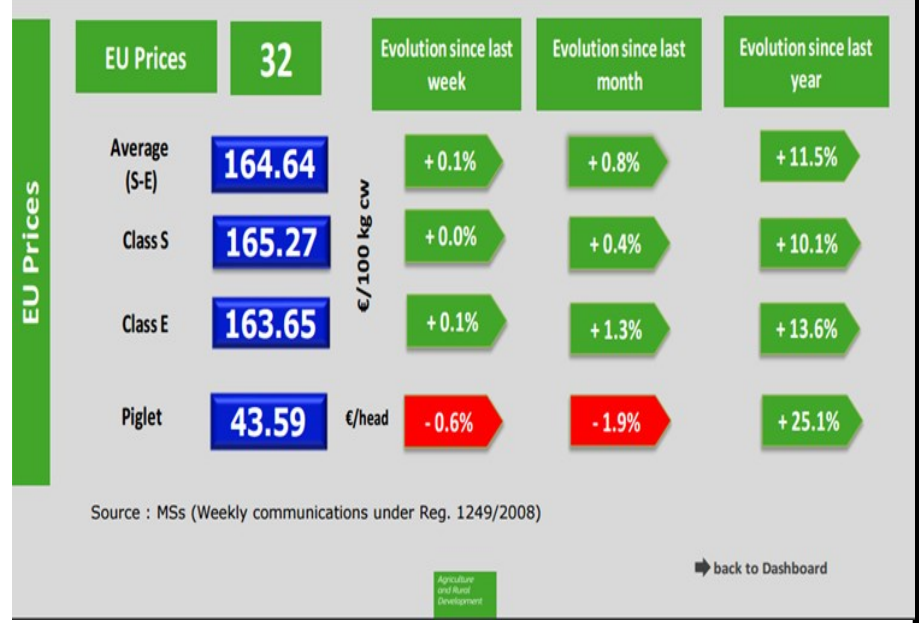
Irish pig prices were edging up the last few weeks but announced official increases today from Dawn and Stauntons were welcome although more is badly needed and should be returned to farmers in the coming weeks.

Chinese pork prices have declined in recent weeks according to Rabobank as farmers sold vying for the higher prices paid this year and seeking to bank profits. However the up side of this is that with flooding and other storms impacting heavily on the replenishment of these areas, supplies will be short from September to the end of the year and as outlined on page 4, this is good news for the Irish factories approved to supply into this market namely Rosderra, Dawn and Stauntons.

According to Bord Bia the pattern for the last few years suggests that the Summer is quiet (holidays have a big impact on demand) and demand then builds from the Autumn onwards as they (Chinese) start purchasing raw material for the Chinese New Year. The next Chinese New Year will be celebrated on the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 a little earlier than the last Chinese New Year (Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 2016).

The European Commissions short term outlook points to a declining EU herd based on the December census and although it is reported that the Spanish herd has increased, this was offset by a drop in the German herd. May data from Germany shows a decreased pig population of approximately 6000,000 in com-

parison to December or 1million head year on year. Danish sow numbers are also down but this has had a more minor impact on piglet numbers that one would expect. The Commission's outlook for the rest of the year is for a continuing decline in pig production but a stabilisation of meat production at approximately 23.4million tonnes following an increase of 1% in Q1.



### Tesco Future Farmer Foundation

It has been brought to our attention that this is the first year applications for the Tesco 'Future Farmer Foundation' are open to ROI producers and they are seeking applications from a range of farming sectors.

The Future Farmer Foundation is an initiative supporting young farmers and growers from all sectors of agriculture and aquaculture. The focus is on developing the business and personal skills necessary to build successful farming businesses, and providing a deeper understanding of the supply chain.

Tesco are now, **open to applications** for their fourth intake of 50 Future Farmers, who they want to see join the programme in October. The opportunity is open to those aged 20-35 years old, from any farming sector based in the UK or Ireland.

Applications can be made via the website (see link below), and the opportunity closes on 29th August.

<http://www.tescofuturefarmerfoundation.com/>

Over a period of 12 months the programme includes a series

of two-day business workshops, a large number of supply chain events hosted by leading food and farming businesses, access to a dedicated mentor, opportunities for external training, and the opportunity to apply for an international scholarship award.

They have asked that IFA spread the word to any bright, enthusiastic young farmers and growers and for any further information please contact [Rebecca.Lewis@TescoFutureFarmerFoundation.com](mailto:Rebecca.Lewis@TescoFutureFarmerFoundation.com)

### Dates for your Diary

ASA Conference	Lyrath Hotel Kilkenny	Friday September 9th, 2016	
IFA National Meeting	Killeshin Hotel Port Laois	September (date to be confirmed)	
National Ploughing Championships	Screggan Offally	Tues-Thurs 20th-22nd September	
APHA Animal Health Conference	Keadeen, Newbridge	Tuesday 4th October	8-1pm
Teagasc Conference	Horse & Jockey	Tuesday 18th October	
Teagasc Conference	Cavan Crystal	Wednesday 19th October	

## Pig meat market update

In the most recent 4 weeks to July 17th, pork and sausage sales have increased in volume terms with values relatively steady. Bacon volumes are stable year on year in volume and value terms.

In the 12 week period the price at retail level across Pork, sausages and bacon all marginally increased in comparison to the same period in 2015. Sausage volume increased year on year by 1% to 9.3% of the

total meat consumed.

The average prices over the 3 month period are stronger than the most recent which is something that IFA will broach with retailers.

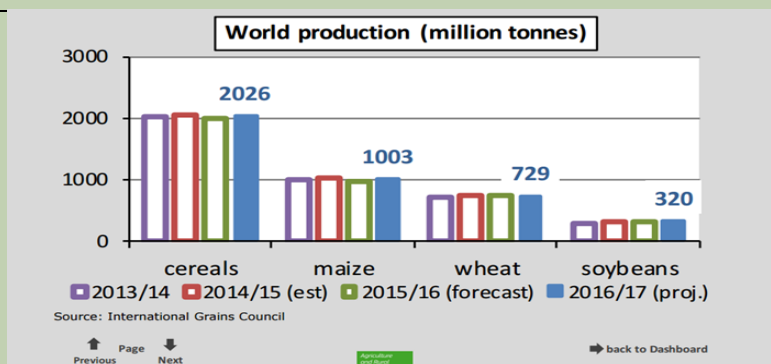
	4 w/e Jul 19 2015	4 w/e Jul 17 2016	12 w/e 19 Jul 15	12 w/e 17 Jul 16	4 w/e Jul 19 2015	4 w/e Jul 17 2016	12 w/e 19 Jul 15	12 w/e 17 Jul 16
	<b>000's Kgs %</b>				<b>000's Kgs Actuals</b>			
<b>Total Meat</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	13010133	13597939	39295876	40202024
<b>Total Pork</b>	11.1	11.9	12.4	11.7	1450068	1619471	4890128	4715775
<b>Sausages</b>	8.4	9.0	8.3	9.3	1095559	1224868	3274121	3725584
<b>Total Bacon</b>	16.1	16.4	16.5	16.1	2098359	2235585	6479298	6470993
	<b>Average price per KG</b>				<b>000's Euros Actuals</b>			
<b>Total Meat</b>	7.00	7.17	7.12	7.27	91119.0	97480.7	279667.8	292281.3
<b>Total Pork</b>	6.56	6.59	6.60	6.64	9505.4	10679.3	32254.5	31317.1
<b>Sausages</b>	5.27	5.34	5.36	5.44	5775.9	6538.4	17551.9	20269.2
<b>Total Bacon</b>	6.26	6.23	6.33	6.37	13132.2	13917.1	41006.0	41230.1

### Feed price Update (all figures provided by TPPDU, table commission)

MONTH		Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16
<b>FEED PRICES</b>	<b>€ PER TONNE</b>							
<b>FINISHER</b>	<b>MEAL</b>	275	275	275	274	265	265	265
<b>COMPOSITE</b>		299	298	298	298	289	289	289
<b>Feed Cost/kg dead</b>		109	109	109	109	105	105	105

#### Home milling - August

	€/tonne	€/inclu
Wheat	165	<b>66.0</b>
Maize	173	34.6
barley	158	28.4
Soya Hi-Pro	401	76.2
Soya Oil	753	5.3
Mins/Vits	825	19.0





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There are currently two vacant position on the IFA Pigs Committee in the Northern Region. Elections to fill these positions will be held in November 2016

If you have queries or comments on anything contained in this newsletter or the work of the committee, please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee



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