

# Meat Market Report

02/07/18 - 08/07/18

Week  
27



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# MARKET SUMMARY

## Beef

### Deadweight Prices c/100Kg (Including VAT)

	U3	U4	R3	R4	O3	O4	P+
Steers	425.8	422.8	416.8	414.2	399.7	400.9	376.5
Heifers	447.4	446.9	430.9	430.1	411.5	410.9	381.5
Young Bulls	428.2	428.7	415.3	415.0	392.7	0.0	392.4
Cows			370.2	369.7	348.0	348.9	336.4

### Liveweight Prices

*Bull Calf Average Price	€191.6 per head (Excluding VAT)
**Young Store Average Price	€224.0 per 100kg (Excluding VAT)
***Yearling (male & female) Price	€193.5 per 100kg (Excluding VAT)

\* Aged 8-28 days \*\* Aged 180-364 days, Male & Female \*\*\*age 365-730 days

### Slaughtering

34,195 cattle slaughtered this week, of which steers were 11,681 (34%), heifers 8,839 (25%), young bulls 4,111 (12%) and cows 9,282 (27%). Total slaughter is 883,843 compared to 862,665 in 2017, an 2.5% increase.

### Live Trade

2,605 cattle were exported in the week commencing 02/07/2018\*;2498 to EU (Except NI). Live exports for 2018 amount to 179,380 compared to 139,159 in 2017, up 29% on 2017 levels.

\*This data is provisional and subject to revision.

The next meeting of the Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets (Animal Products Sector) is 19 July 2018

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# MARKET SUMMARY

## Pigmeat

Grade E Pig  
Prices (Ex.  
VAT)

The Grade E Pig price for week commencing 02/07/2018 was €141.14 per 100Kg. This compares to €168.50 in the same week last year, a 16.2% decrease.

[Further details available on page 13](#)

Slaughtering

66,874 pigs were slaughtered in week 27 of which 1,953 were sows. The cumulative figure for pig slaughterings in 2018 is 1,767,985 which is up 5% against the same point last year.

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## Sheepmeat

Sheepmeat  
Prices (Ex.  
VAT)

The national average price for the week commencing 02/07/2018 was €510.36 per 100Kg, an increase of 5.1% over the same week last year.

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Slaughtering

62,285 sheep were slaughtered at sheep export premises the week commencing 02/07/2018, compared to 58,122 in the same week of 2017. Sheep slaughterings for 2018 are the same as 2017 at 1,398,181 head.

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Live Trade

Total live exports stand at 620 head up to the 12th of July.

## Poultry

Slaughtering

Cumulative poultry slaughterings for 2018\* stand at 48,786,157 birds at the end of week 26, up 3.1% compared to the same period last year.

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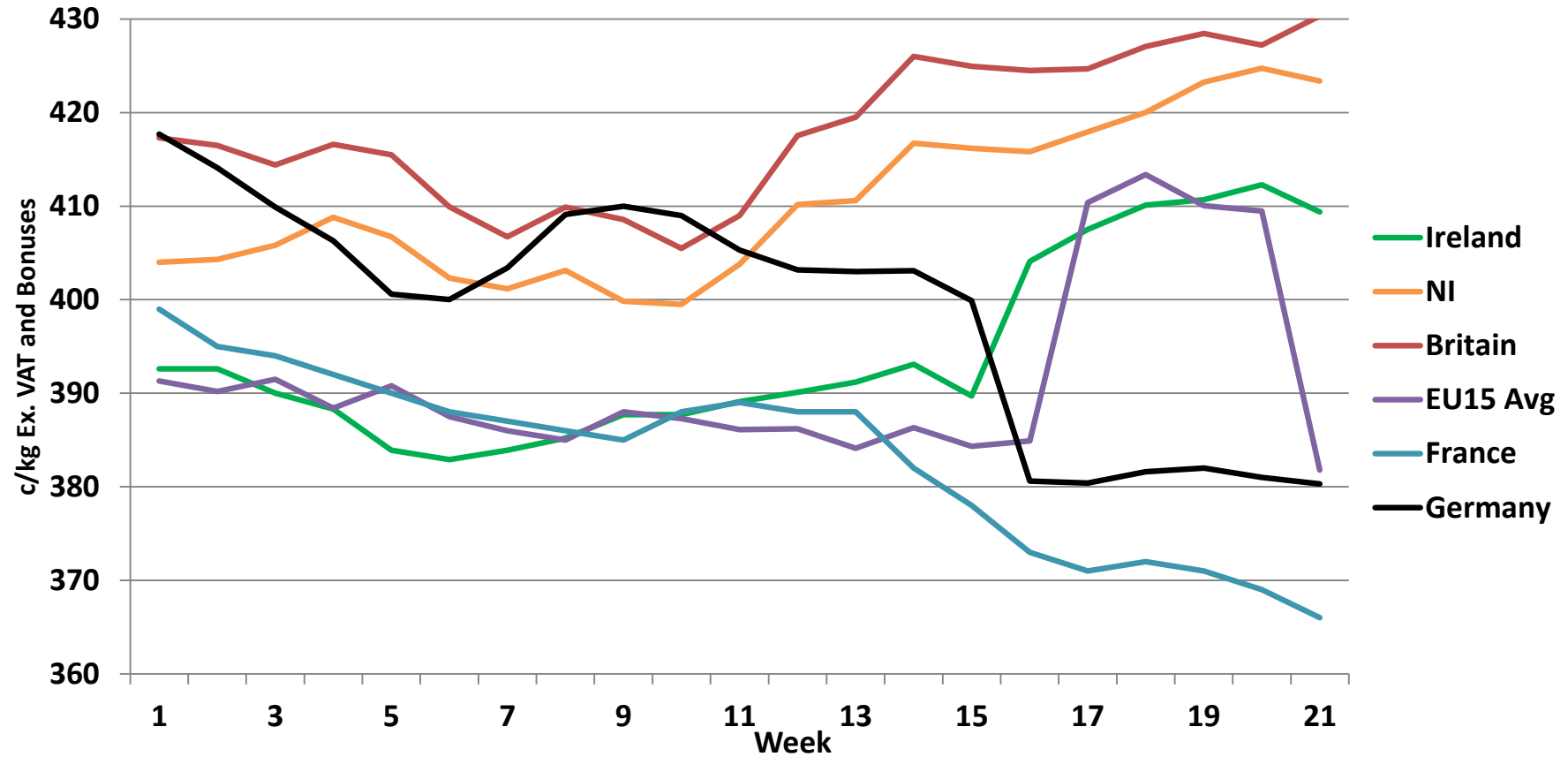
Dead Weight Prices	W/C	W/C	Same week 2017	% change prev week	% change 2017
	02/07/18	25/06/18	03/07/17		
Steers (R3) (c/kg)	395.5	401.4	396.3	-1.5%	-0.2%
Heifers (R3) (c/kg)	408.8	415.2	408.1	-1.5%	0.2%
Young Bulls (U3) (c/kg)	406.3	412.1	405.1	-1.4%	0.3%
Cows (04) (c/kg)	318.0	331.0	320.1	-3.9%	-0.7%

Live Weight Prices	W/C	W/C	Same week 2017	% change previous week	% change 2017
	02/07/18	25/06/18	03/07/17		
Yearlings (Male) (Aged 365 - 730 days) - (€/100Kg)	191	195	197	-2.1%	-3.0%
Yearlings (Female) (Aged 365 - 730 days) - (€/100Kg)	196	205	213	-4.4%	-8.0%
Young Stores (Male & Female) (Aged 180 - 364 days) - (€/100Kg)	224	230	242	-2.6%	-7.4%
Bull Calf (€/head) Dairy	163.8	163.7	178.9	0.0%	-8.4%
Bull Calf (€/head) Beef	219.4	220.3	267.6	-0.4%	-18.0%
Bull Calf (€/head) Average	191.6	192.0	223.2	-0.2%	-14.2%

Slaughter Figures	% of weekly figures	W/C	Same week 2017	Year to Date		Change 2018 v 2017	
		02-Jul-18		2018	2017	Head	%
Steers	34.2%	11,681	12,623	303,635	305,380	-1,745	-0.6%
Cows	27.1%	9,282	7,550	195,516	191,217	4,299	2.2%
Heifers	25.3%	8,639	8,224	249,685	239,609	10,076	4.2%
Young Bulls	12.0%	4,111	3,182	118,692	112,190	6,502	5.8%
Mature Bulls	1.4%	482	496	16,315	14,269	2,046	14.3%
Total	100%	34,195	32,075	883,843	862,665	21,178	2.5%

Live Exports	W/C	Same week 2017	W/C	Year to Date		Change 2018 v 2017	
	2-Jul-18		25-Jun-18	2018	2017	Head	%
Northern Ireland	107	310	162	9,164	14,436	-5,272	-37%
EU Except NI	2,498	1,364	2,825	160,233	112,565	47,668	42%
Third Countries	0	2,468	899	9,983	12,158	-2,175	-
Total	2,605	4,142	3,886	179,380	139,159	40,221	29%
Calves YTD:		147,247	Adult Cattle YTD:		32,133		

## Irish Deadweight Cattle Prices vs Selected Other Markets, 2018

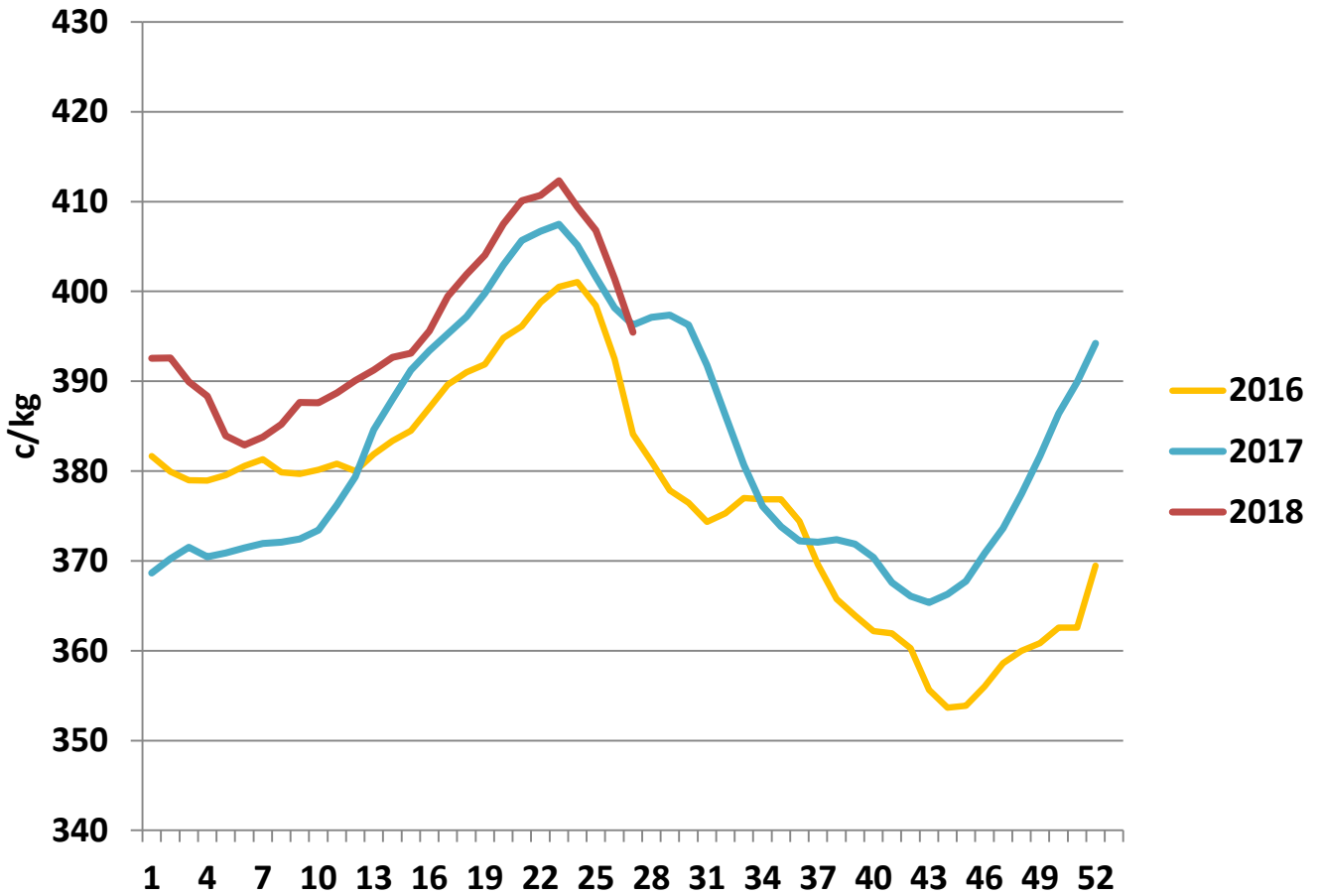


### Livestock Pricing

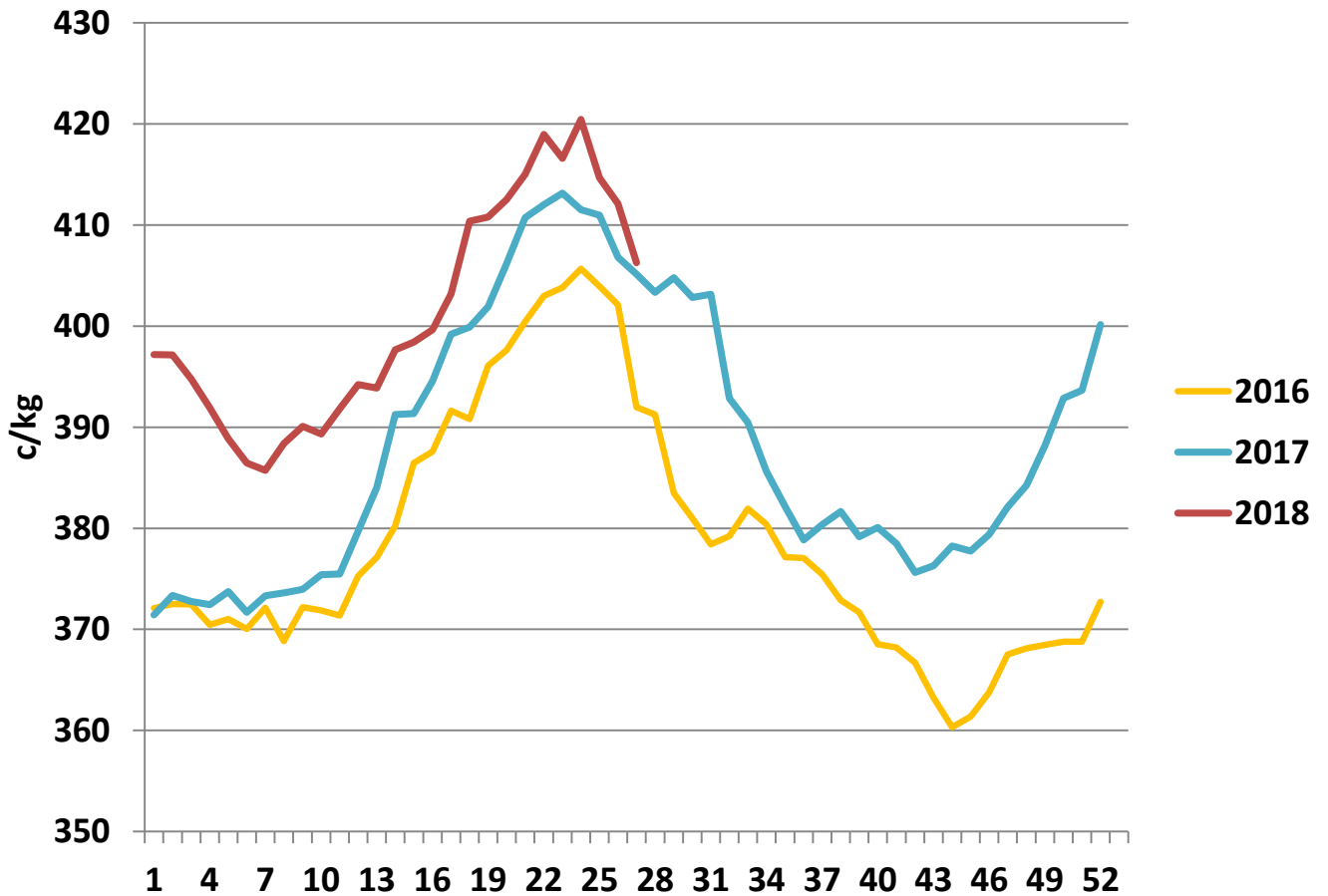
	Ireland	NI	Britain	EU 15 Average	France	Germany
<b>W/C</b>						
<b>18/06/18</b>	<b>409.4</b>	<b>423.38</b>	<b>430.34</b>	<b>409.95</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>379.7</b>

All prices ex. VAT and bonuses. Prices are c/kg most recent available for R3 Steers for Ireland, NI & GB, R3 Young Bulls for EU, France & Germany.

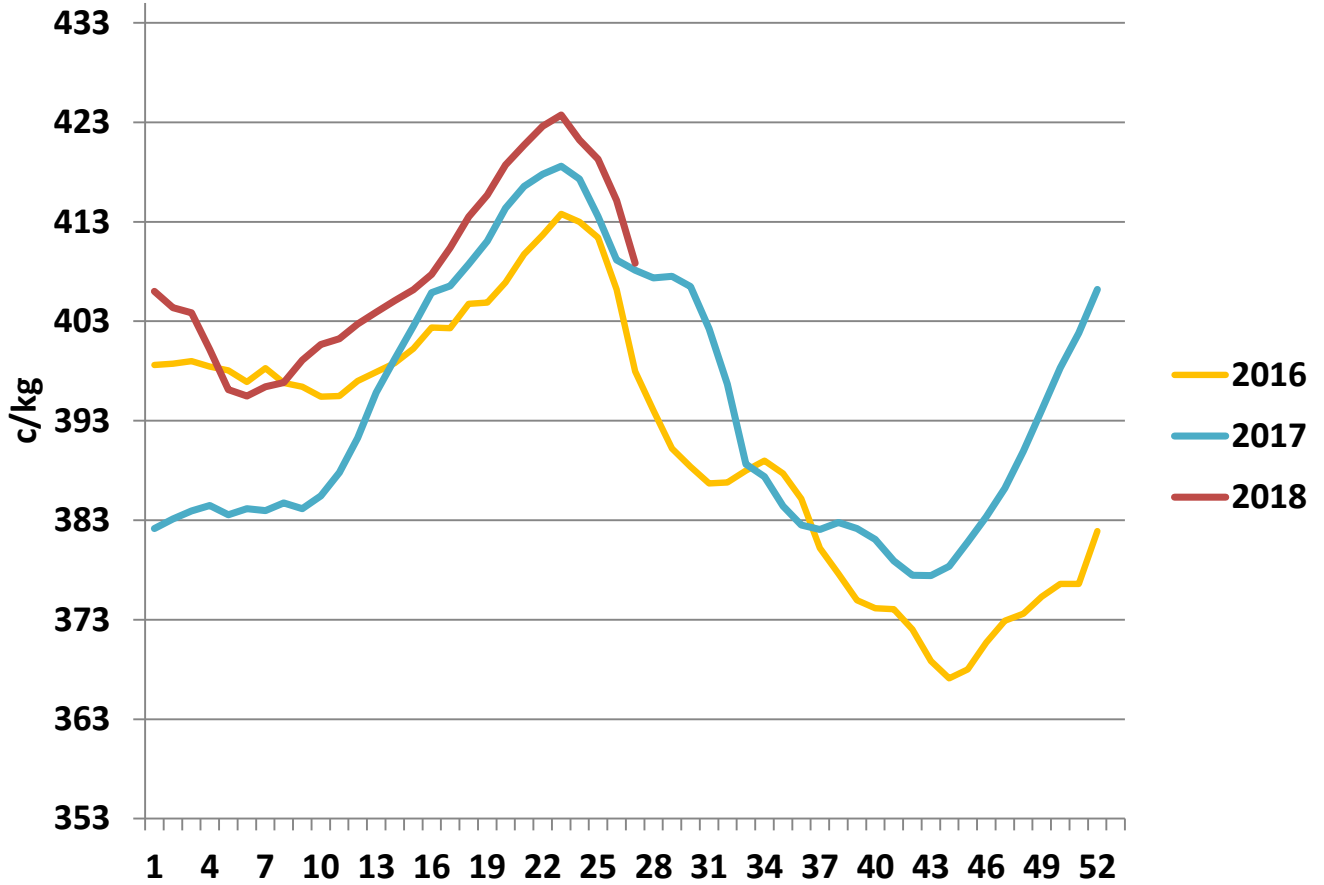
### R3 Steer prices ex. VAT



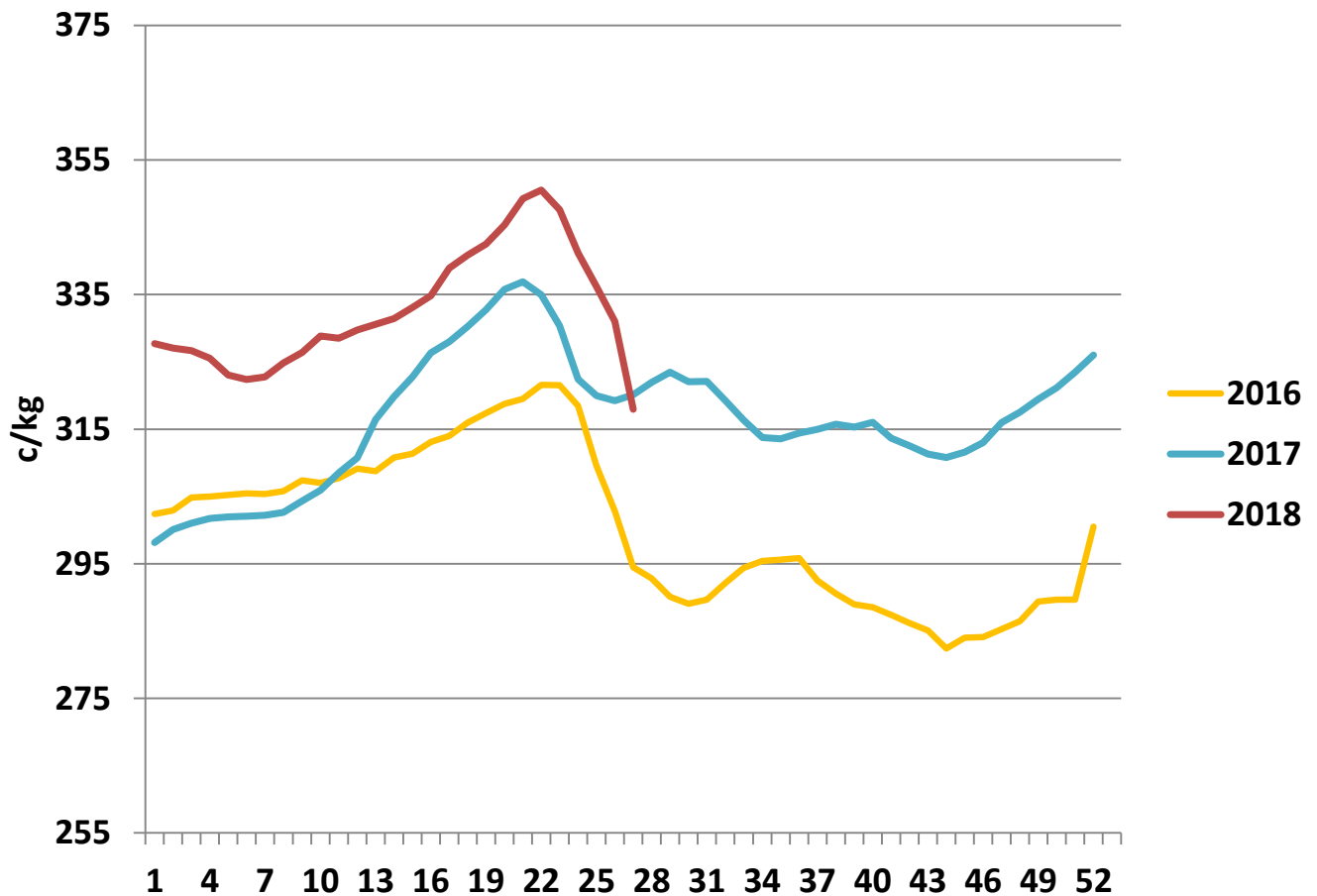
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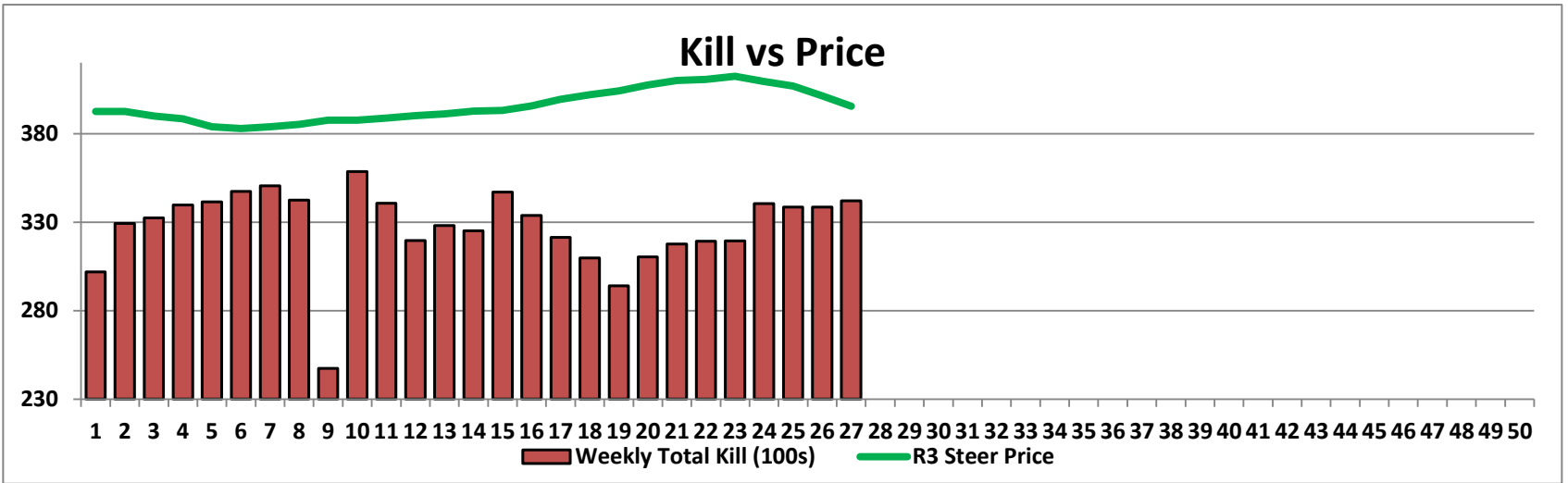
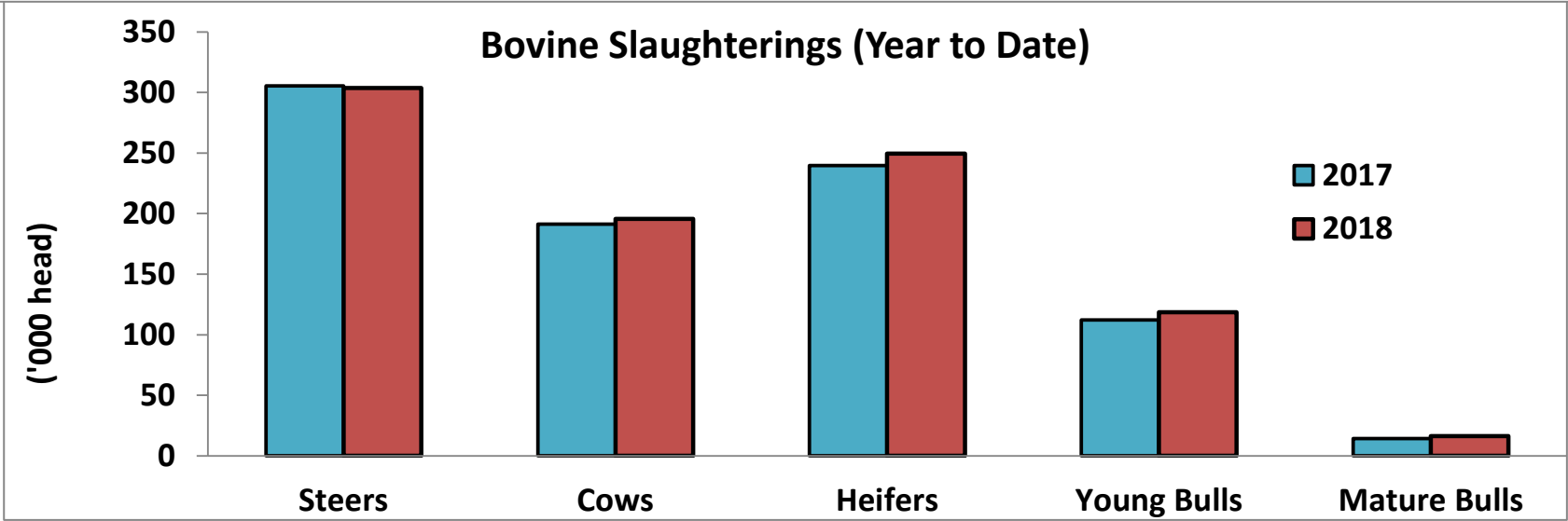
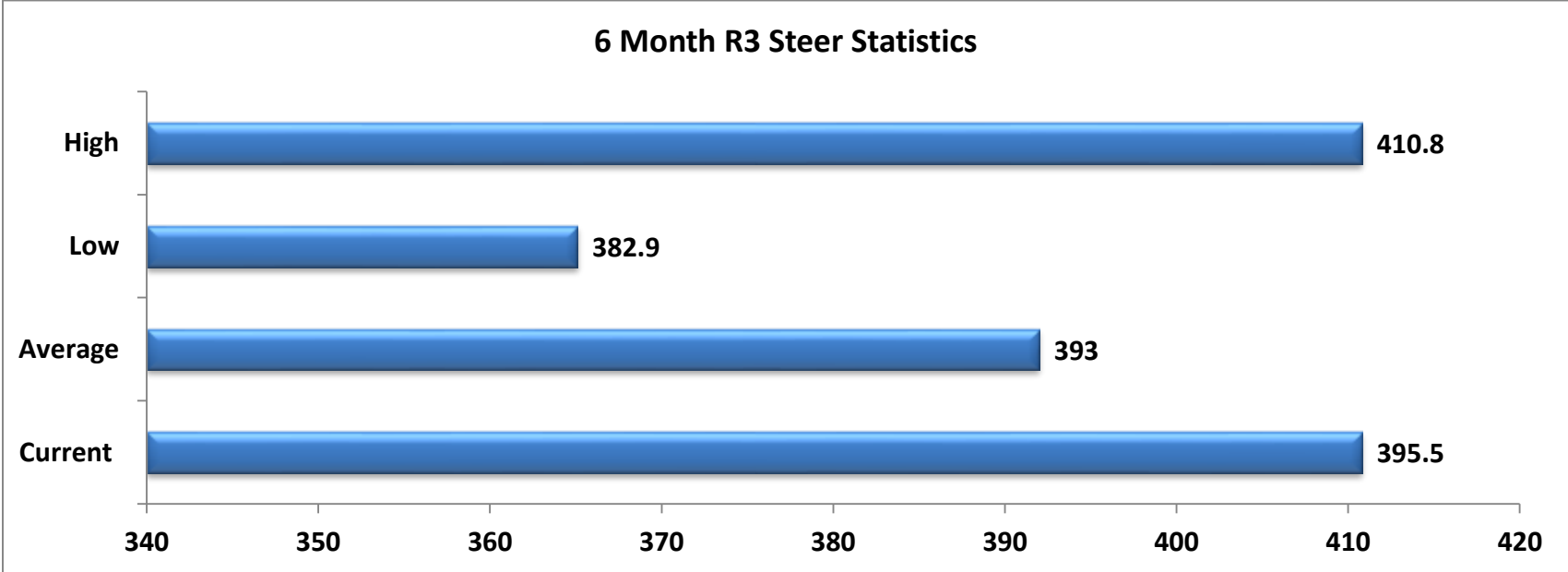


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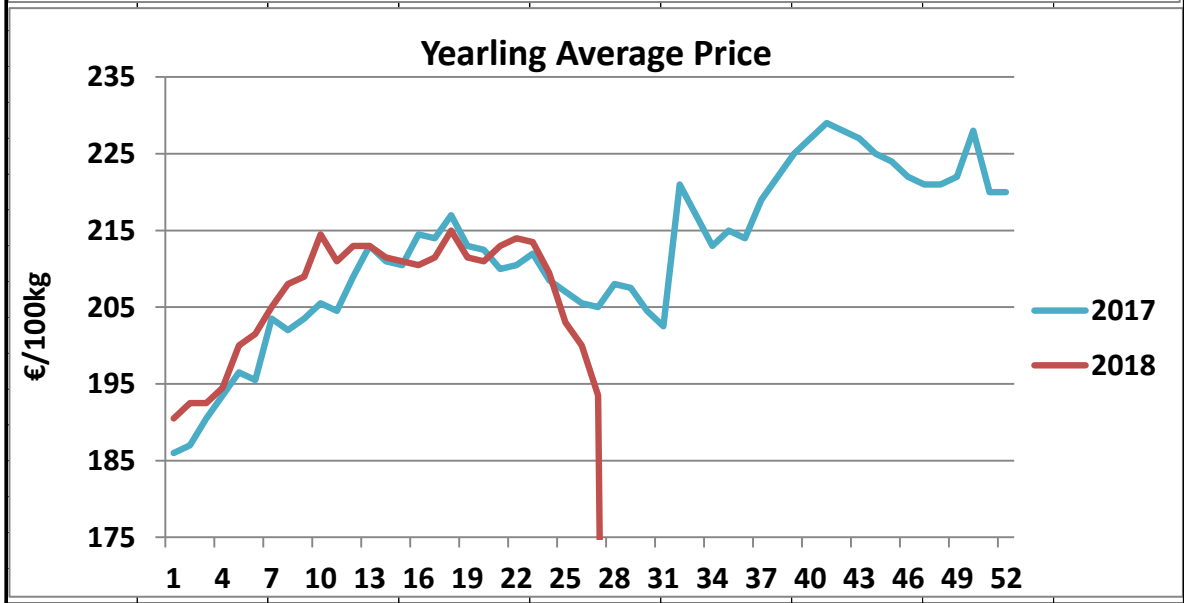
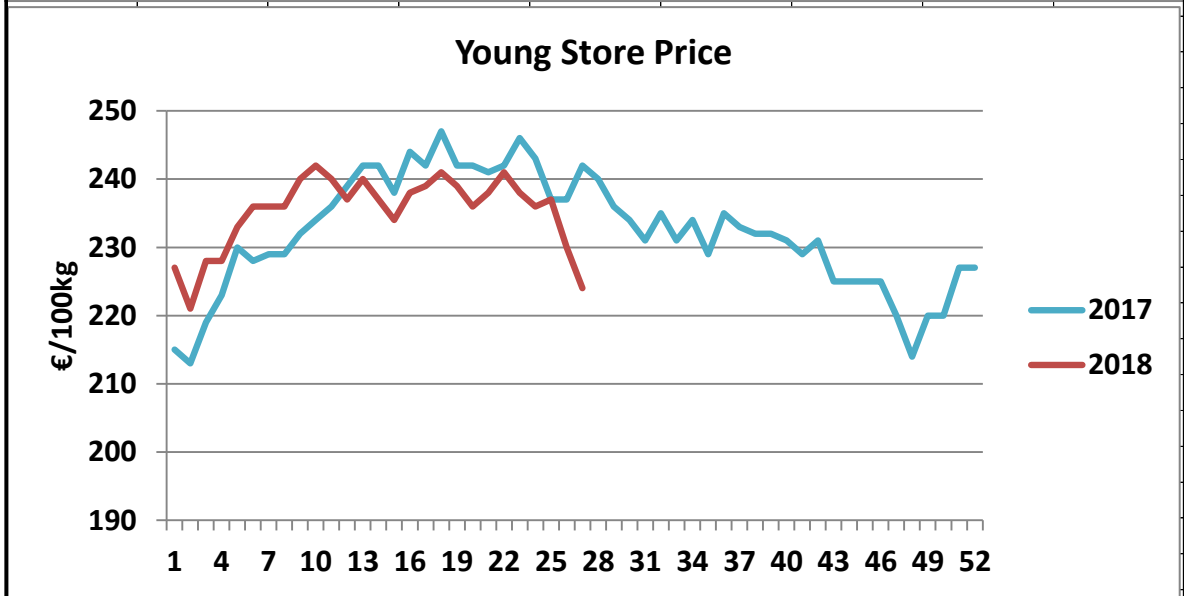
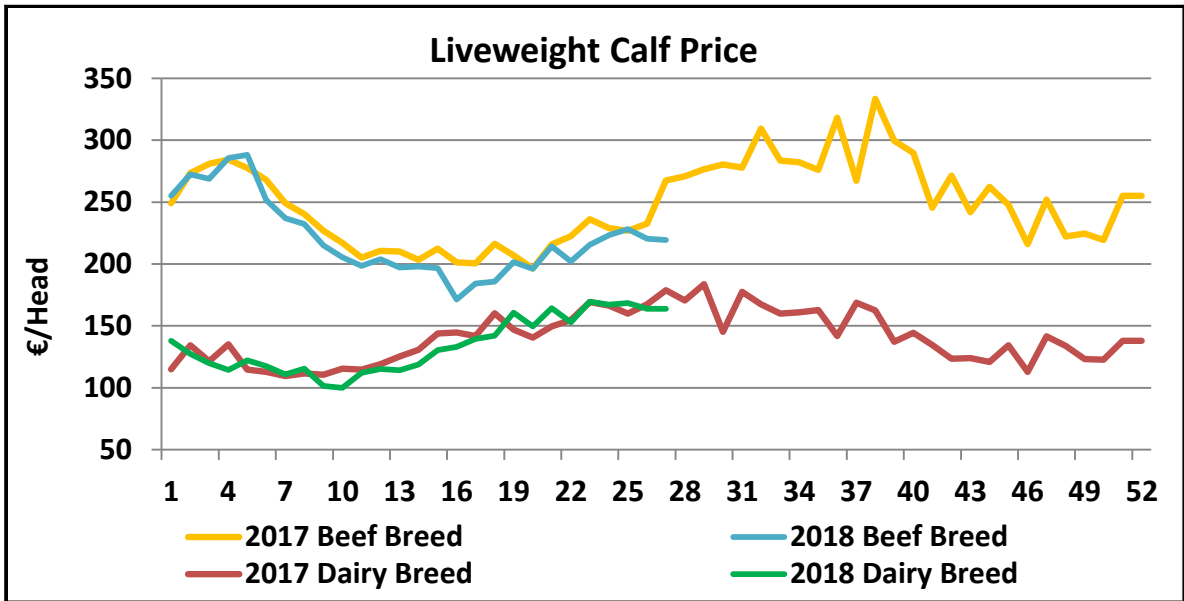
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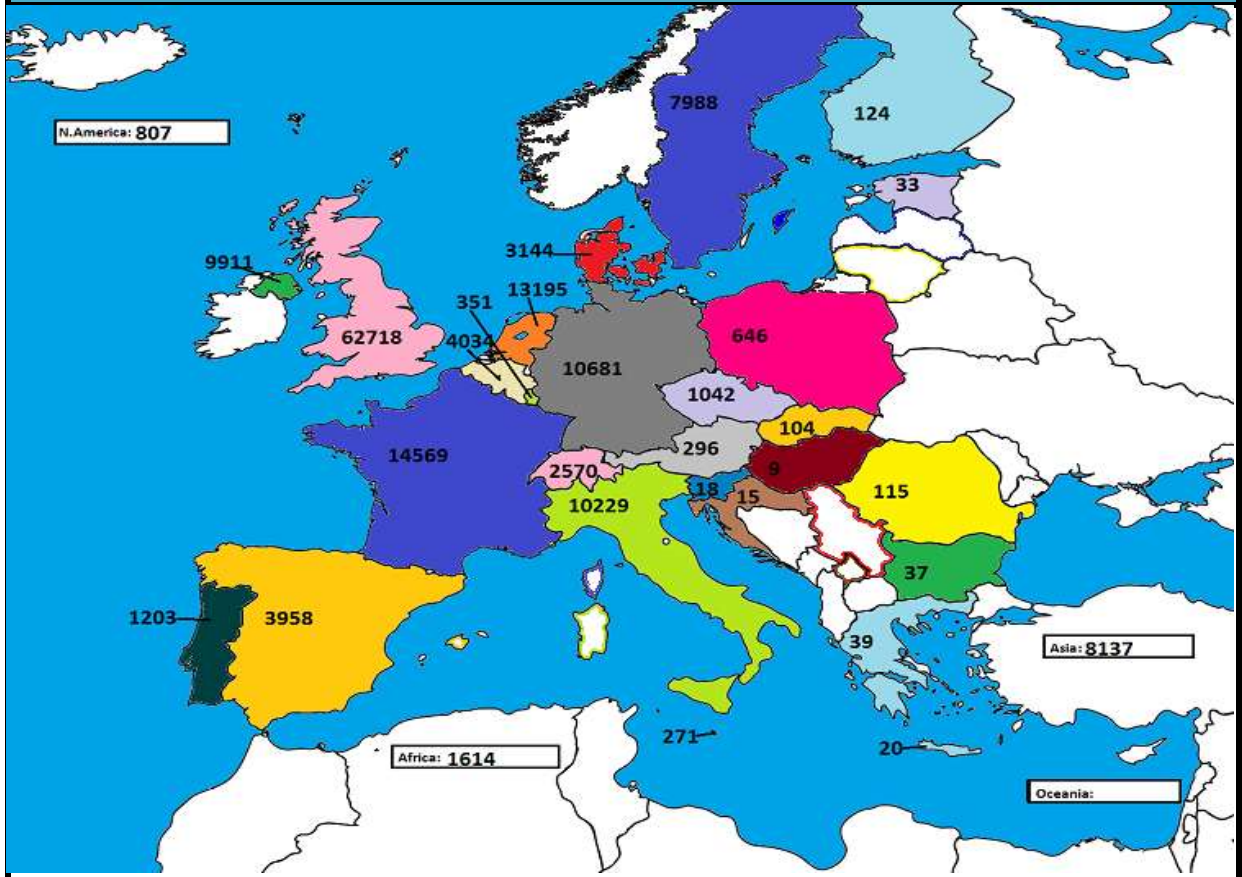
EU LIVE CATTLE REPORT														
Week	Yearling M		Yearling F		Yearling Average		Bull Calf Dairy		Bull Calf Beef		Bull Calf Avg		Young Store	Young Store
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
	€/100kg	€/100kg	€/100kg	€/100kg	€/100kg	€/100kg	€/head	€/head	€/head	€/head	€/head	€/head	€/100kg	€/100kg
1	186.0	181.0	195.0	191.0	190.5	186.0	138.0	115.0	255.0	249.1	196.5	182.0	227	215
2	187.0	180.0	198.0	194.0	192.5	187.0	127.3	134.3	272.4	273.4	199.9	203.8	221	213
3	189.0	187.0	196.0	194.0	192.5	190.5	119.8	121.4	268.7	280.8	194.2	201.1	228	219
4	191.0	190.0	198.0	197.0	194.5	193.5	114.4	135.0	285.7	284.2	200.1	209.6	228	223
5	195.0	190.0	205.0	203.0	200.0	196.5	122.1	114.8	288.3	277.6	205.2	196.2	233	230
6	199.0	191.0	204.0	200.0	201.5	195.5	117.5	112.8	251.8	267.9	184.7	190.4	236	228
7	205.0	194.0	205.0	213.0	205.0	203.5	110.7	109.5	237.0	249.1	173.9	179.3	236	229
8	207.0	199.0	209.0	205.0	208.0	202.0	115.6	111.5	232.3	240.4	173.9	175.9	236	229
9	204.0	195.0	214.0	212.0	209.0	203.5	101.4	110.6	215.1	227.0	158.3	168.8	240	232
10	213.0	200.0	216.0	211.0	214.5	205.5	99.9	115.5	205.5	217.1	152.7	166.3	242	234
11	209.0	199.0	213.0	210.0	211.0	204.5	112.0	114.5	198.5	205.2	155.3	159.9	240	236
12	212.0	205.0	214.0	213.0	213.0	209.0	115.1	119.2	203.8	210.6	159.4	164.9	237	239
13	212.0	208.0	214.0	218.0	213.0	213.0	114.3	125.2	197.2	210.1	155.7	167.7	240	242
14	210.0	207.0	213.0	215.0	211.5	211.0	118.9	130.7	197.9	203.3	158.4	167.0	237	242
15	209.0	206.0	213.0	215.0	211.0	210.5	130.3	143.9	196.7	212.6	163.5	178.2	234	238
16	208.0	210.0	213.0	219.0	210.5	214.5	133.0	144.6	171.4	201.4	152.2	173.0	238	244
17	209.0	211.0	214.0	217.0	211.5	214.0	139.5	141.8	184.2	200.6	161.8	171.2	239	242
18	213.0	212.0	217.0	222.0	215.0	217.0	142.0	160.1	185.9	216.2	163.9	188.2	241	247
19	208.0	207.0	215.0	219.0	211.5	213.0	160.7	147.0	201.4	207.1	181.0	177.0	239	242
20	209.0	206.0	213.0	219.0	211.0	212.5	149.7	140.6	196.2	196.4	172.9	168.5	236	242
21	210.0	204.0	216.0	216.0	213.0	210.0	164.4	149.6	214.2	215.7	189.3	182.7	238	241
22	212.0	203.0	216.0	218.0	214.0	210.5	153.1	154.8	202.0	222.4	177.5	188.6	241	242
23	211.0	205.0	216.0	219.0	213.5	212.0	169.4	169.3	215.7	236.2	192.5	202.7	238	246
24	206.0	203.0	213.0	214.0	209.5	208.5	167.2	166.5	223.2	229.1	195.2	197.8	236	243
25	198.0	200.0	208.0	214.0	203.0	207.0	168.5	159.8	228.3	226.8	198.4	193.3	237	237
26	195.0	199.0	205.0	212.0	200.0	205.5	163.7	167.4	220.3	232.5	192.0	200.0	230	237
27	191.0	197.0	196.0	213.0	193.5	205.0	163.8	178.9	219.4	267.6	191.6	223.2	224	242
28		201.0		215.0	-	208.0		170.5		270.8	-	220.6		240
29		202.0		213.0	-	207.5		183.6		276.5	-	230.0		236
30		197.0		212.0	-	204.5		145.2		280.3	-	212.8		234
31		197.0		208.0	-	202.5		177.6		277.8	-	227.7		231
32		194.0		206.0	-	221.0		167.5		309.3	-	238.4		235
33		193.0		205.0	-	217.0		159.9		283.6	-	221.7		231
34		193.0		203.0	-	213.0		161.0		282.3	-	221.6		234
35		191.0		200.0	-	215.0		162.7		276.1	-	219.4		229
36		193.0		206.0	-	214.0		141.9		318.1	-	230.0		235
37		194.0		200.0	-	219.0		168.6		267.2	-	217.9		233
38		190.0		197.0	-	222.0		162.4		333.6	-	248.0		232
39		187.0		195.0	-	225.0		137.2		299.7	-	218.4		232
40		185.0		194.0	-	227.0		144.3		289.7	-	217.0		231
41		186.0		194.0	-	229.0		134.6		245.5	-	190.0		229
42		189.0		198.0	-	228.0		123.5		271.5	-	197.5		231
43		184.0		192.0	-	227.0		124.0		241.9	-	183.0		225
44		182.0		190.0	-	225.0		120.8		262.4	-	191.6		225
45		182.0		193.0	-	224.0		134.3		247.8	-	191.0		225
46		183.0		193.0	-	222.0		112.8		216.0	-	164.4		225
47		186.0		194.0	-	221.0		141.6		252.1	-	196.8		220
48		184.0		193.0	-	221.0		133.8		222.2	-	178.0		214
49		185.0		194.0	-	222.0		123.2		224.6	-	173.9		220
50		187.0		194.0	-	228.0		122.7		219.5	-	171.1		220
51		187.0		194.0	-	220.0		138.0		255.0	-	196.5		227
52		187.0		194.0	-	220.0		138.0		255.0	-	196.5		227
Year Av	203.6	194.8	209.2	205.2	206.4	212.0	134.5	140.8	221.0	248.8	177.8	194.8	235.3	232.2



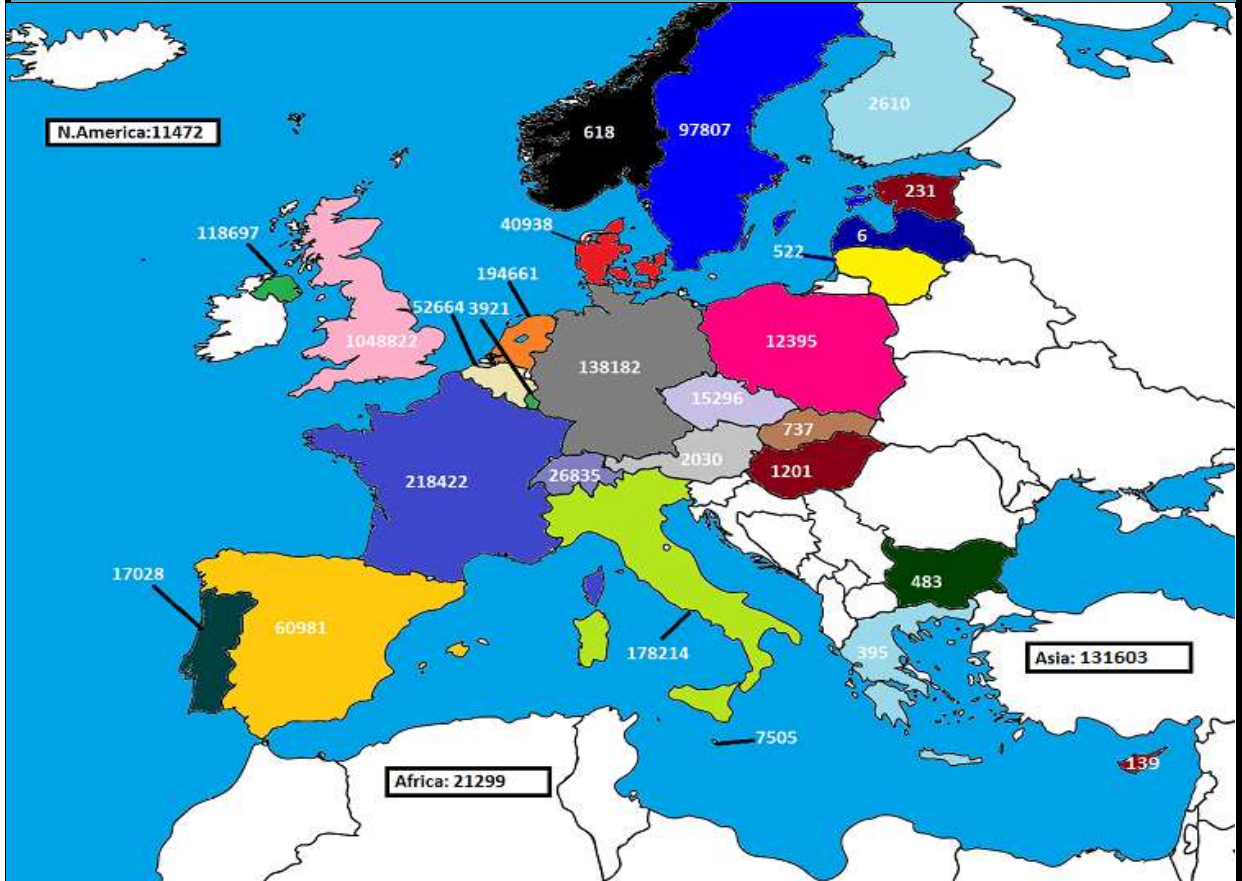
**TOTAL WEEKLY BOVINE SLAUGHTERINGS**

Week	Steers		Y Bulls		Bulls		Heifers		Cows		Weekly Total		Cumulative		2018 vs 2017	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	Difference	%
1	10,299	9,409	5,173	4,716	226	261	9,840	8,582	4,649	5,022	30,187	27,990	30,187	27,990	2,197	7.8%
2	10,255	10,489	5,661	5,295	338	342	10,286	9,624	6,377	6,315	32,917	32,065	63,104	60,055	3,049	5.1%
3	10,847	10,306	5,886	5,348	347	381	9,931	9,573	6,219	6,545	33,230	32,153	96,334	92,208	4,126	4.5%
4	10,860	10,869	5,600	5,302	360	351	10,191	9,645	6,960	6,931	33,971	33,098	130,305	125,306	4,999	4.0%
5	10,430	10,953	5,869	5,515	659	408	9,692	9,648	7,488	7,627	34,138	34,151	164,443	159,457	4,986	3.1%
6	11,153	11,172	5,737	5,290	552	426	10,000	10,135	7,290	7,434	34,732	34,457	199,175	193,914	5,261	2.7%
7	11,871	11,963	5,038	5,299	619	513	9,977	9,667	7,550	7,181	35,055	34,623	234,230	228,537	5,693	2.5%
8	11,168	12,537	4,871	4,581	667	597	10,124	10,055	7,419	7,136	34,249	34,906	268,479	263,443	5,036	1.9%
9	8,844	12,884	3,533	4,348	358	510	7,330	9,817	4,669	7,066	24,734	34,625	293,213	298,068	-4,855	-1.6%
10	13,330	12,524	4,966	3,688	885	506	9,647	9,577	7,028	7,010	35,856	33,305	329,069	331,373	-2,304	-0.7%
11	11,949	10,950	3,797	3,049	636	533	10,231	8,168	7,454	5,724	34,067	28,424	363,136	359,797	3,339	0.9%
12	11,691	11,892	3,314	3,295	652	501	9,414	9,428	6,885	6,130	31,956	31,246	395,092	391,043	4,049	1.0%
13	11,850	11,508	3,477	3,089	672	505	9,400	8,619	7,414	6,295	32,813	30,016	427,905	421,059	6,846	1.6%
14	11,757	11,923	3,058	3,075	676	501	9,334	8,303	7,689	6,729	32,514	30,531	460,419	451,590	8,829	2.0%
15	12,542	11,692	3,275	3,193	705	616	9,830	8,635	8,344	5,932	34,696	30,068	495,115	481,658	13,457	2.8%
16	12,585	11,259	3,024	2,823	609	563	9,622	8,220	7,534	5,959	33,374	28,824	528,489	510,482	18,007	3.5%
17	11,745	11,661	3,261	3,805	789	681	9,215	8,873	7,119	6,422	32,129	31,442	560,618	541,924	18,694	3.4%
18	10,971	10,532	3,500	3,401	676	700	8,774	8,010	7,105	6,562	31,026	29,205	591,644	571,129	20,515	3.6%
19	10,593	11,333	3,367	3,688	643	680	8,268	8,571	6,595	6,927	29,466	31,199	621,110	602,328	18,782	3.1%
20	11,309	10,022	3,871	4,022	789	716	8,287	8,349	6,904	8,301	31,160	31,410	652,270	633,738	18,532	2.9%
21	11,287	9,983	4,345	4,418	729	566	8,693	8,102	6,714	8,481	31,768	31,550	684,038	665,288	18,750	2.8%
22	11,033	9,494	4,469	4,802	755	520	8,487	7,588	7,184	10,208	31,928	32,612	715,966	697,900	18,066	2.6%
23	10,581	10,209	4,925	4,087	589	483	7,979	7,795	7,869	8,255	31,943	30,829	747,909	728,729	19,180	2.6%
24	10,791	12,133	5,196	4,542	720	622	9,061	8,709	8,286	8,300	34,054	34,306	781,963	763,035	18,928	2.5%
25	11,086	12,455	5,066	4,563	671	657	8,566	8,619	8,451	7,643	33,840	33,937	815,803	796,972	18,831	2.4%
26	11,127	12,571	4,302	3,776	511	631	8,867	9,078	9,038	7,559	33,845	33,615	849,648	830,587	19,061	2.3%
27	11,681	12,623	4,111	3,182	482	496	8,639	8,224	9,282	7,550	34,195	32,075	883,843	862,662	21,181	2.5%
28		12,671		2,685		648		7,554		7,824		31,382	883,843	894,044	-10,201	-1.1%
29		13,061		2,616		599		7,854		7,711		31,841	883,843	925,885	-42,042	-4.5%
30		14,827		2,430		615		7,720		6,628		32,220	883,843	958,105	-74,262	-7.8%
31		15,316		2,186		601		7,813		6,853		32,769	883,843	990,874	-107,031	-10.8%
32		15,067		1,998		553		7,620		5,961		31,199	883,843	1,022,073	-138,230	-13.5%
33		16,187		2,472		647		8,312		6,909		34,527	883,843	1,056,600	-172,757	-16.4%
34		16,900		2,510		647		8,272		6,445		34,774	883,843	1,091,374	-207,531	-19.0%
35		17,136		2,438		607		8,592		6,833		35,606	883,843	1,126,980	-243,137	-21.6%
36		17,295		2,053		675		8,582		6,819		35,424	883,843	1,162,404	-278,561	-24.0%
37		17,726		2,212		626		8,430		7,054		36,048	883,843	1,198,452	-314,609	-26.3%
38		18,658		2,041		567		8,094		6,726		36,086	883,843	1,234,538	-350,695	-28.4%
39		19,222		2,183		588		8,645		6,753		37,391	883,843	1,271,929	-388,086	-30.5%
40		18,242		2,259		538		8,860		7,740		37,639	883,843	1,309,568	-425,725	-32.5%
41		17,547		2,632		669		9,178		8,143		38,169	883,843	1,347,737	-463,894	-34.4%
42		16,991		2,866		521		8,453		7,291		36,122	883,843	1,383,859	-500,016	-36.1%
43		15,893		3,405		504		8,803		8,751		37,356	883,843	1,421,215	-537,372	-37.8%
44		13,503		3,039		549		8,215		7,726		33,032	883,843	1,454,247	-570,404	-39.2%
45		15,682		4,000		591		9,884		8,302		38,459	883,843	1,492,706	-608,863	-40.8%
46		14,960		4,452		541		10,303		8,934		39,190	883,843	1,531,896	-648,053	-42.3%
47		13,976		5,540		568		10,794		8,857		39,735	883,843	1,571,631	-687,788	-43.8%
48		13,586		5,684		528		11,532		9,143		40,473	883,843	1,612,104	-728,261	-45.2%
49		12,769		6,545		522		11,072		8,413		39,321	883,843	1,651,425	-767,582	-46.5%
50		12,576		6,265		564		10,975		7,632		38,012	883,843	1,689,437	-805,594	-47.7%
51		9,653		5,047		350		9,552		6,635		31,237		1,720,674	-1,720,674	-100.0%
52		6,383		4,222		117		5,513		2,692		18,927		1,739,601	-1,739,601	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL YTD</b>	<b>303,635</b>	<b>305,346</b>	<b>118,692</b>	<b>112,192</b>	<b>16,315</b>	<b>14,266</b>	<b>249,685</b>	<b>239,614</b>	<b>195,516</b>	<b>191,244</b>	<b>883,843</b>	<b>862,662</b>	<b>883,843</b>	<b>862,662</b>	<b>21,181</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

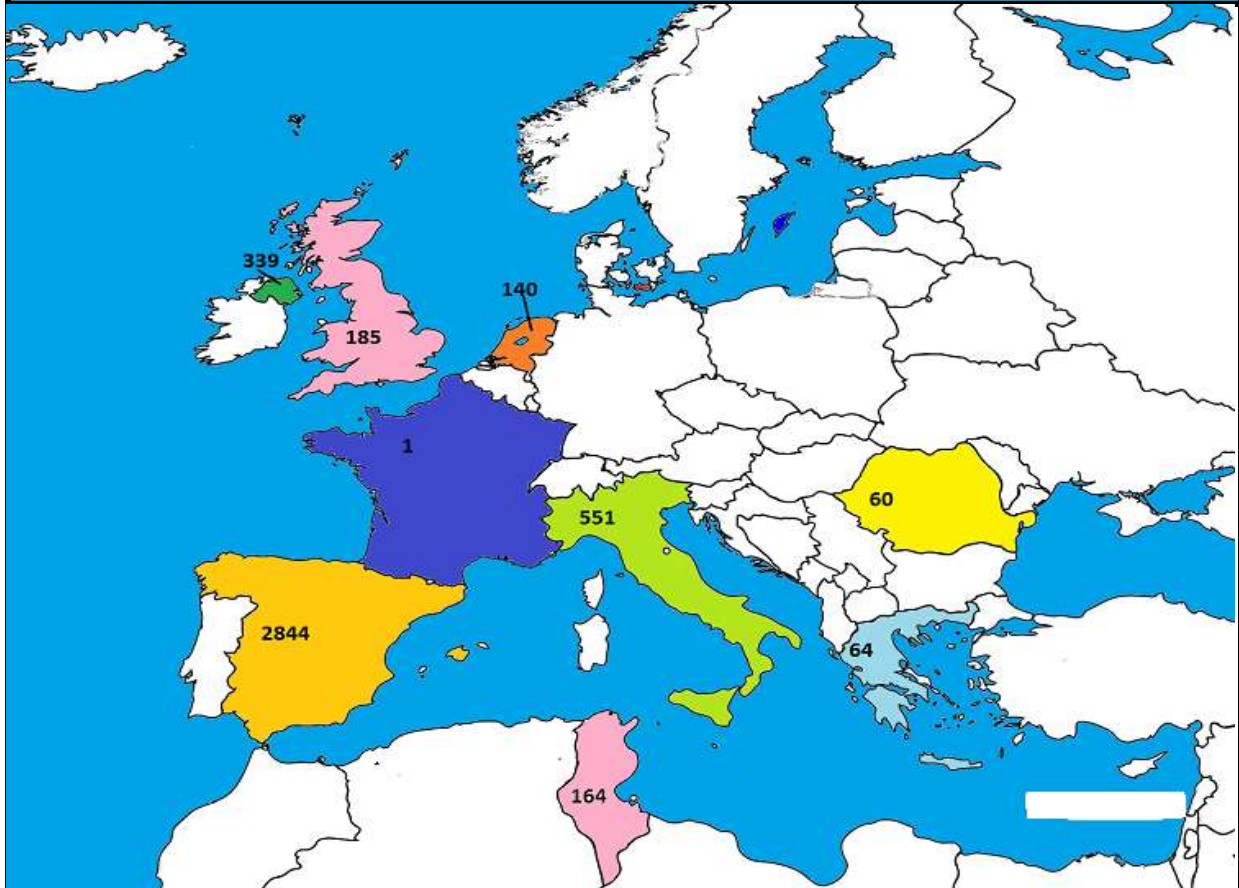
**April 2018 Beef exports, €000 (CSO figures)**



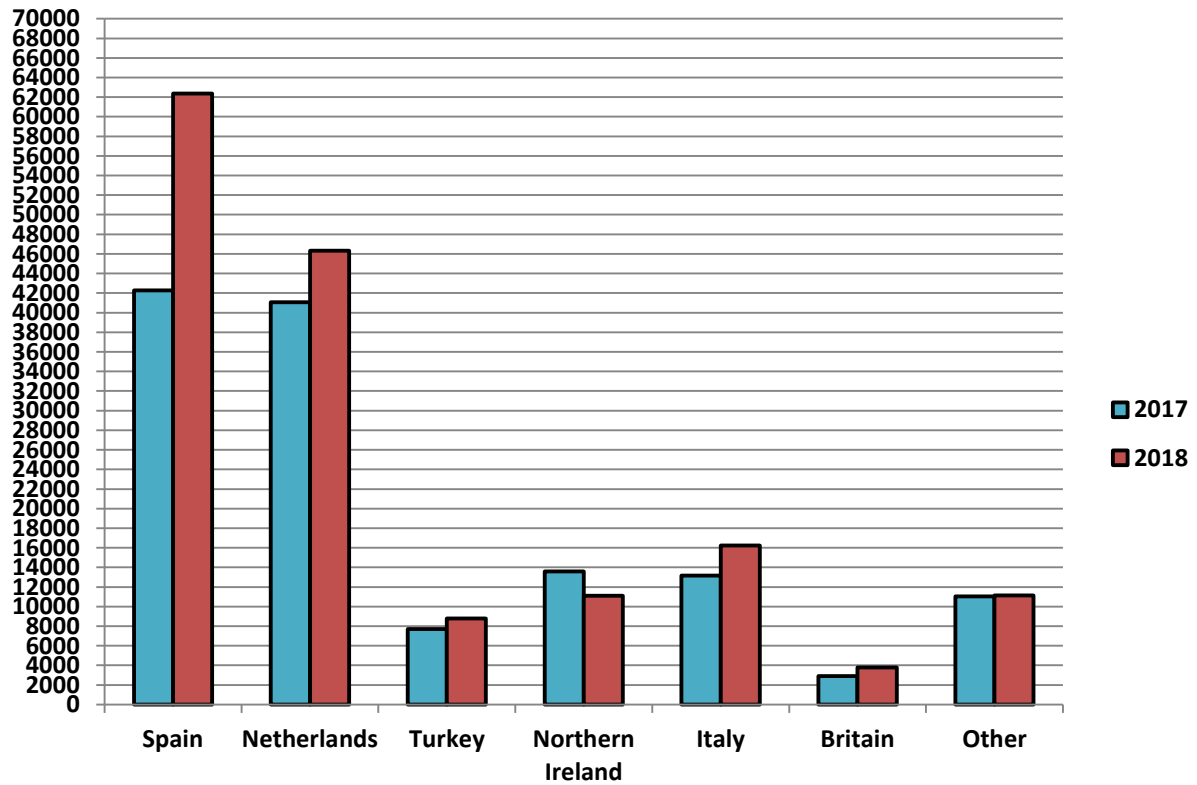
**Cumulative beef exports to Dec 2017, €000 (CSO figures)**



Cattle exported, w/c 11/06/18

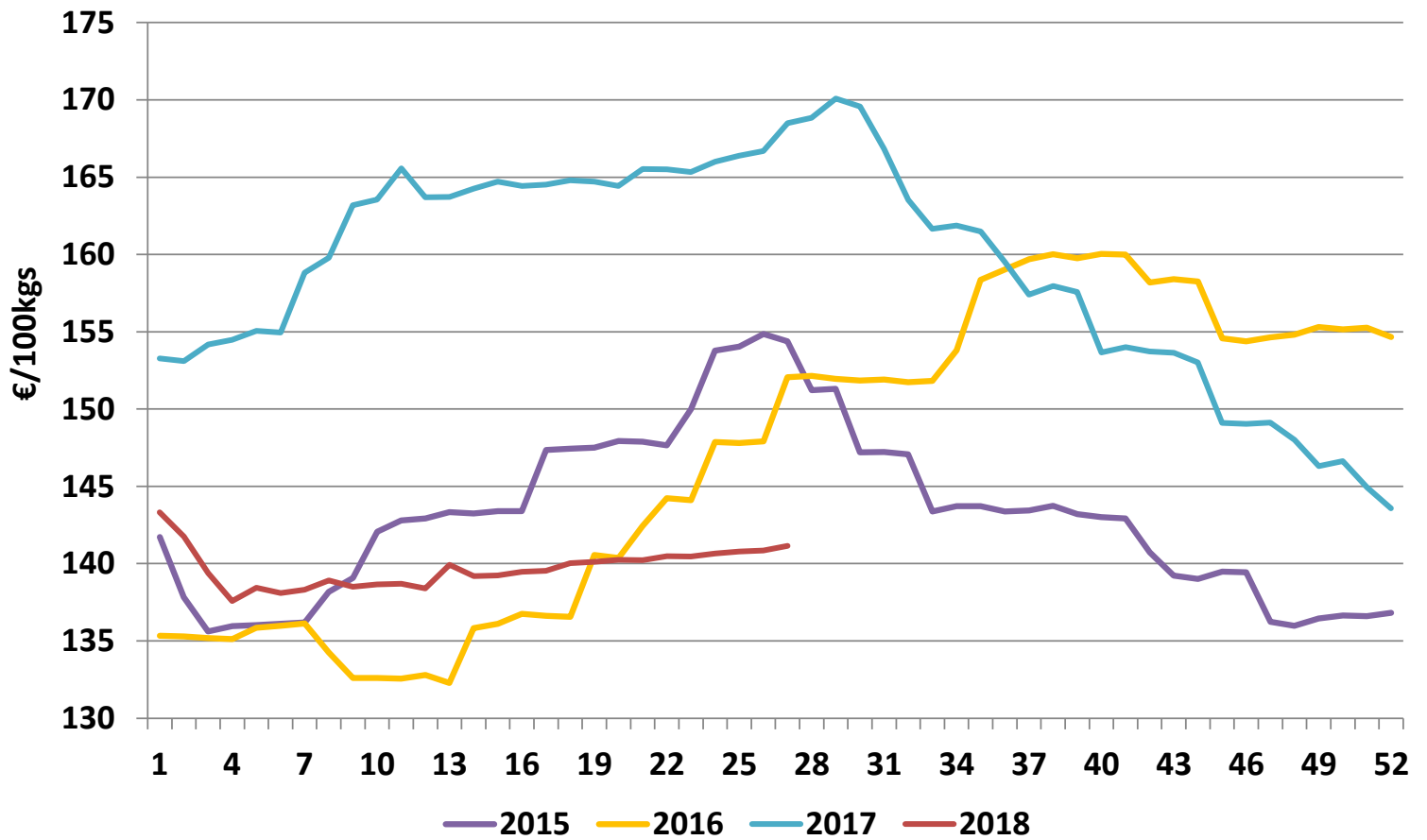


Cumulative cattle export figures, 2018

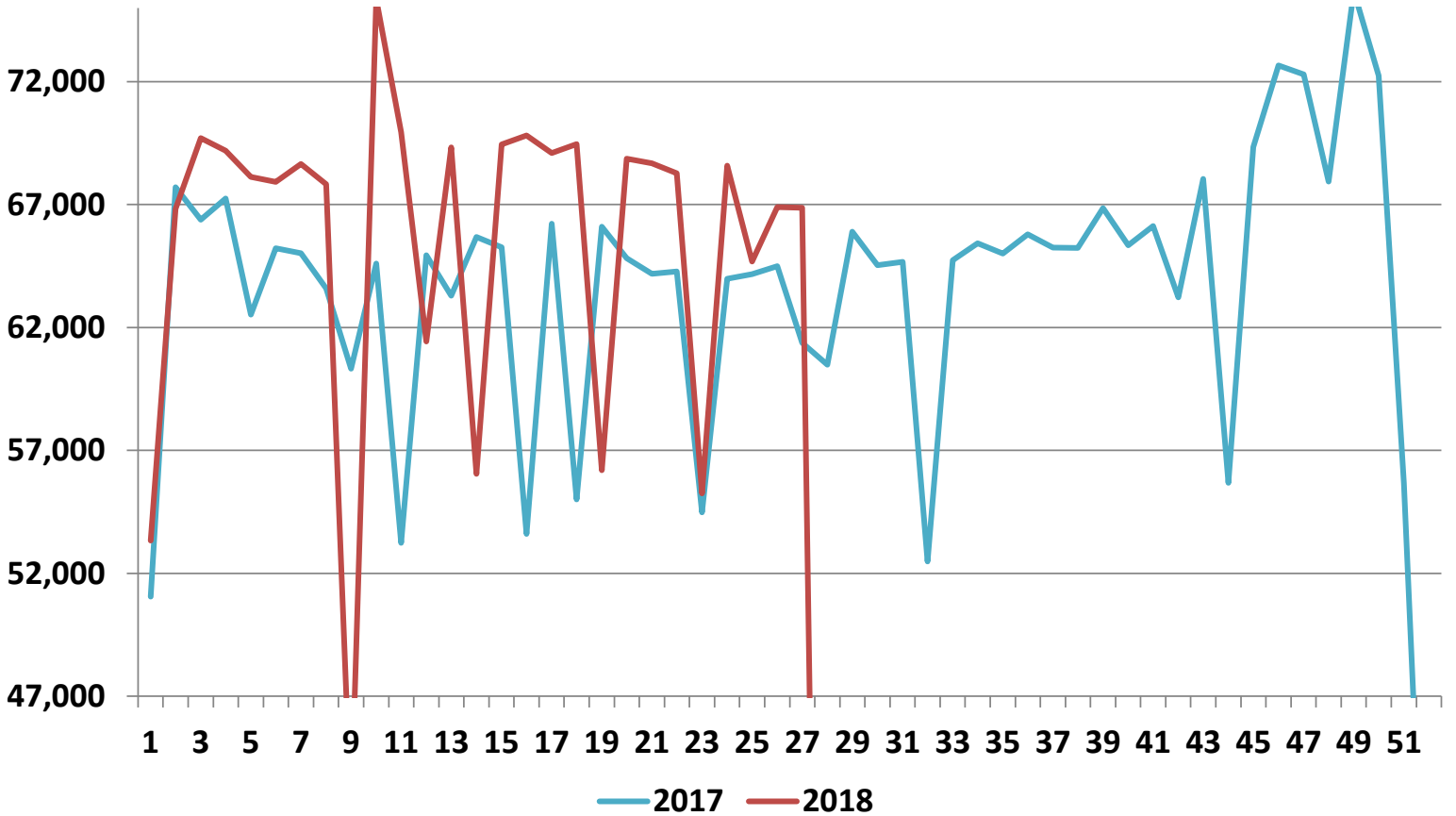


Irish Average Grade E Pig Prices - €/100kgs						
Week	2018	Weekly %	% change	2017	2016	2015
1	143.31		-6.5%	153.27	135.34	141.72
2	141.76	-1.1%	-7.4%	153.10	135.28	137.83
3	139.39	-1.7%	-9.6%	154.17	135.18	135.62
4	137.57	-1.3%	-10.9%	154.48	135.12	135.95
5	138.43	0.6%	-10.7%	155.06	135.84	136.01
6	138.10	-0.2%	-10.9%	154.96	135.98	136.10
7	138.30	0.1%	-12.9%	158.82	136.13	136.19
8	138.92	0.4%	-13.1%	159.79	134.25	138.17
9	138.51	-0.3%	-15.1%	163.19	132.61	139.08
10	138.66	0.1%	-15.2%	163.55	132.61	142.06
11	138.69	0.0%	-16.2%	165.58	132.55	142.79
12	138.40	-0.2%	-15.5%	163.71	132.79	142.93
13	139.93	1.1%	-14.5%	163.72	132.27	143.34
14	139.20	-0.5%	-15.3%	164.25	135.82	143.25
15	<b>139.23</b>	0.0%	-15.5%	164.71	136.11	143.40
16	139.47	0.2%	-15.2%	164.43	136.75	143.39
17	139.54	0.1%	-15.2%	164.52	136.62	147.34
18	140.02	0.3%	-15.0%	164.80	136.56	147.43
19	140.12	0.1%	-14.9%	164.71	140.56	147.49
20	140.25	0.1%	-14.7%	164.42	140.36	147.93
21	<b>140.22</b>	0.0%	-15.3%	165.52	142.42	147.89
22	140.48	0.2%	-15.1%	165.50	144.24	147.66
23	140.47	0.0%	-15.0%	165.33	144.11	150.00
24	140.66	0.1%	-15.3%	165.99	147.86	153.77
25	140.79	0.1%	-15.4%	166.39	147.80	154.04
26	140.84	0.0%	-15.5%	166.68	147.91	154.86
27	141.14	0.2%	-16.2%	168.50	152.06	154.38
28				168.83	152.15	151.22
29				170.09	151.95	151.30
30				169.56	151.85	147.19
31				166.84	151.90	147.23
32				163.53	151.74	147.08
33				161.65	151.82	143.37
34				161.88	153.80	143.71
35				161.49	158.35	143.71
36				159.53	159.03	143.37
37				157.41	159.69	143.44
38				157.97	160.01	143.73
39				157.57	159.75	143.21
40				153.65	160.04	143.00
41				154.00	159.99	142.93
42				153.73	158.19	140.72
43				153.64	158.39	139.23
44				153.01	158.26	139.01
45				149.10	154.57	139.48
46				149.04	154.38	139.43
47				149.13	154.63	136.23
48				148.01	154.82	135.97
49				146.30	155.30	136.45
50				146.62	155.16	136.64
51				144.94	155.26	136.60
52				143.57	154.66	136.82
<b>53</b>						135.67

### Average Grade E Pig Price



### Pig Slaughtering Figures



# Pigmeat Industry Overview

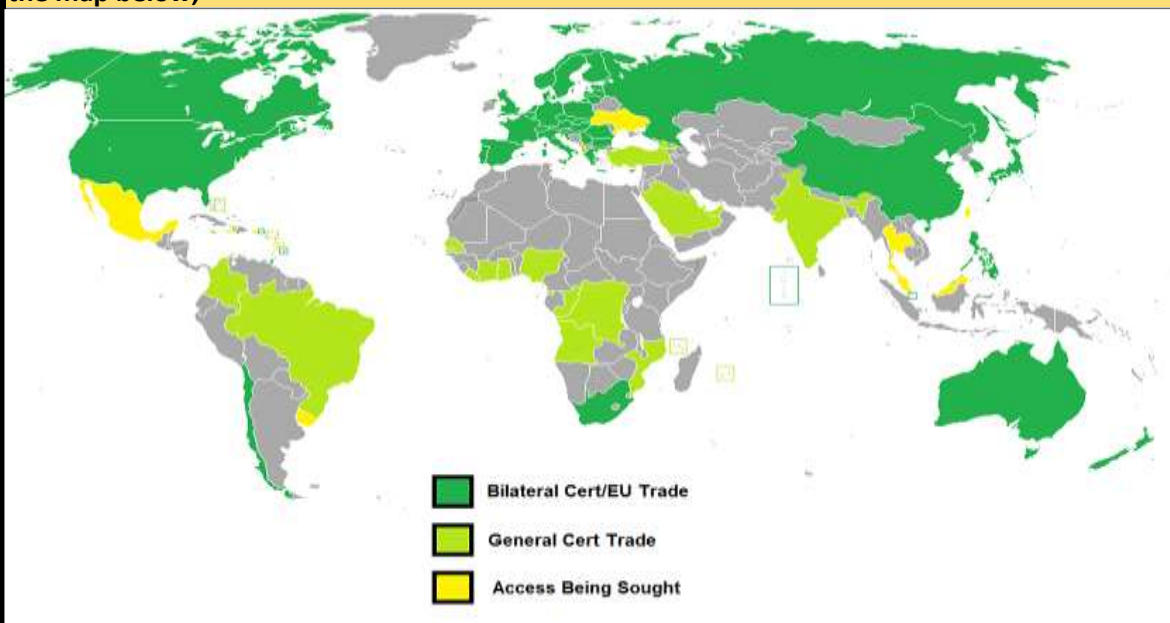
· CSO figures show that last year, Ireland exported 276,000 tonnes of pigmeat products (including prepared food) worth approximately €791m, comprising 6% of overall agri-food exports. This represents a rise of 8% in value terms when compared to 2016.

· Ireland's largest export market by far was the United Kingdom, accounting for approximately 56% of the total, followed by China, at 7%. Denmark, Germany and Japan were next, together comprising roughly 1.25% of export values.

· The Irish pig industry is characterised by large, indoor commercial farms with no 'bought in' animals. However, roughly 1,500 small scale farmers are registered with the Department of Agriculture, so a modest outdoor sector does exist.

· In 2017, 3.3m pigs were slaughtered in Irish export-approved plants, a rise of 1.2% compared to the previous year.

· Irish pigmeat exporters have access to a wide range of markets across the globe, as can be seen in the map below;



· EU production is predicted hold steady into 2019, exports to drop, imports rise and consumption to stay the same, according to the EU Commission's short-term outlook. The EU pig herd grew by 1.4% last year by head count. However, a decline in volume of 0.8% was observed. EU exports globally are projected to rise by 2.5% this year.

· EU Exports to China declined by 9% to 2.6m tonnes following the all-time highs of 2016, but still remained well above the 2015 levels. China accounted for 28% of EU exports last year, down 10% from 2016. The EU supplied 56% of China's pork imports last year.

· In April, China announced the imposition of 25% tariffs on US pork imports in retaliation for American tariffs on Chinese metals.

· According to OECD figures, the EU is the world's largest consumer of pigmeat at 32.5kg per capita, followed closely by China (30.8kg), Vietnam (29kg), South Korea (28.7kg) and the USA (23.6kg). In general terms, consumption is high in Europe, East Asia and the Americas, and low in the Islamic world and Africa.



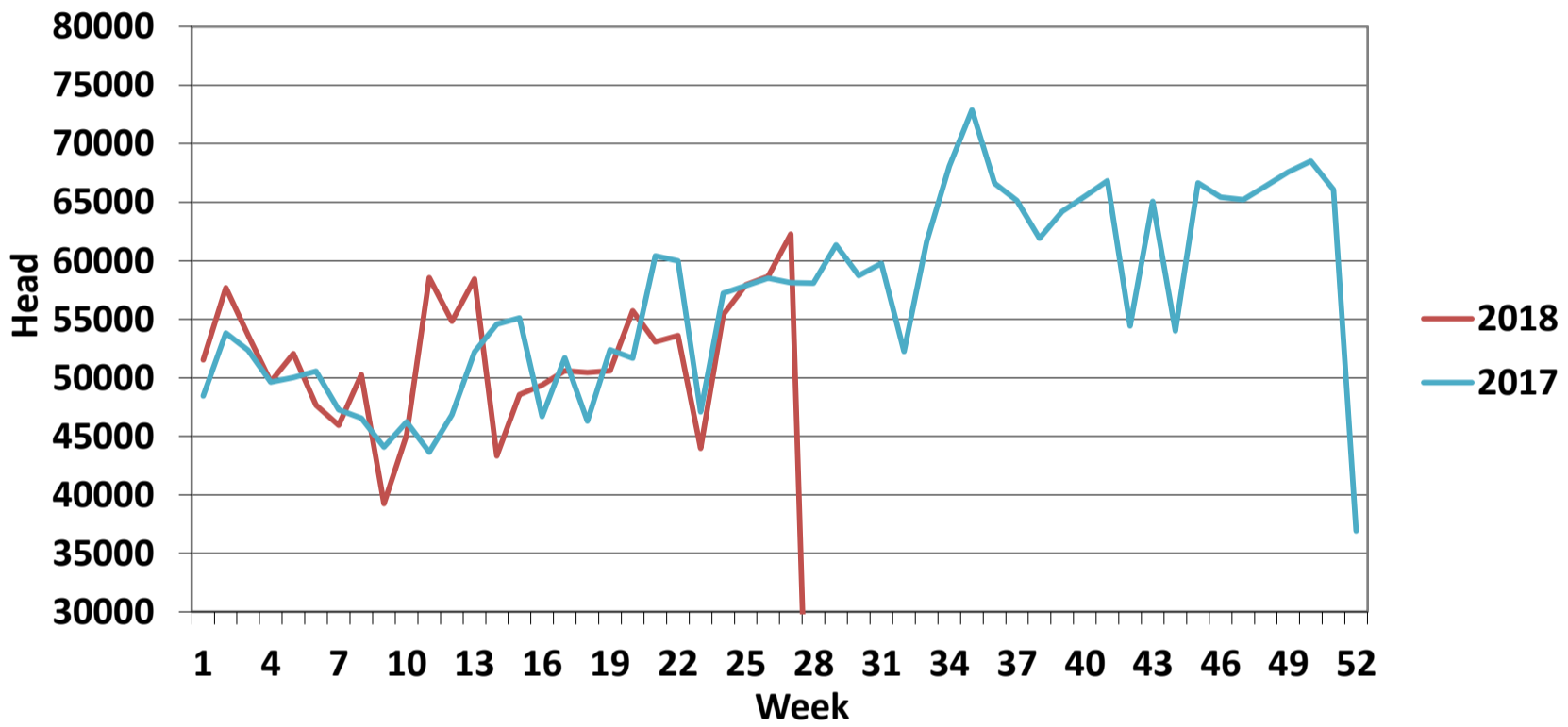
**Pig Slaughtering Figures at Export Approved Plants**

2018							2017				
Week	Pigs	Sows	Total	Cum	2018v2017	% Diff	Week	Pigs	Sows	Total	Cum
1	51,490	1,839	53,329	53,329	2,278	4%	1	49,383	1,668	51,051	51,051
2	64,796	2,031	66,827	120,156	1,397	1%	2	65,598	2,110	67,708	118,759
3	68,008	1,702	69,710	189,866	4,724	3%	3	64,274	2,109	66,383	185,142
4	67,302	1,883	69,185	259,051	6,667	3%	4	65,467	1,775	67,242	252,384
5	65,886	2,242	68,128	327,179	12,275	4%	5	60,873	1,647	62,520	314,904
6	66,072	1,852	67,924	395,103	14,969	4%	6	63,771	1,459	65,230	380,134
7	66,751	1,903	68,654	463,757	18,596	4%	7	63,289	1,738	65,027	445,161
8	65,920	1,905	67,825	531,582	22,825	4%	8	61,999	1,597	63,596	508,757
9	41,794	359	42,153	573,735	4,657	1%	9	58,513	1,808	60,321	569,078
10	72,970	2,385	75,355	649,090	15,415	2%	10	63,238	1,359	64,597	633,675
11	68,008	1,937	69,945	719,035	32,121	5%	11	51,558	1,681	53,239	686,914
12	59,506	1,925	61,431	780,466	28,610	4%	12	63,182	1,760	64,942	751,856
13	67,692	1,634	69,326	849,792	34,641	4%	13	61,444	1,851	63,295	815,151
14	54,379	1,673	56,052	905,844	25,012	3%	14	63,895	1,786	65,681	880,832
15	67,346	2,105	69,451	975,295	29,193	3%	15	63,474	1,796	65,270	946,102
16	67,791	2,022	69,813	1,045,108	45,396	5%	16	51,998	1,612	53,610	999,712
17	67,224	1,875	69,099	1,114,207	48,275	5%	17	63,977	2,243	66,220	1,065,932
18	67,453	2,011	69,464	1,183,671	62,728	6%	18	53,557	1,454	55,011	1,120,943
19	54,510	1,682	56,192	1,239,863	52,823	4%	19	64,247	1,850	66,097	1,187,040
20	67,150	1,723	68,873	1,308,736	56,882	5%	20	63,028	1,786	64,814	1,251,854
21	66,590	2,092	68,682	1,377,418	61,375	5%	21	62,150	2,039	64,189	1,316,043
22	66,404	1,871	68,275	1,445,693	65,366	5%	22	62,840	1,444	64,284	1,380,327
23	53,696	1,549	55,245	1,500,938	66,132	5%	23	52,834	1,645	54,479	1,434,806
24	66,779	1,807	68,586	1,569,524	70,738	5%	24	62,294	1,686	63,980	1,498,786
25	62,897	1,791	64,688	1,634,212	71,258	5%	25	62,455	1,713	64,168	1,562,954
26	65,378	1,521	66,899	1,701,111	73,662	5%	26	62,554	1,941	64,495	1,627,449
27	64,921	1,953	66,874	1,767,985	79,152	5%	27	59,582	1,802	61,384	1,688,833
28							28	58,904	1,587	60,491	1,749,324
29							29	64,112	1,790	65,902	1,815,226
30							30	62,572	1,967	64,539	1,879,765
31							31	62,929	1,745	64,674	1,944,439
32							32	50,933	1,545	52,478	1,996,917
33							33	62,812	1,928	64,740	2,061,657
34							34	63,823	1,603	65,426	2,127,083
35							35	62,962	2,045	65,007	2,192,090
36							36	63,686	2,109	65,795	2,257,885
37							37	63,255	1,990	65,245	2,323,130
38							38	63,581	1,659	65,240	2,388,370
39							39	64,972	1,878	66,850	2,455,220
40							40	63,493	1,850	65,343	2,520,563
41							41	64,269	1,863	66,132	2,586,695
42							42	61,459	1,770	63,229	2,649,924
43							43	66,014	2,035	68,049	2,717,973
44							44	53,954	1,733	55,687	2,773,660
45							45	67,519	1,823	69,342	2,843,002
46							46	70,899	1,763	72,662	2,915,664
47							47	70,337	1,951	72,288	2,987,952
48							48	66,269	1,671	67,940	3,055,892
49							49	73,743	1,936	75,679	3,131,571
50							50	69,984	2,251	72,235	3,203,806
51							51	55,083	590	55,673	3,259,479
52							52	31,853	901	32,754	3,292,233
53							53				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>1,718,713</b>	<b>49,272</b>	<b>1,767,985</b>				<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>3,200,891</b>	<b>91,342</b>	<b>3,292,233</b>	

**REPORT ON SLAUGHTERING AT SHEEP EXPORT PREMISES  
WEEK 27**

CATEGORY	2018		2017		DIFFERENCE		% Differences 2018 vs 2017	
	Weekly	Cumulative	Weekly	Cumulative	Weekly	Cumulative	Weekly	Cumulative
Lambs/Hoggets	668	826,427	588	804,637	80	21,790	14%	3%
Spring Lambs	51,790	342,940	48,847	395,839	2,943	52,899	6%	-13%
Ewes and Rams	9,827	228,689	8,687	188,391	1,140	40,298	13%	21%
Light Lambs	-	125	-	470	0	345	#DIV/0!	-73%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,285</b>	<b>1,398,181</b>	<b>58,122</b>	<b>1,389,337</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>8,844</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>1%</b>

**Weekly Sheep Slaughtering**

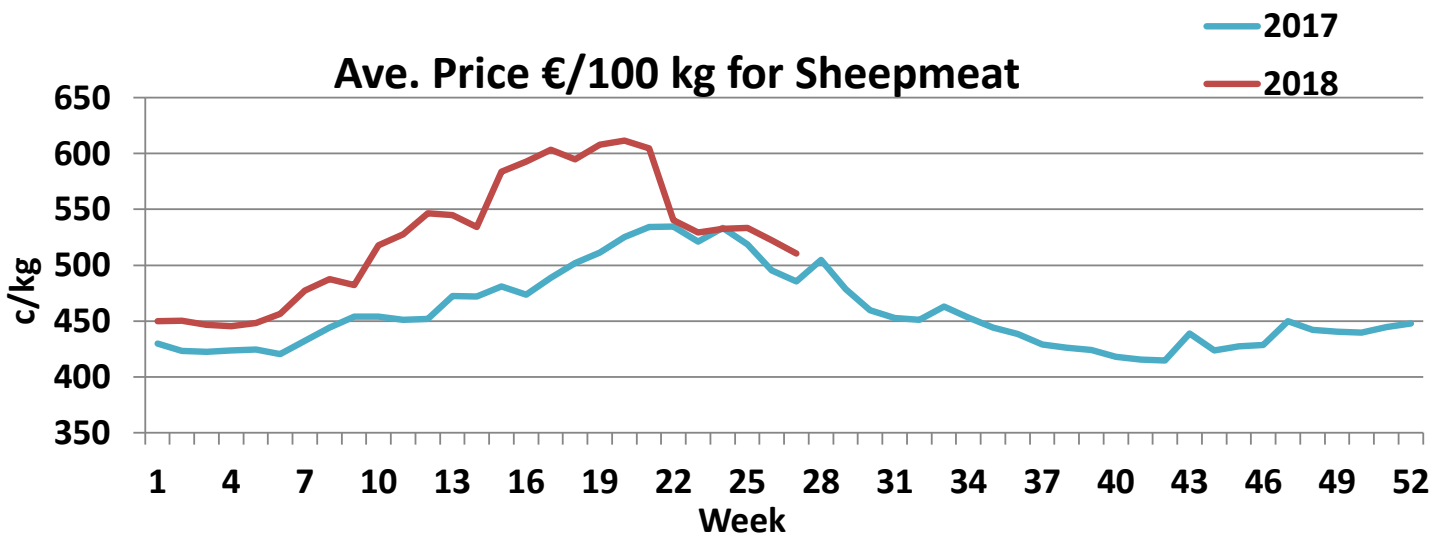


**Sheepmeat Information for week 27**

Irish Prices €/100 kg	2018	2017	Change
Ave Factory Price	548.04	507.82	7.9%
Ave Mart Price	422.43	433.04	-2.5%
National Ave Price	510.36	485.38	5.1%
YTD Ave	525.87	472.95	11.2%

Slaughterings	2018	2017	Change
Weekly	62,285	58,122	7%
YTD	1,398,181	1,389,337	1%

EU Market Rates Heavy Lambs	€/100kg	% of Community Price
Belgium	530.6	106%
Denmark	563.1	112%
Germany	599.1	119%
Spain	496.9	99%
France	633.0	126%
Hungary	551.2	110%
Ireland	510.4	102%
Italy	467.0	93%
Cyprus	452.0	90%
Latvia	371.1	74%
Lithuania	407.8	81%
Netherlands	634.2	126%
Austria	592.0	118%
Poland	376.3	75%
Romania	211.0	42%
Finland	383.2	76%
Sweden	543.2	108%
Northern Ireland	470.2	94%
Great Britain	522.3	104%
United Kingdom	518.6	103%
Community	501.7	100%





Comparison of Poultry Slaughter Figures Between 2018 and 2017						
WEEK	2018 weekly	2018 cumulative	2017 weekly	2017 cumulative	2017 v 2018	% difference
1	1,625,961	1,625,961	1,800,752	1,800,752	-174,791	-9.7%
2	1,969,356	3,595,317	1,855,926	3,656,678	-61,361	-1.7%
3	1,932,194	5,527,511	1,904,859	5,561,537	-34,026	-0.6%
4	1,886,770	7,414,281	1,885,286	7,446,823	-32,542	-0.4%
5	1,800,824	9,215,105	1,831,229	9,278,052	-62,947	-0.7%
6	1,813,024	11,028,129	1,777,430	11,055,482	-27,353	-0.2%
7	1,808,499	12,836,628	1,859,200	12,914,682	-78,054	-0.6%
8	1,922,060	14,758,688	1,808,065	14,722,747	35,941	0.2%
9	1,557,975	16,316,663	1,768,257	16,491,004	-174,341	-1.1%
10	2,159,284	18,475,947	1,842,204	18,333,208	142,739	0.8%
11	1,957,072	20,433,019	1,709,219	20,042,427	390,592	1.9%
12	1,734,665	22,126,409	1,868,499	21,910,926	215,483	1.0%
13	1,874,839	24,001,248	1,823,125	23,734,051	267,197	1.1%
14	1,755,145	25,756,393	1,766,109	25,500,160	256,233	1.0%
15	1,963,967	27,720,360	1,770,716	27,270,876	449,484	1.6%
16	2,008,587	29,728,947	1,654,606	28,925,482	803,465	2.8%
17	1,994,979	31,723,926	1,969,576	30,895,058	828,868	2.7%
18	1,944,920	33,668,846	1,717,922	32,612,980	1,055,866	3.2%
19	1,749,772	35,418,618	1,867,134	34,480,114	938,504	2.7%
20	2,007,305	37,425,923	1,841,906	36,322,020	1,103,903	3.0%
21	1,948,360	39,374,283	1,799,032	38,121,052	1,253,231	3.3%
22	1,965,217	41,339,500	1,831,652	39,952,704	1,386,796	3.5%
23	1,726,225	43,065,725	1,813,217	41,765,921	1,299,804	3.1%
24	1,881,726	44,988,726	1,880,162	43,646,083	1,342,643	3.1%
25	1,896,280	46,843,731	1,846,871	45,492,954	1,350,777	3.0%
26	1,934,425	48,786,157	1,821,416	47,314,370	1,471,787	3.1%
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