

# Meat Market Report

17/09/18 - 23/09/18

Week

38



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# MARKET SUMMARY

## Beef

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

	U3	U4	R3	R4	O3	O4	P+
Steers	401.4	400.0	389.0	387.1	368.4	369.1	347.4
Heifers	413.2	414.0	400.9	400.6	382.8	380.1	351.3
Young Bulls	395.1	396.0	385.3	384.1	367.4	0.0	350.3
Cows			333.5	334.8	310.2	311.2	297.7

### Liveweight Prices

*Bull Calf Average Price	€169.0 per head (Excluding VAT)
**Young Store Average Price	€222.0 per 100kg (Excluding VAT)
***Yearling (male & female) Price	€180.5 per 100kg (Excluding VAT)

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

### Slaughtering

38,287 cattle slaughtered this week, of which steers were 17,558 (46%), heifers 9,693 (25%), young bulls 2,345 (6%) and cows 8,119 (21%). Total slaughter is 1,276,871 compared to 1,234,027 in 2017, a 3.5% increase.

### Live Trade

2,986 cattle were exported in the week commencing 17/09/2018 2,068 to EU (Except NI). Live exports for 2018 amount to 209,755 compared to 159,005 in 2017, up 32% 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 20 October 2018

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# MARKET SUMMARY

## Pigmeat

Grade E Pig  
Prices (Ex.  
VAT)

The Grade E Pig price for week commencing 17/09/2018 was €136.29 per 100Kg. This compares to €157.97 in the same week last year, a 13.7% decrease.

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Slaughtering

67,037 pigs were slaughtered in week 38 of which 1,998 were sows. The cumulative figure for pig slaughterings in 2018 is 2,489,418 which is up 4% against the same point last year.

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## Sheepmeat

Sheepmeat  
Prices (Ex.  
VAT)

The national average price for the week commencing 17/09/2018 was €422.64 per 100Kg, a decrease of .8% over the same week last year.

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Slaughtering

67,458 sheep were slaughtered at sheep export premises the week commencing 17/09/2018, compared to 61,909 in the same week of 2017. Sheep slaughterings for 2018 is 3% up on 2017 at 2,129,296 head.

Live Trade

Total live exports to European Countries stood at 18,493 head up to the 20 of September.

## Poultry

Slaughtering

Cumulative poultry slaughterings for 2018\* stand at 69,967,700 birds at the end of week 37, up 2.6% compared to the same period last year.

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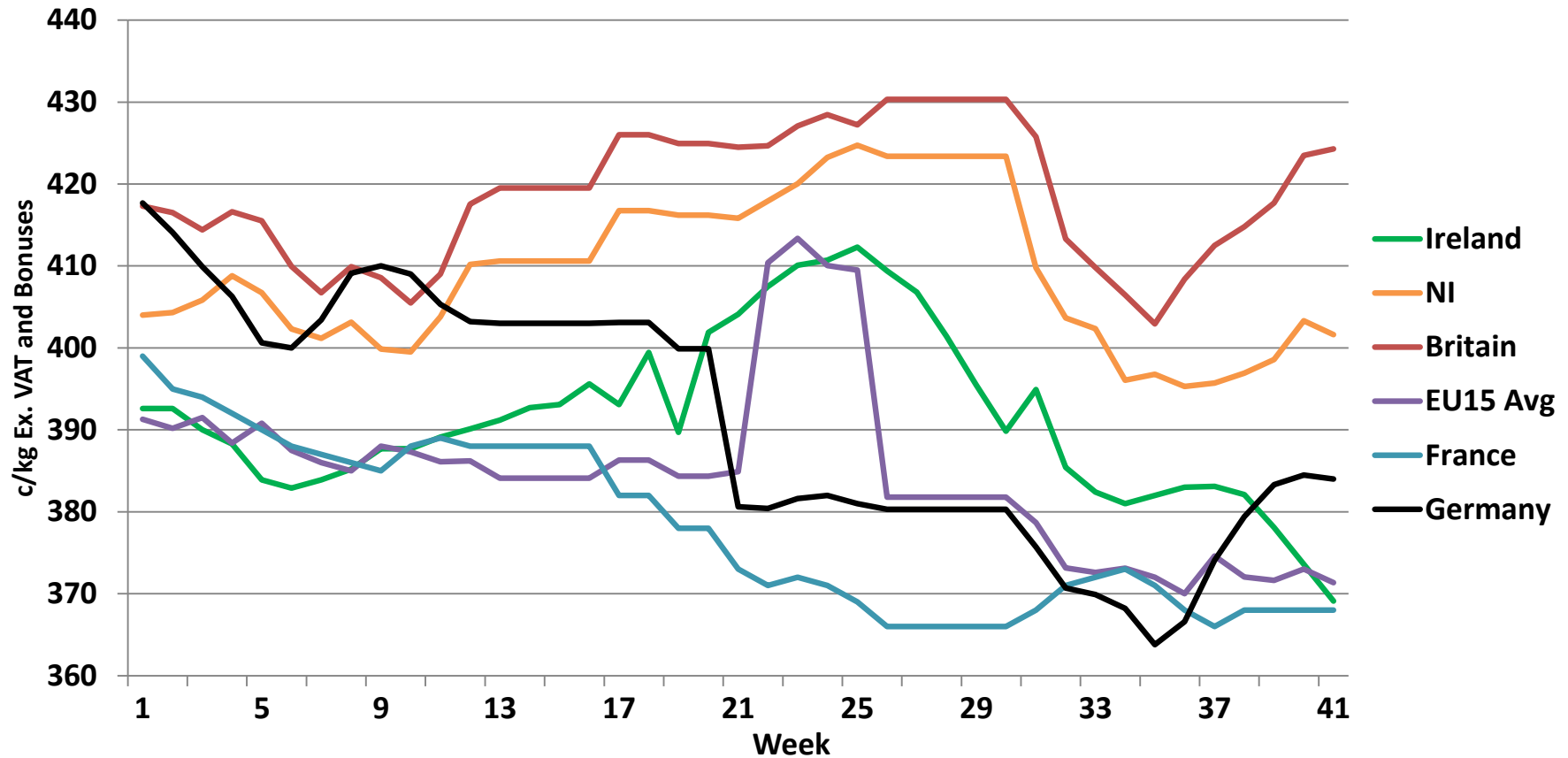
Dead Weight Prices	W/C	W/C	Same week 2017	% change prev week	% change 2017
	17/09/18	10/09/18	18/09/17		
Steers (R3) (c/kg)	369.1	373.6	372.4	-1.2%	-0.9%
Heifers (R3) (c/kg)	380.3	384.1	382.8	-1.0%	-0.6%
Young Bulls (U3) (c/kg)	374.8	378.6	381.7	-1.0%	-1.8%
Cows (04) (c/kg)	295.3	299.1	315.7	-1.3%	-6.5%

Live Weight Prices	W/C	W/C	Same week 2017	% change previous week	% change 2017
	17/09/18	10/09/18	18/09/17		
Yearlings (Male) (Aged 365 - 730 days) - (€/100Kg)	176	182	190	-3.3%	-7.4%
Yearlings (Female) (Aged 365 - 730 days) - (€/100Kg)	185	188	197	-1.6%	-6.1%
Young Stores (Male & Female) (Aged 180 - 364 days) - (€/100Kg)	222	219	232	1.4%	-4.3%
Bull Calf (€/head) Dairy	120.4	112.9	162.4	6.6%	-25.9%
Bull Calf (€/head) Beef	217.5	198.5	333.6	9.6%	-34.8%
Bull Calf (€/head) Average	169.0	155.7	248.0	8.5%	-31.9%

Slaughter Figures	% of weekly figures	W/C	Same week 2017	Year to Date		Change 2018 v 2017	
		17-Sep-18		2018	2017	Head	%
Steers	45.9%	17,558	18,658	470,751	479,754	-9,003	-1.9%
Cows	21.2%	8,119	6,726	283,548	266,895	16,653	6.2%
Heifers	25.3%	9,693	8,094	347,799	328,421	19,378	5.9%
Young Bulls	6.1%	2,345	2,041	151,041	137,909	13,132	9.5%
Mature Bulls	1.5%	572	567	23,732	21,048	2,684	12.8%
Total	100%	38,287	36,086	1,276,871	1,234,027	42,844	3.5%

Live Exports	W/C	Same week 2017	W/C	Year to Date		Change 2018 v 2017	
	17-Sep-18		10-Sep-18	2018	2017	Head	%
Northern Ireland	918	546	864	13,985	20,356	-6,371	-31%
EU Except NI	2,068	702	1,983	177,779	119,464	58,315	49%
Third Countries	0	0	0	17,991	19,185	-1,194	-
Total	2,986	1,248	2,847	209,755	159,005	50,750	32%
Calves YTD:		153,504	Adult Cattle YTD:		56,251		

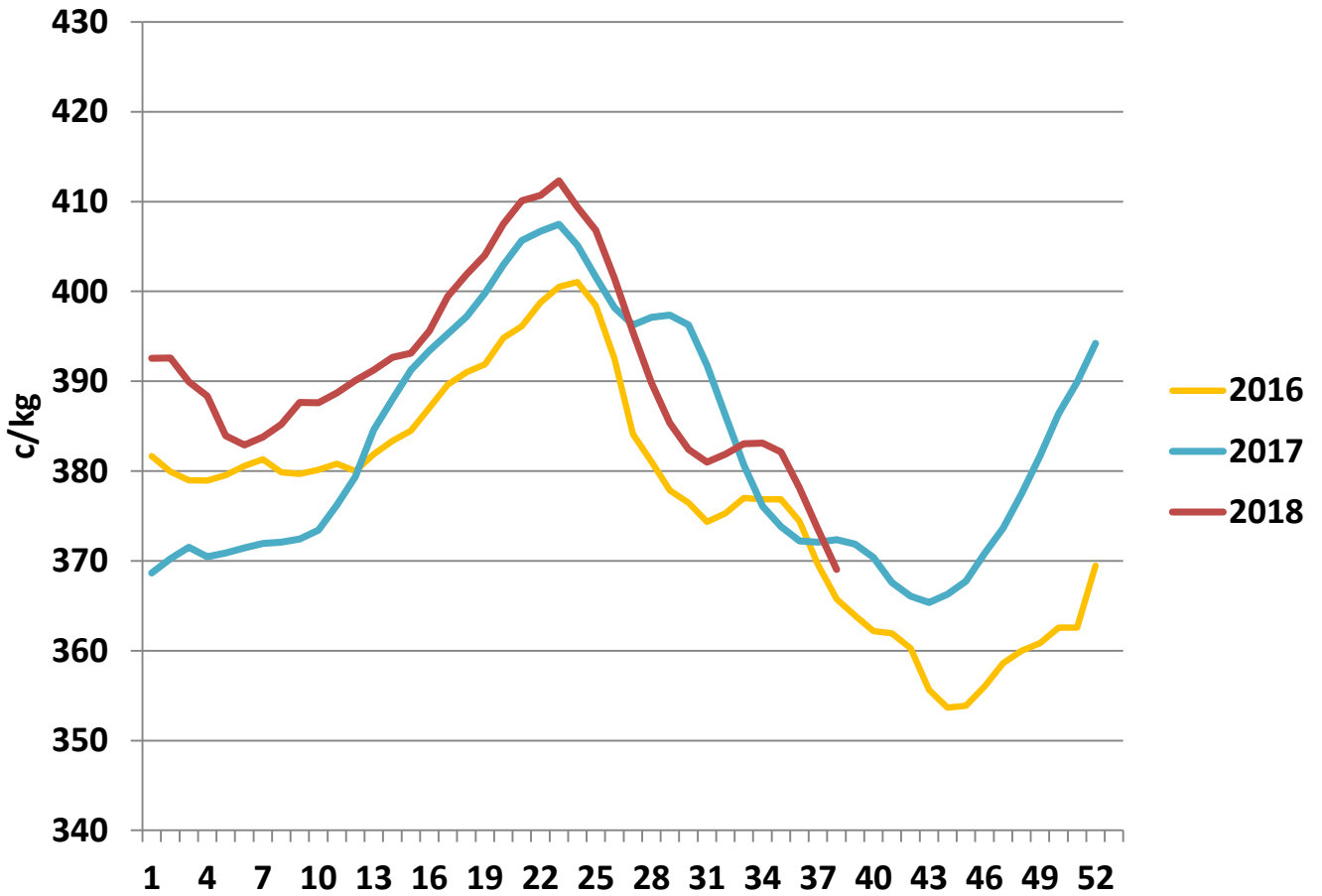
## Irish Deadweight Cattle Prices vs Selected Other Markets, 2018



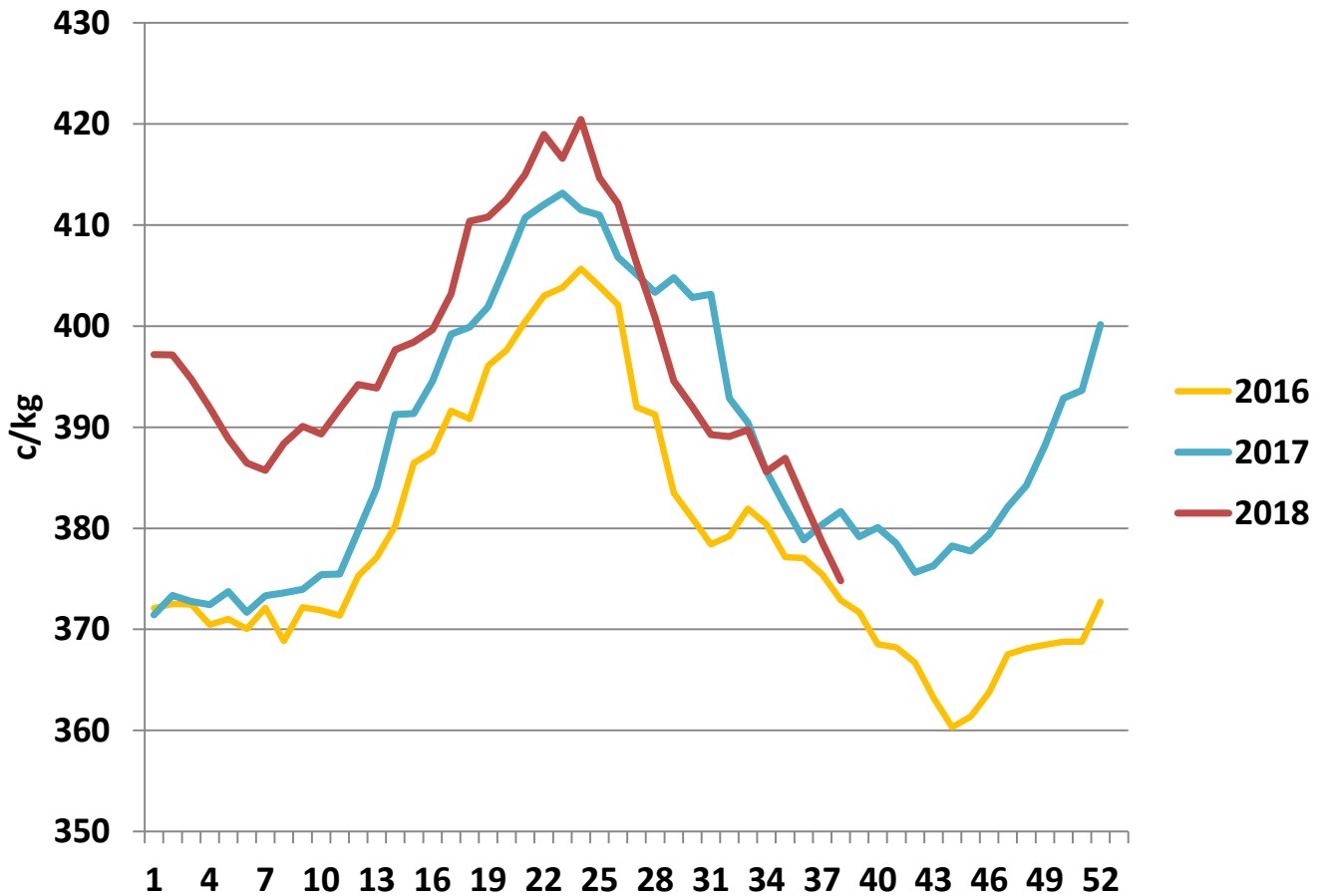
### Livestock Pricing

	Ireland	NI	Britain	EU 15 Average	France	Germany
W/C 17/09/18	369.1	401.61	424.28	371.36	368	384

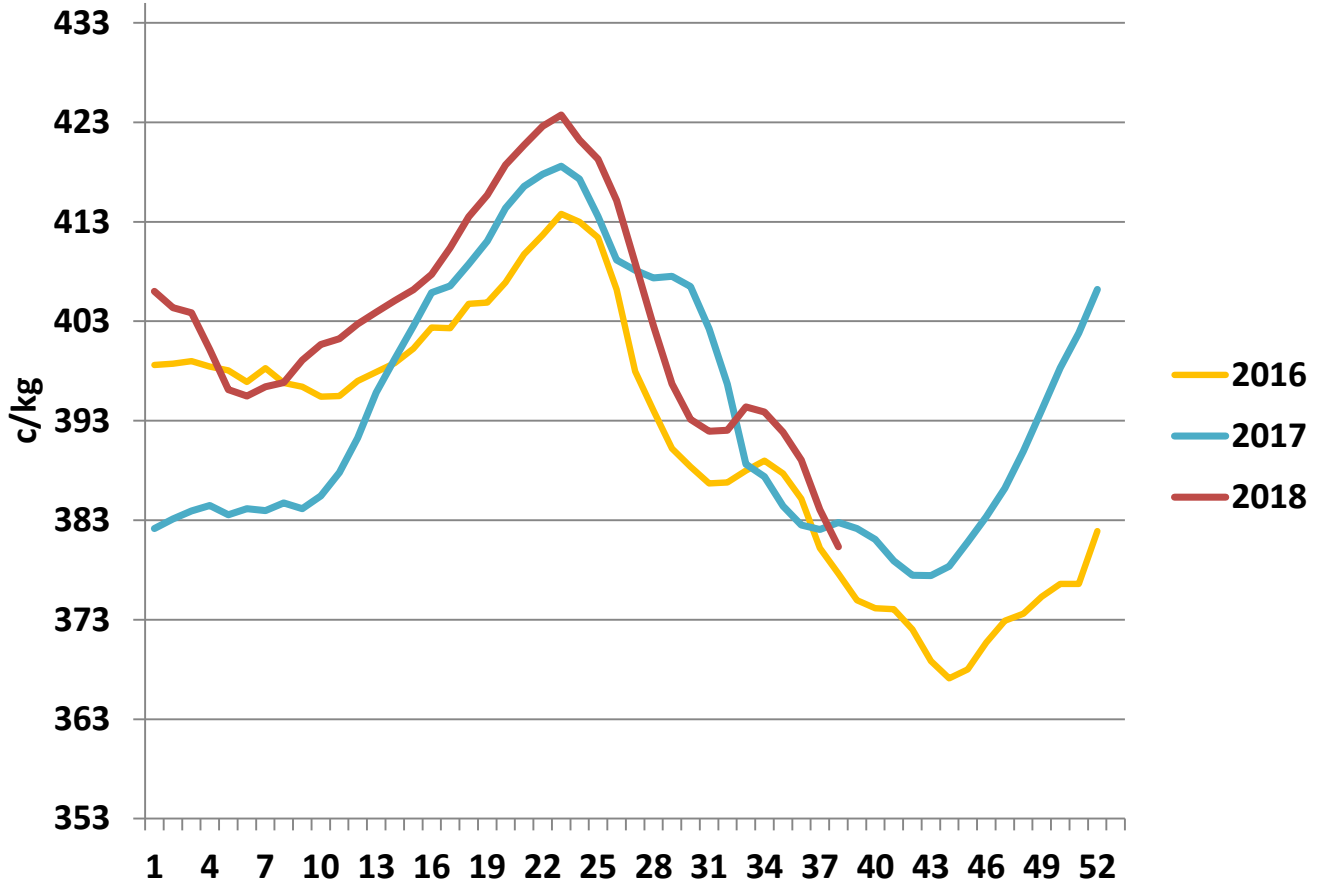
### R3 Steer prices ex. VAT



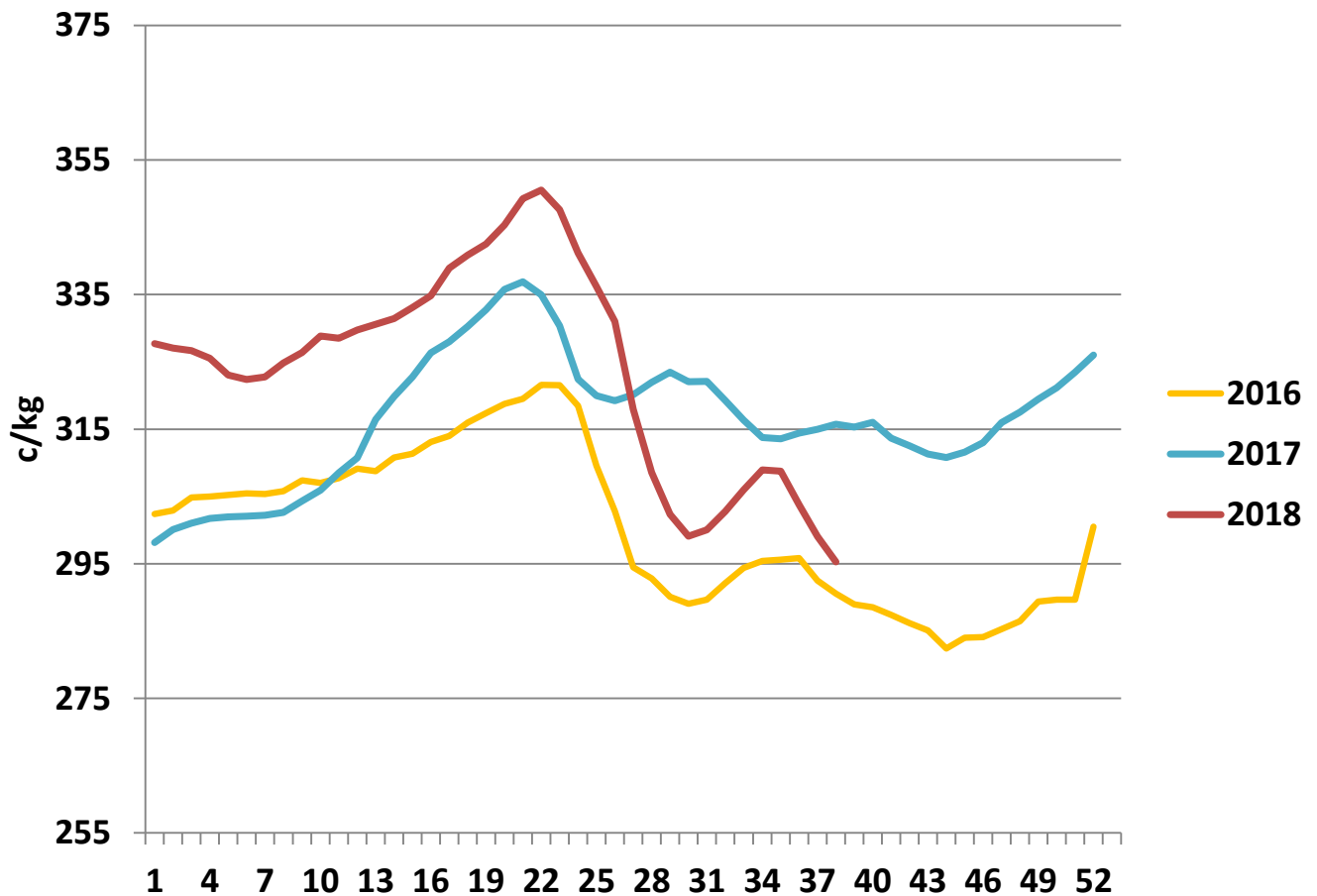
### U3 Young Bull prices ex. VAT

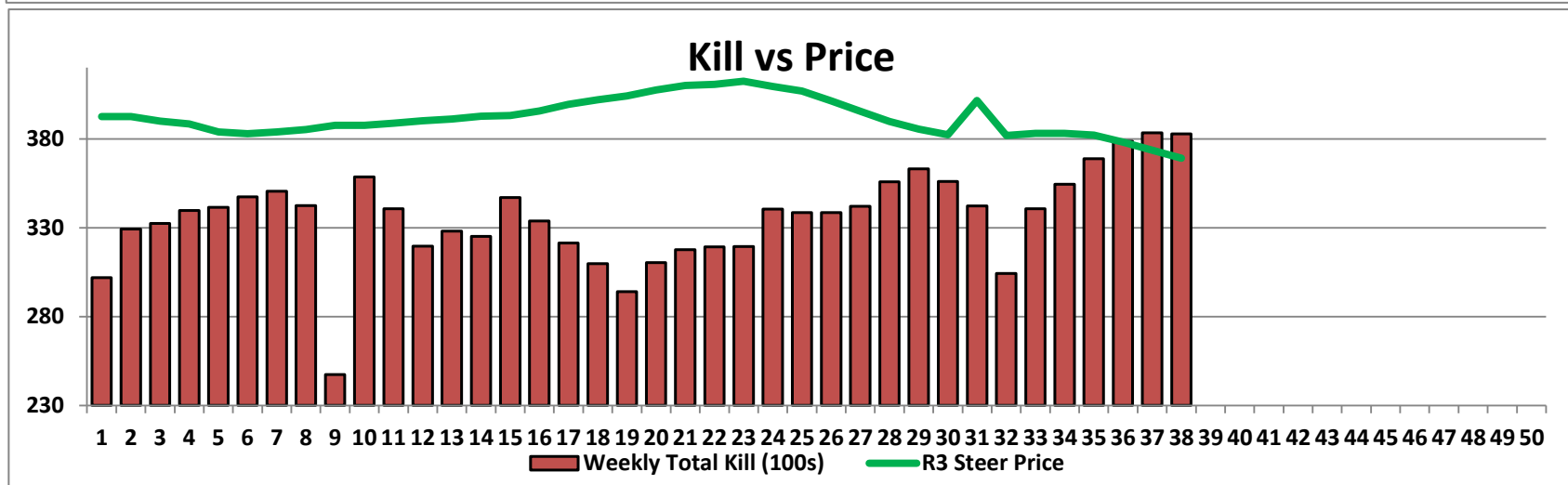
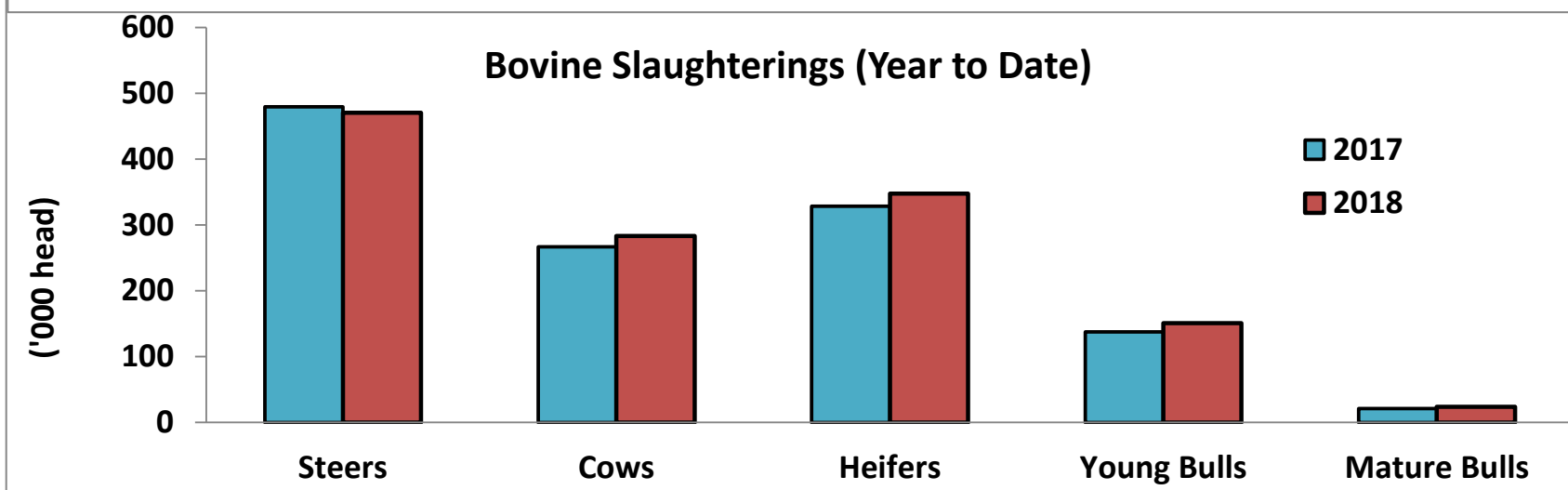
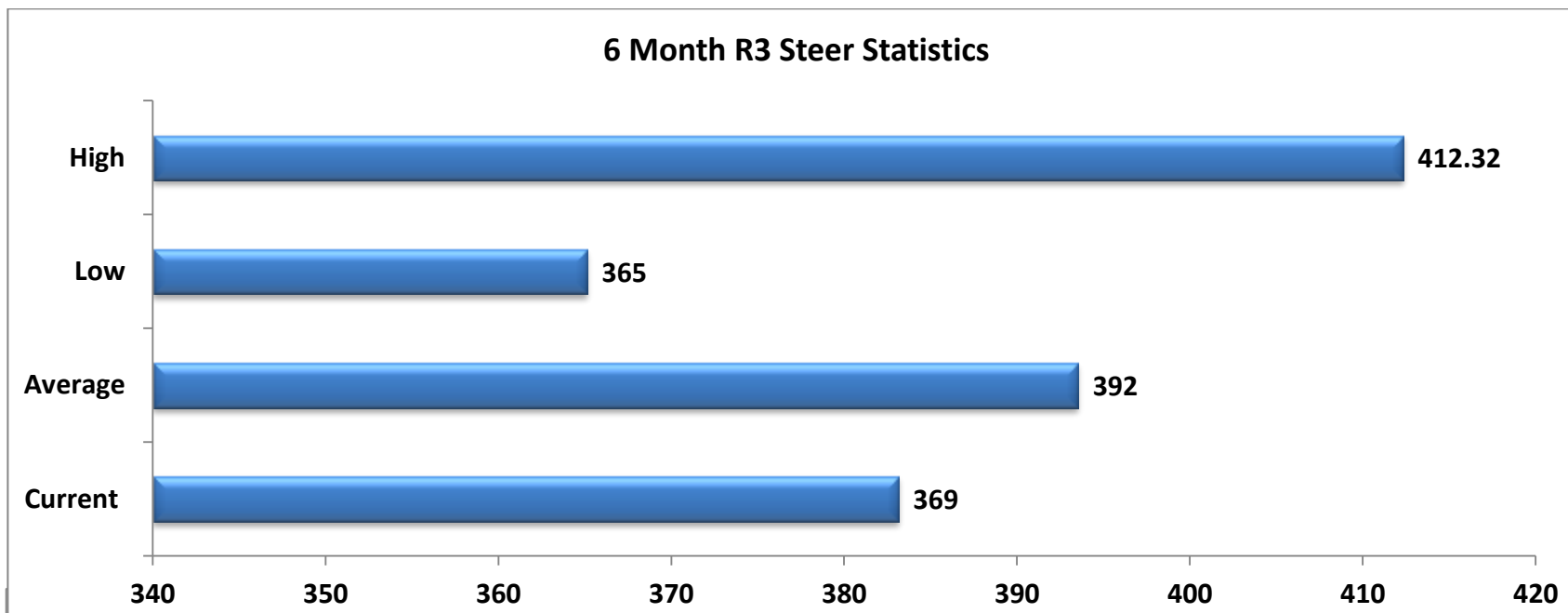


### R3 Heifer prices ex. VAT



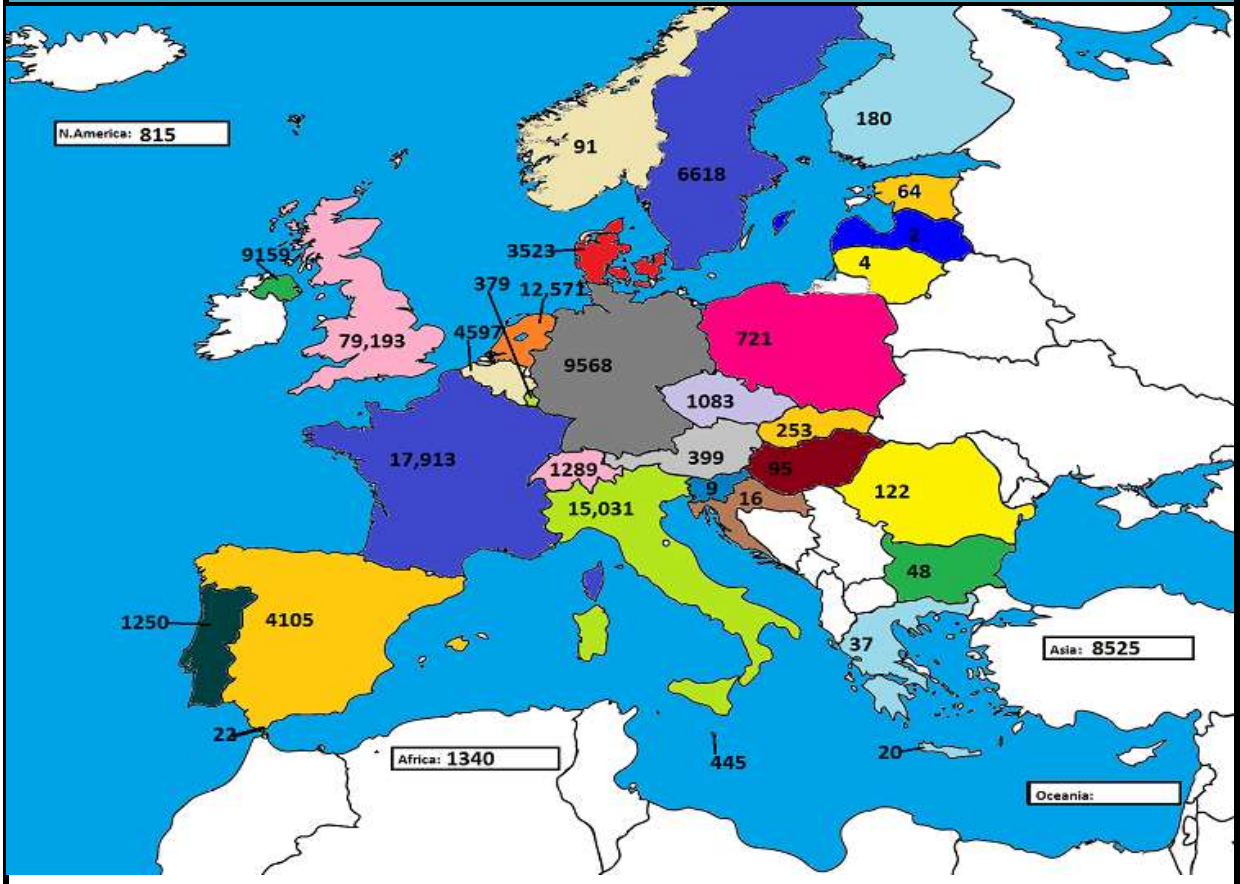
### O4 Cow prices ex. VAT



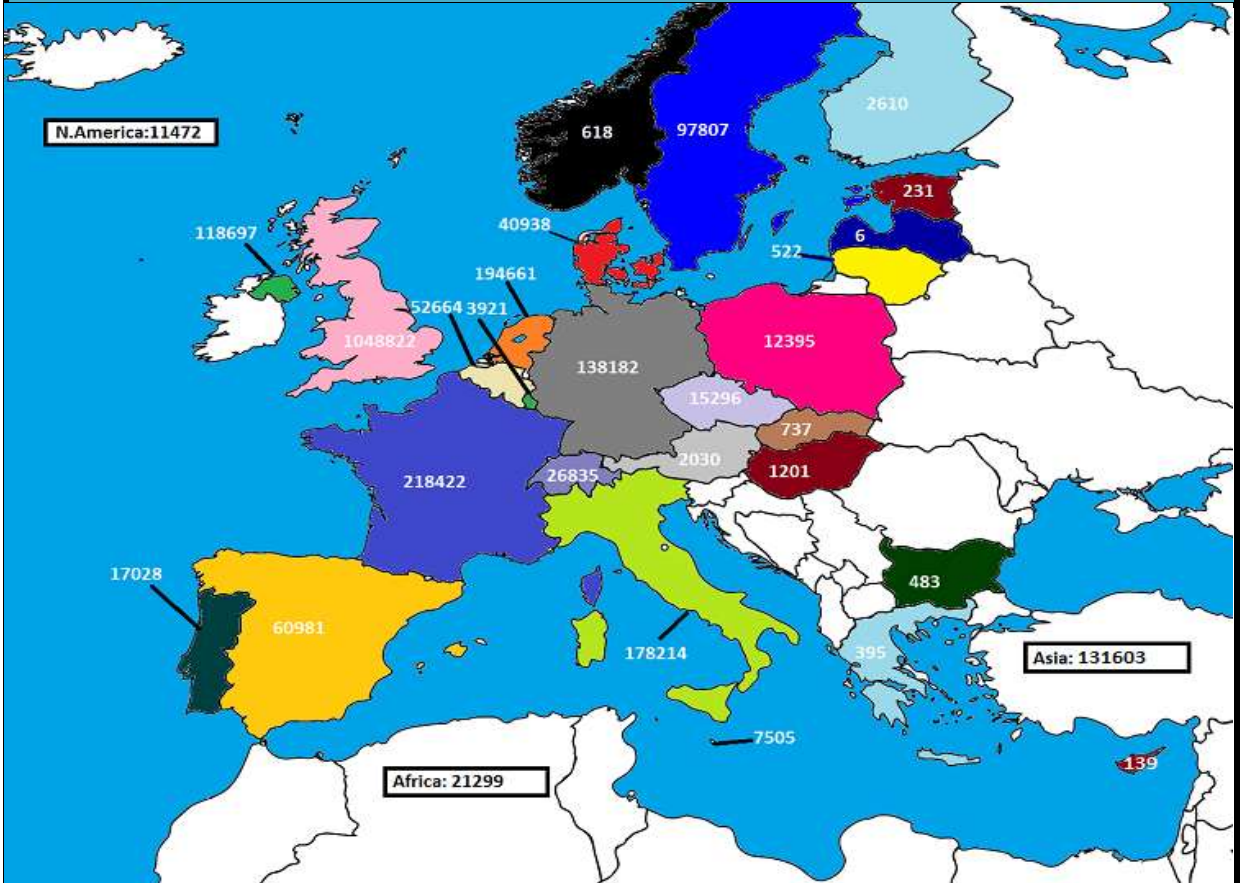




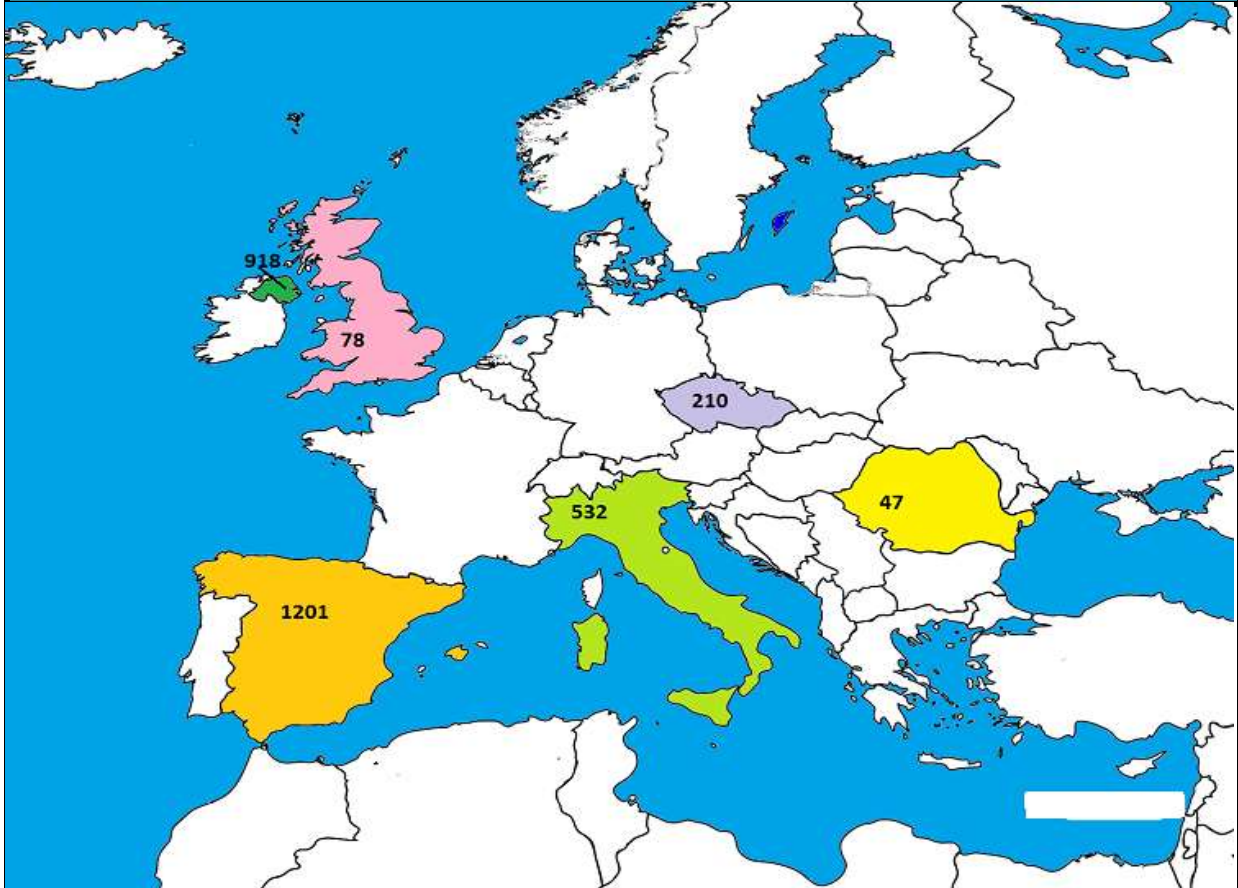
**July 2018 Beef exports, €000 (CSO figures)**



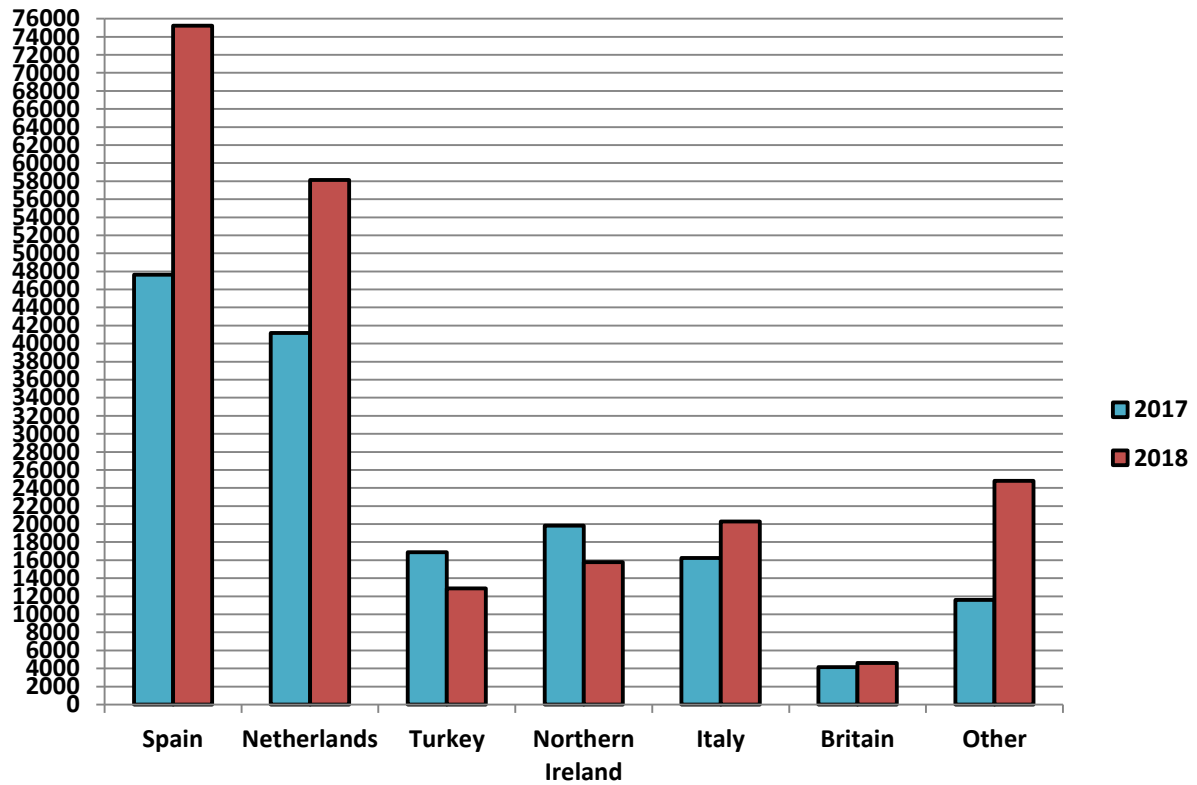
**Cumulative beef exports to Dec 2017, €000 (CSO figures)**



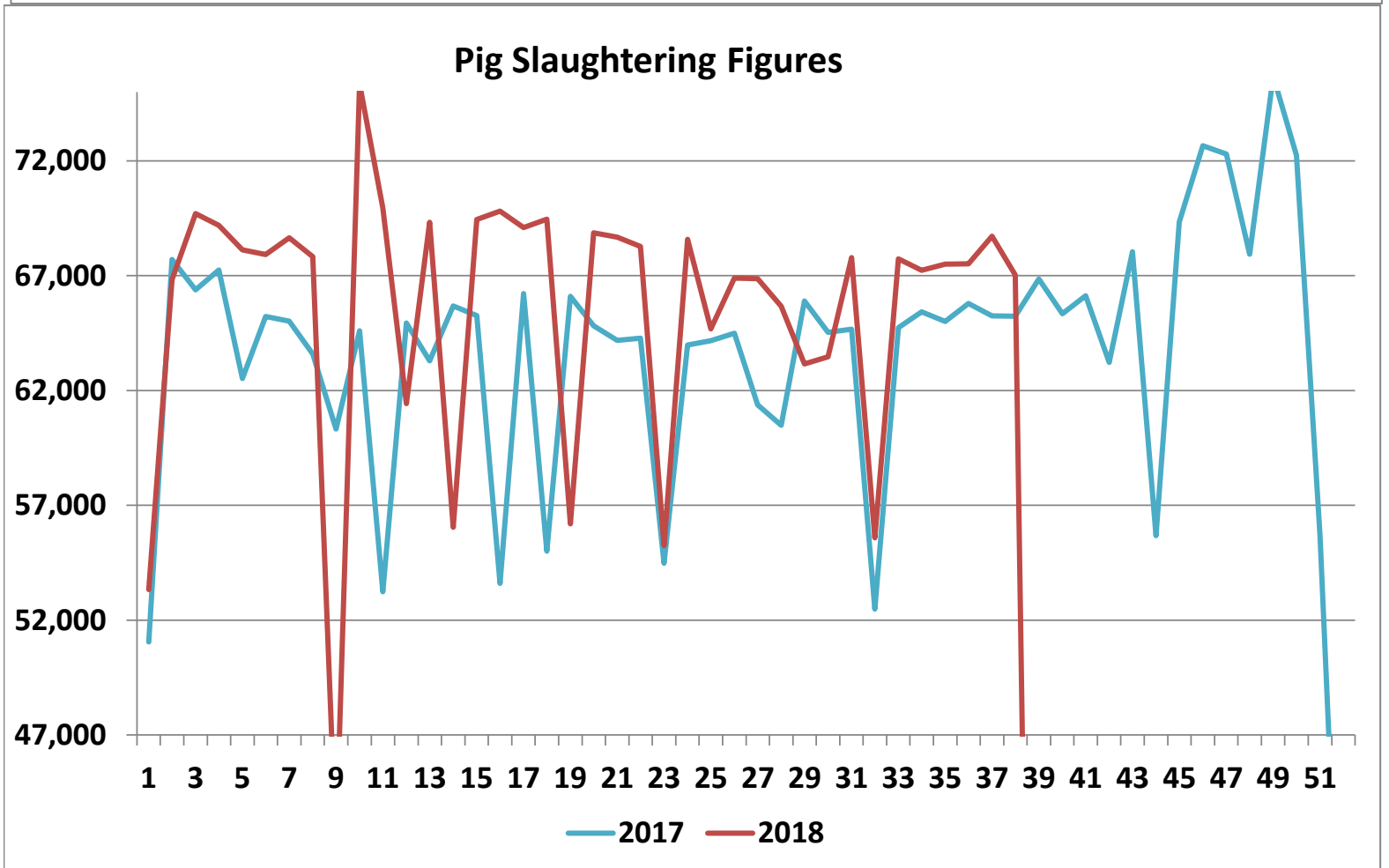
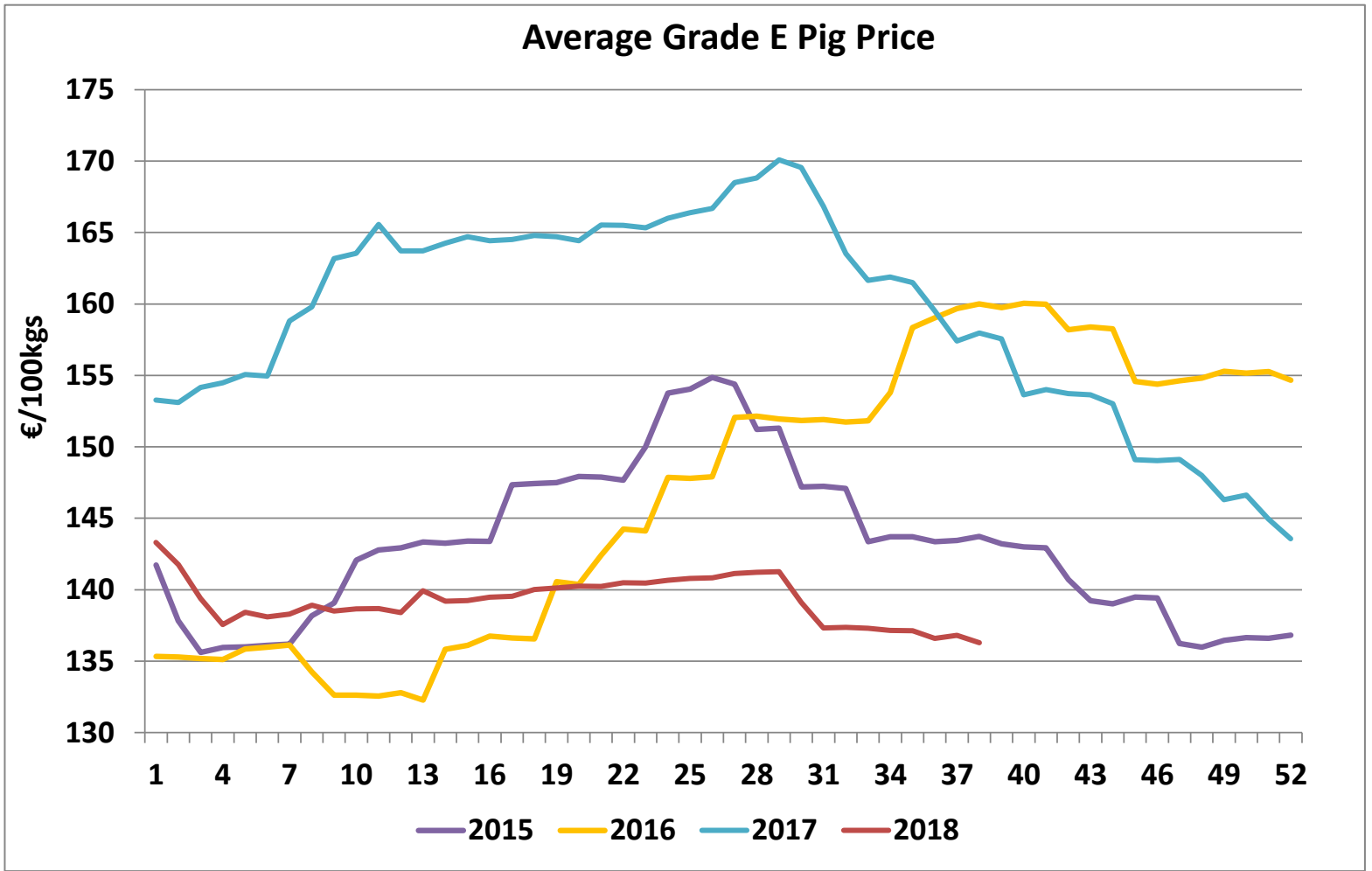
Cattle exported, w/c 17/09/18



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	141.21	0.0%	-16.4%	168.83	152.15	151.22
29	141.26	0.0%	-16.9%	170.09	151.95	151.30
30	139.12	-1.5%	-18.0%	169.56	151.85	147.19
31	137.33	-1.3%	-17.7%	166.84	151.90	147.23
32	137.37	0.0%	-16.0%	163.53	151.74	147.08
33	137.30	-0.1%	-15.1%	161.65	151.82	143.37
34	137.15	-0.1%	-15.3%	161.88	153.80	143.71
35	137.13	0.0%	-15.1%	161.49	158.35	143.71
36	136.59	-0.4%	-14.4%	159.53	159.03	143.37
37	136.80	0.2%	-13.1%	157.41	159.69	143.44
38	136.29	-0.4%	-13.7%	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



# Pigmeat Industry Overview

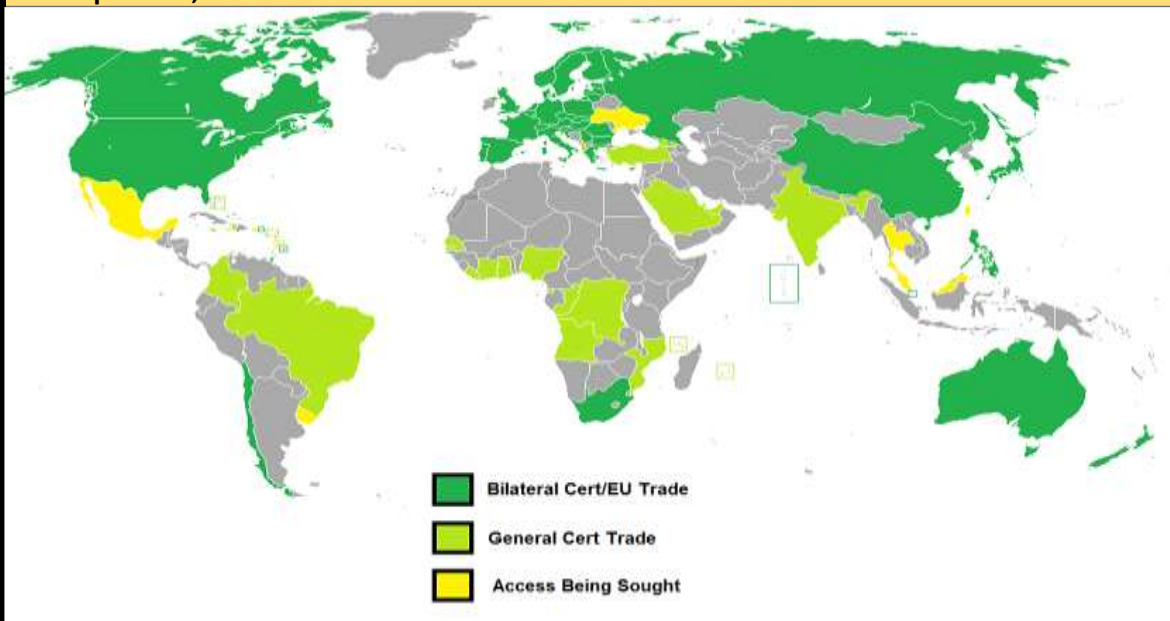
· CSO figures show that last year, Ireland exported 276,000 tonnes of pigmeat products (including prepared food) worth approximately €791m, comprising 6% of overall agri-food exports. This represents a rise of 8% in value terms when compared to 2016.

· 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**

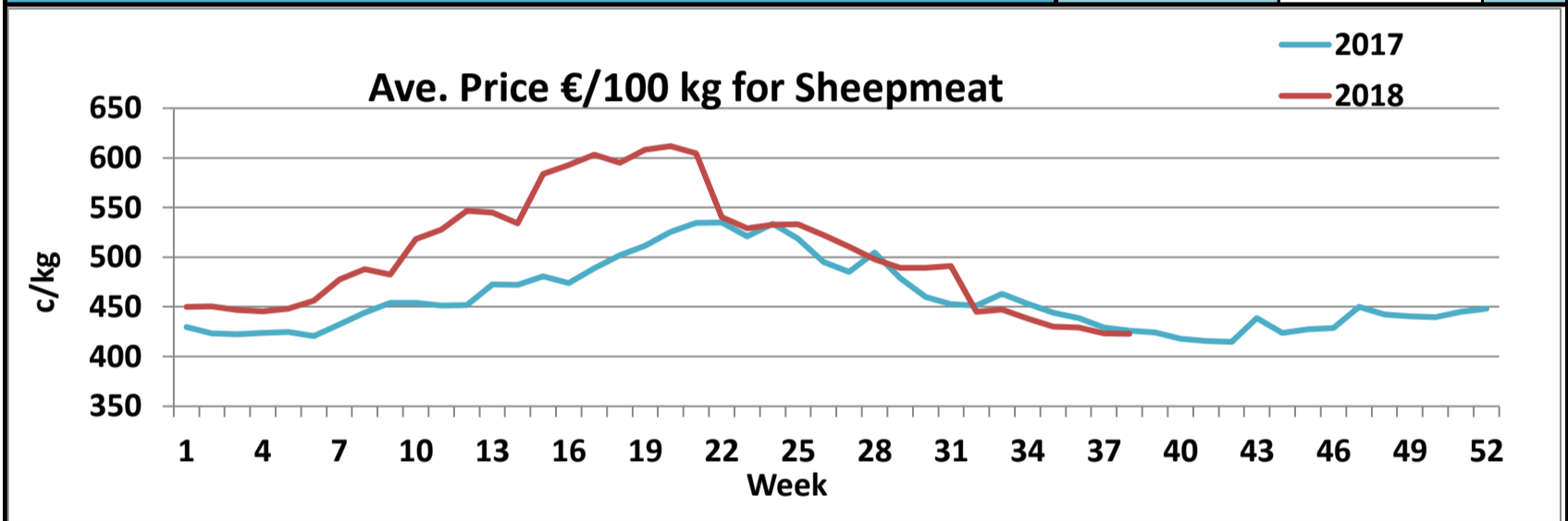
2018							2017				
Week	Pigs	Sows	Total	Cum	2018v2017	% Diff	Week	Pigs	Sows	Total	Cum
1	51,490	1,839	53,329	53,329	2,278	4%	1	49,383	1,668	51,051	51,051
2	64,796	2,031	66,827	120,156	1,397	1%	2	65,598	2,110	67,708	118,759
3	68,008	1,702	69,710	189,866	4,724	3%	3	64,274	2,109	66,383	185,142
4	67,302	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	63,997	1,678	65,675	1,833,660	84,336	5%	28	58,904	1,587	60,491	1,749,324
29	61,430	1,730	63,160	1,896,820	81,594	4%	29	64,112	1,790	65,902	1,815,226
30	62,022	1,441	63,463	1,960,283	80,518	4%	30	62,572	1,967	64,539	1,879,765
31	66,189	1,596	67,785	2,028,068	83,629	4%	31	62,929	1,745	64,674	1,944,439
32	53,699	1,888	55,587	2,083,655	86,738	4%	32	50,933	1,545	52,478	1,996,917
33	65,461	2,274	67,735	2,151,390	89,733	4%	33	62,812	1,928	64,740	2,061,657
34	65,202	2,038	67,240	2,218,630	91,547	4%	34	63,823	1,603	65,426	2,127,083
35	65,350	2,158	67,508	2,286,138	94,048	4%	35	62,962	2,045	65,007	2,192,090
36	65,293	2,226	67,519	2,353,657	95,772	4%	36	63,686	2,109	65,795	2,257,885
37	67,118	1,606	68,724	2,422,381	99,251	4%	37	63,255	1,990	65,245	2,323,130
38	65,039	1,998	67,037	2,489,418	101,048	4%	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>2,419,513</b>	<b>69,905</b>	<b>2,489,418</b>				<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>3,200,891</b>	<b>91,342</b>	<b>3,292,233</b>	

**Sheepmeat Information for week 38**

Irish Prices €/100 kg	2018	2017	Change
Ave Factory Price	441.77	442.98	-0.3%
Ave Mart Price	378.01	387.00	-2.3%
National Ave Price	422.64	426.19	-0.8%
YTD Ave	504.90	467.99	7.9%

Slaughterings	2018	2017	Change
Weekly	67,458	61,909	9%
YTD	2,129,296	2,075,762	3%

EU Market Rates Heavy Lambs	€/100kg	% of Co Price
Belgium	466.4	96%
Denmark	501.7	103%
Germany	548.1	113%
Estonia	365.0	75%
Spain	577.8	119%
France	637.0	131%
Croatia	585.8	121%
Ireland	422.6	87%
Italy	510.0	105%
Cyprus	470.0	97%
Latvia	336.7	69%
Lithuania	0.0	0%
Netherlands	518.8	107%
Austria	583.0	120%
Poland	0.0	0%
Romania	187.2	39%
Finland	399.3	82%
Sweden	375.4	77%
Northern Ireland	393.4	81%
Great Britain	446.3	92%
United Kingdom	442.5	91%
Community	485.2	100%



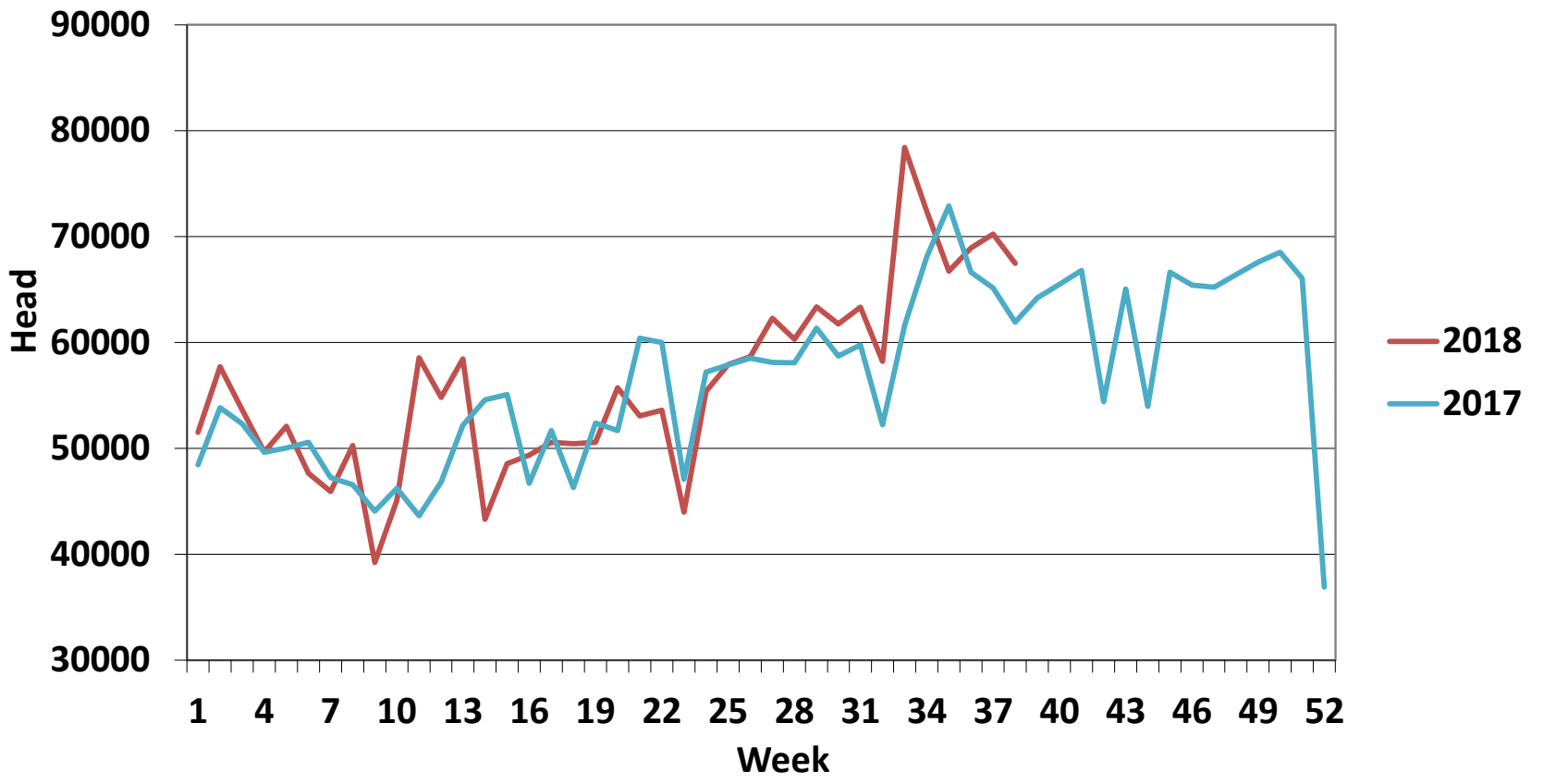
**REPORT ON SLAUGHTERING AT SHEEP EXPORT PREMISES  
WEEK 38**

CATEGORY	2018		2017		DIFFERENCE	
	Weekly	Cumulative	Weekly	Cumulative	Weekly	Cumulative
Lambs/Hoggets	42	828,683	82	806,555	-40	22,128
Spring Lambs	53,861	939,911	49,845	961,551	4,016	-21,640
Ewes and Rams	13,552	360,570	11,923	306,849	1,629	53,721
Light Lambs	3	132	59	807	-56	675
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67,458</b>	<b>2,129,296</b>	<b>61,909</b>	<b>2,075,762</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>53,534</b>

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### Weekly Sheep Slaughtering



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%
27	1,818,807	50,604,964	1,958,626	49,272,996	1,331,968	2.7%
28	1,929,607	52,567,845	1,959,125	51,232,121	1,335,724	2.6%
29	2,022,893	54,557,464	1,883,821	53,115,942	1,441,522	2.7%
30	1,912,787	56,470,251	1,895,118	55,011,060	1,459,191	2.7%
31	2,013,496	58,483,747	1,905,783	56,916,843	1,566,904	2.8%
32	1,724,075	60,207,822	1,713,409	58,630,252	1,577,570	2.7%
33	1,923,341	62,131,163	1,878,736	60,508,988	1,622,175	2.7%
34	1,932,984	64,064,147	1,914,426	62,423,414	1,640,733	2.6%
35	1,990,167	66,054,314	1,925,873	64,349,287	1,705,027	2.6%
36	1,958,476	68,012,790	1,948,179	66,297,466	1,715,324	2.6%
37	1,954,910	70,000,974	1,927,225	68,224,691	<b>1,776,283</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
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