

## Weaner prices explained

Weaner prices and throughputs are collected from marketing groups which have traded weaners at two weight bands, 7kg and 30kg. The prices reported are historic, meaning actual average prices paid in the previous week and exclude any weaners bought from another organisation which is providing data.

The prices reported are an average ex-farm price (i.e. the price paid to the seller). This is a simple average of the price paid for all weaners traded in the week. It includes any bonuses paid to the producer at the time of the sale (e.g. for Freedom Food assurance or for vaccinations). The price is before the deduction of marketing costs. No organic prices or free range are included.

As with other average prices (such as the SPP), the published figure does not correspond to the price paid for any individual animal. However, it will give a realistic picture of the overall market and price trends.

The new methodology operates by gathering weekly prices and throughputs for 7kg and 30kg weaners traded in the previous week to provide an overall average price. By comparison, the old methodology used prior to 2 November 2013 collected only 30kg weaner “spot” prices for the current week and produced an average based on the previous month’s throughput.