

WEEKLY PIGKILL REPORT

Week 31
Week ending 2nd May 2021



AVG. WEIGHT (KG)		% CHANGE IN PIG # FROM PREVIOUS YR		PRIME PIG NUMBER FROM PREVIOUS WEEK		CONSUMPTION 100% NZPORK (KG)		IMPORTED PORK COMPARED MAR 2020	
WK31 20-21: 72.40		-0.4%		Wk31: 11,637		Mar21: 8.59		- 6,282 (t CWE)	
Wk31 19-20: 73.35				Wk30: 12,968		Feb21: 8.55			

MARKET COMMENTARY – previous commentary Week 28 (ending 4th April 2021)

Wholesaler

Wholesale contacts report that the April market was consistent with March, relatively flat, economy slow with no change in pricing. Wholesalers needed to cut extra pigs to manage kills during the short working weeks due to Easter holidays. This resulted in more supply than demand which has a 'downward pressure' on pricing. While there was some 'flat trading' for a short period, carcass sales are relatively steady. Some wholesalers are optimistic that the 'worst is over' and think that things will return to 'normal' (for this time of year) up to Queen's Birthday.

Retailer

Retail contacts say there is presently "plenty of meat" in New Zealand. This abundance is due to continuation of shipping containers still not being readily available to get products offshore, contacts saying, "it's hard to export offshore". Pricing points have been lower with this abundance of meat choice for consumers. They noted that the price for red meat is starting to move up as the main killing season for steers is coming to an end. Some retailers report April is slightly ahead in meat sales in comparison to 2019.

Importer

Import 'climate' is consistent with the last previous couple of months with not much to report further. To recap from the previous month's commentary, shipping shortages continue, prices are stable, legs are still in demand.

[This commentary has kindly been supplied from the perspective of wholesaler, retailer, importer sharing their view on the market as experienced by them. It is not necessarily the opinion of NZPork.](#)

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Date	IMPORTED PROD Year ending (t CWE)	DOMESTIC PROD year ending (t CWE)	Tonnes TOTAL PROD	IMPORTS %	Estimated POPULATION (000)	TOTAL CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA	Kg 100% NZPork	Kg Pork imports
Mar-21	62,375	43,976	106,351	58.65	5,117	20.79	8.59	12.2
Feb-21	62,466	43,733	106,199	58.82	5,114	20.76	8.55	12.2
Jan-21	62,966	43,827	106,793	58.96	5,109	20.90	8.58	12.3
Dec-20	61,730	44,186	105,916	58.28	5,099	20.77	8.67	12.1
Nov-20	60,364	43,672	104,036	58.02	5,096	20.42	8.57	11.8
Oct-20	61,103	43,485	104,588	58.42	5,094	20.53	8.54	12.0
Sep-20	61,390	43,799	105,189	58.36	5,061	20.78	8.65	12.1
Aug-20	62,817	43,649	106,466	59	5,020	21.21	8.69	12.5
Jul-20	65,953	43,761	109,714	60.11	5,010	21.94	8.74	13.2
Jun-20	67,348	43,901	111,249	60.53	5,007	22.21	8.76	13.4
May-20	68,018	43,136	111,154	61.19	4,996	22.23	8.63	13.6
Apr-20	68,531	43,246	111,777	61.31	4,980	22.44	8.68	13.76
Mar-20	68,657	44,055	112,712	60.91	4,971	22.67	8.86	13.81

Equivalent pig kill					
				Tonnes	
Year	Week 31	Year to date	Annual total	Carcass weight	Average kg
2020-2021	11,861	365,767			
2019-2020	12,136	367,262	637,085	45,477	71.38
2018-2019	12,815	368,087	621,040	43,852	70.61
2017-2018	14,436	390,180	651,412	46,403	71.23
2016-2017	12,619	388,933	659,982	46,855	70.99

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		NUMBER OF CARCASSES	WEIGHT (KG)	AVG. WEIGHT (KG)	YEAR TO DATE WEIGHT TONNE	YEAR TO DATE WEIGHT LAST YEAR TONNE	% CHANGE IN WEIGHT COMPARED TO LAST YEAR	WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED	TOTAL KILL ²	LAST WK	% CHANGE	CUMULATIVE YEAR TO DATE ³	CUMULATIVE YEAR TO DATE LAST YEAR	% CHANGE IN PIG NOS COMPARED TO LAST YEAR
PIGS < 50 KG	NTH IS	122	5,518	45.23	213	222	-3.8%	4	126	152	-17.1%	4,881	5,470	-10.8%
	STH IS	184	6,447	35.04	282	254	10.7%	1	185	280	-33.9%	8,375	7,314	14.5%
	NZ	306	11,965	39.10	495	476	3.9%	5	311	432	-28.0%	13,256	12,784	3.7%
PIGS 50-64.9KG	NTH IS	885	52,938	59.82	2,170	2,450	-11.4%	0	885	1,015	-12.8%	36,548	41,280	-11.5%
	STH IS	1,212	72,072	59.47	3,433	2,856	20.2%	1	1,213	1,634	-25.8%	57,368	47,826	20.0%
	NZ	2,097	125,010	59.61	5,604	5,306	5.6%	1	2,098	2,649	-20.8%	93,916	89,106	5.4%
PIGS 65-74.9 KG	NTH IS	1,760	123,694	70.28	3,696	3,808	-2.9%	1	1,761	1,931	-8.8%	52,935	54,751	-3.3%
	STH IS	3,660	257,297	70.30	7,556	6,967	8.5%	13	3,673	3,963	-7.3%	108,501	99,594	8.9%
	NZ	5,420	380,991	70.29	11,252	10,774	4.4%	14	5,434	5,894	-7.8%	161,436	154,345	4.6%
PIGS 75-84.9 KG	NTH IS	897	70,813	78.94	1,766	1,632	8.2%	0	897	910	-1.4%	22,171	19,918	11.3%
	STH IS	1,947	153,877	79.03	3,811	4,724	-19.3%	1	1,948	2,170	-10.2%	48,244	59,840	-19.4%
	NZ	2,844	224,690	79.00	5,576	6,356	-12.3%	1	2,845	3,080	-7.6%	70,415	79,758	-11.7%
PIGS 85-94.9 KG	NTH IS	151	13,300	88.08	134	95	40.8%	0	151	111	36.0%	1,532	1,043	46.9%
	STH IS	613	54,096	88.25	1,280	1,719	-25.5%	0	613	697	-12.1%	14,477	19,414	-25.4%
	NZ	764	67,396	88.21	1,414	1,814	-22.1%	0	764	808	-5.4%	16,009	20,457	-21.7%
PIGS >95 KG	NTH IS	14	1,398	99.86	6	8	-22.8%	0	14	10	40.0%	62	78	-20.5%
	STH IS	171	17,168	100.40	209	287	-27.2%	0	171	95	80.0%	2,097	2,870	-26.9%
	NZ	185	18,566	100.36	215	295	-27.1%	0	185	105	76.2%	2,159	2,948	-26.8%
TOTAL PRIME PIGS	NTH IS	3,829	267,661	69.90	7,986	8,215	-2.8%	5	3,834	4,129	-7.1%	118,129	122,540	-3.6%
	STH IS	7,787	560,957	72.04	16,570	16,807	-1.4%	16	7,803	8,839	-11.7%	239,062	236,858	0.9%
	NZ	11,616	828,618	71.33	24,556	25,022	-1.9%	21	11,637	12,968	-10.3%	357,191	359,398	-0.6%
CHOPPERS	NTH IS	35	5,026	143.60	231	174	32.7%	0	35	65	-46.2%	1,554	1,215	27.9%
	STH IS	187	23,395	125.11	956	919	4.0%	2	189	224	-15.6%	7,022	6,724	4.4%
	NZ	222	28,421	128.02	1,186	1,092	8.6%	2	224	289	-22.5%	8,576	7,939	8.0%
TOTAL	NZ	11,838	857,039	72.40	25,742	26,115	-1.4%	23	11,861	13,257	-10.5%	365,767	367,337	-0.4%

¹ Information gathered weekly from all abattoirs licensed to kill pigs.

² Includes carcasses (after removal of condemned parts) inspected and passed for human consumption, and whole carcasses condemned up to and at scales

³ Meat Year (1 October – 30 September) week to date

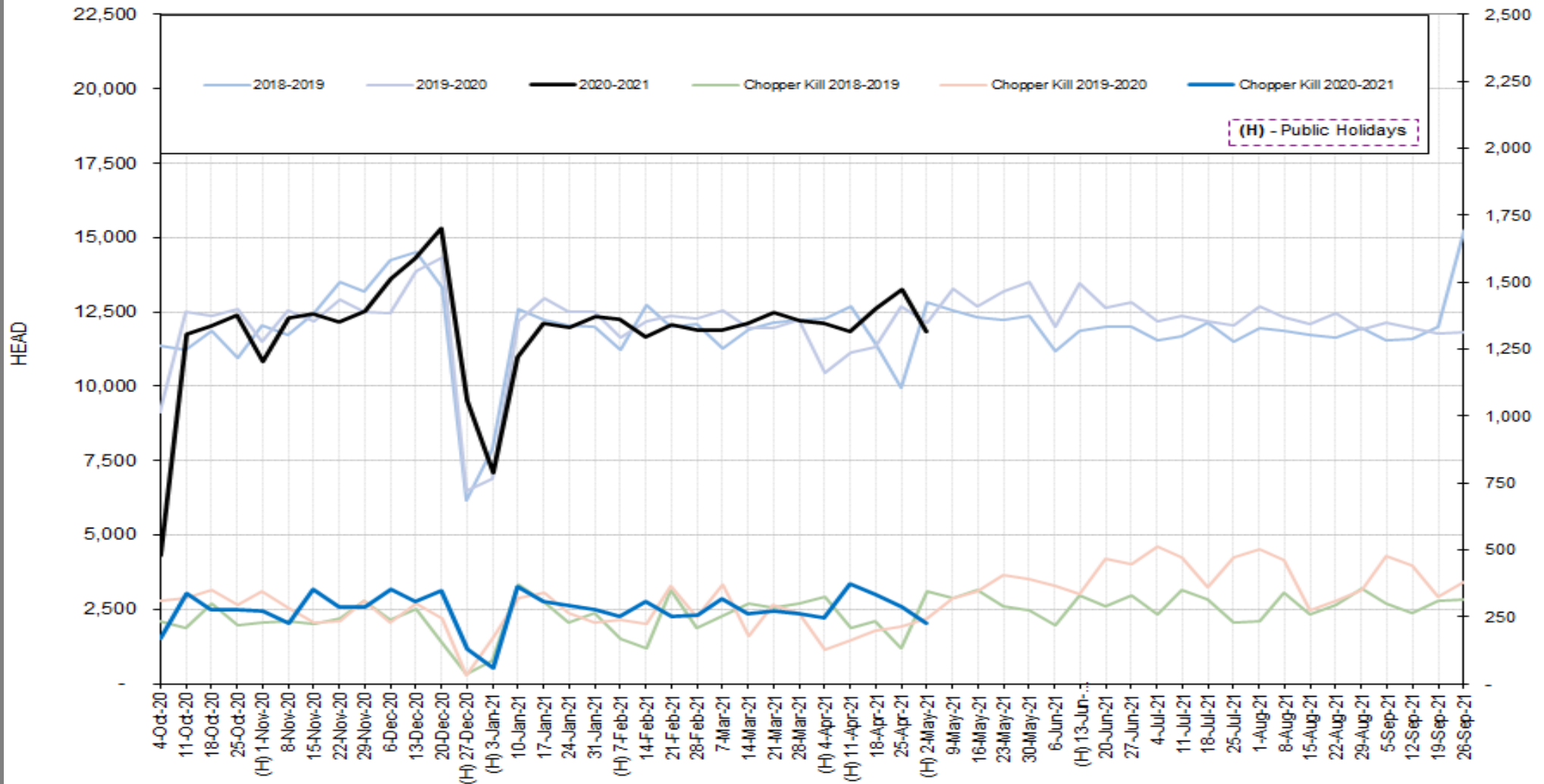
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TREND IN THE WEEKLY PIG KILL



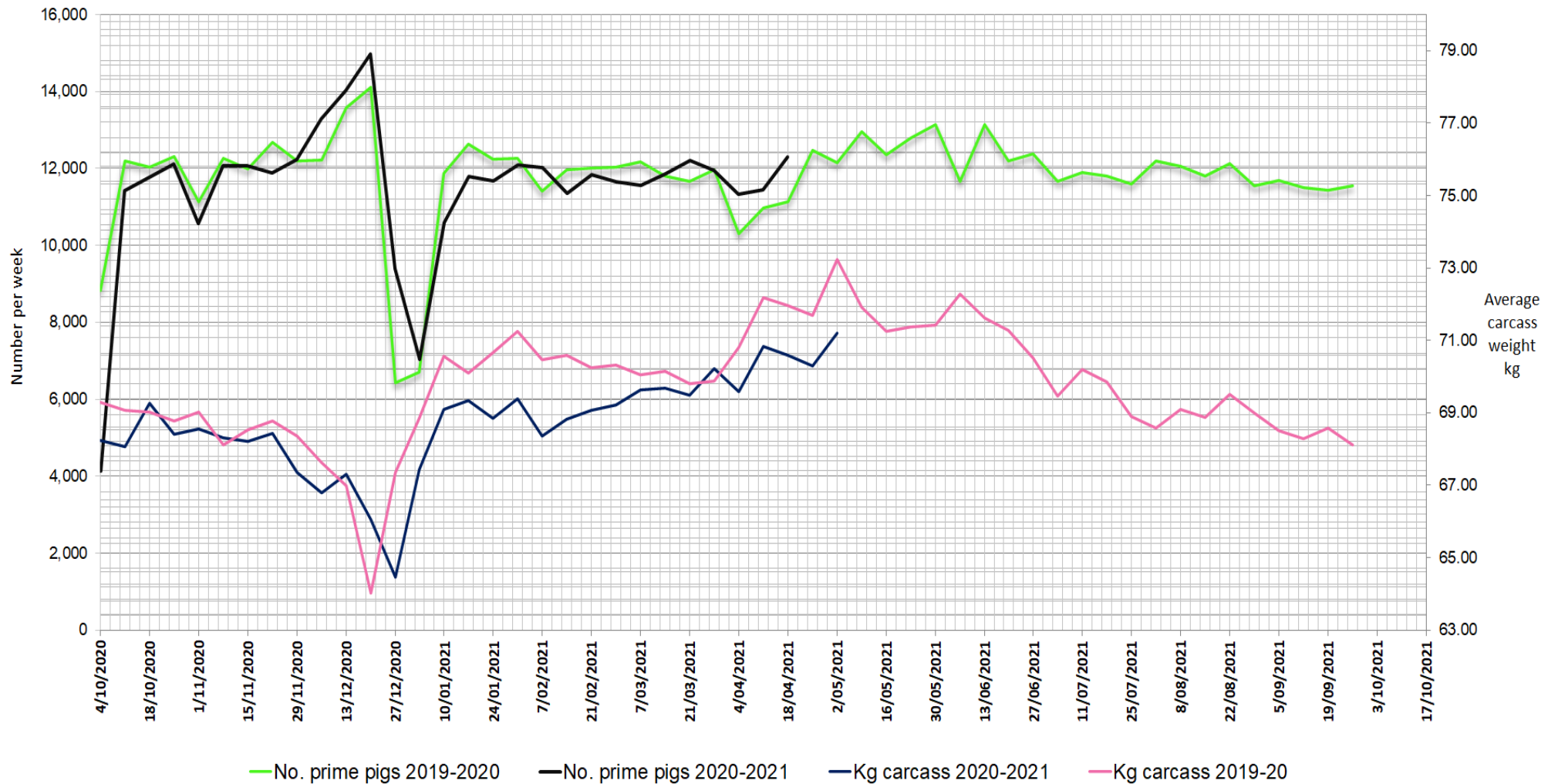
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WEEKLY PIG KILL DATA (Prime pigs)



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